



# Refuge for W**o**men

Aftercare for the trafficked & sexually exploited

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# GROWING A NETWORK OF SAFETY ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

ONE MISSION

Dear Refuge for Women Supporter,

Thank you for the heart that you have for this organization. Lives are being changed each and every day because of people like you volunteering, praying, and giving financially. Women are coming from all over the country to the safe houses established through Refuge for Women. They are receiving a safe place to reside, loving staff, pathway to pursue their dreams, and most importantly hope that things can get better for them.

Refuge has experienced a lot of changes since it was started in 2009 but what has not changed is the mission of what needs to be accomplished and faith that is steadfast in God. We are convinced more today than ever how important long term recovery is for people that have been victimized and controlled for many years. We are giving them a chance to feel safe and to process all they have experienced. If they do not have a long term program how can we expect them to handle basic responsibilities that many of us take for granted? It is a gift we are giving them and a second chance on life made possible by your support.

As people learn about Refuge for Women, referrals are increasing and our realization that growth is a necessity. The National Refuge for Women board approved a growth plan to put more safe houses across the United States. It is a vision that will take us into the year 2020. We plan to partner with communities to organize safe houses in 10 states and provide 100 beds from coast to coast. It is an ambitious goal but the need is great. We have learned so many vital lessons over the last 7 years and feel we can assist groups in best practices with survivors of this horrific trade.

We long for your ongoing prayers and support. It is a gift to work with these residents each day and we are seeing lots of progress on their path to healing. Many blessings for your partnership.

Ked Frank, Founder and Executive Director  
Refuge for Women INC



**HOPE**... a single word that can breathe life into the most desperate of situations. Refuge for Women embraces the hurting, the desperate, and the abandoned by providing an opportunity for a new life.

The first year for Refuge for Women to serve as a national organization has opened a broad range of opportunities. One cause of celebration is that four states now have Refuge for Women facilities that bring healing and restoration for victims of trafficking. There is rising interest to intentionally create safe places for those that have suffered trauma in the sex industry. The need for places that provide recovery must be met by embracing the opportunities to work among those hurt through the sex trade. Refuge for Women has a vision for growth and expansion that will continue to provide healing opportunities for these victims.

The scars and trauma associated with human trafficking can create an unfathomable depth of despair. It is important that there can be a light of hope for those who are trapped in the sex industry. Refuge for Women provides that hope through their unique approach to long term care and this approach has already brought healing to many women.

Together we can bring change one life at a time. Thank you for your partnership with us.

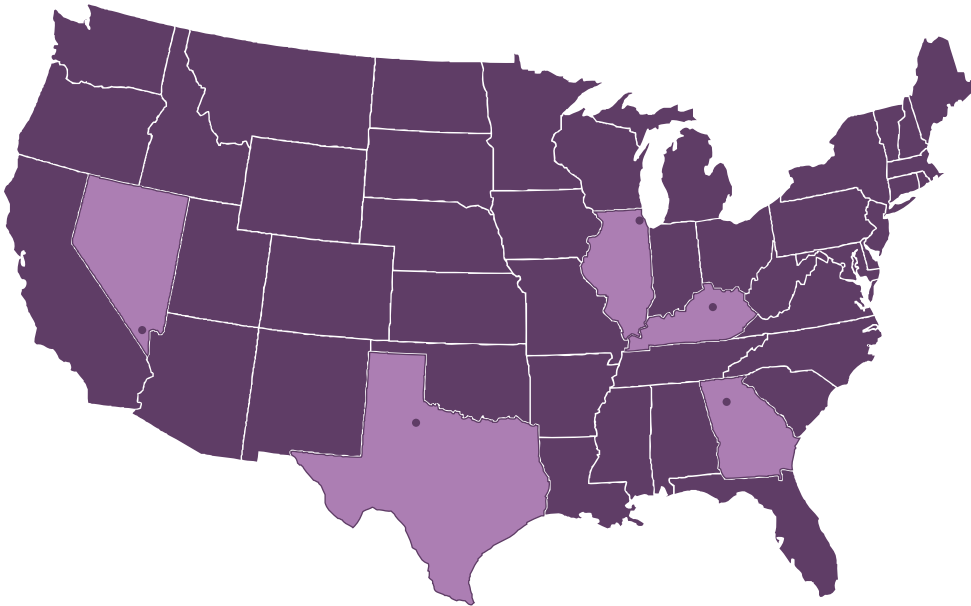
Gratefully,  
Bud Simon  
Chairman, Refuge for Women National Board



### NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## INTRODUCTION



For information about individual locations, please visit [www.RefugeForWomen.org](http://www.RefugeForWomen.org)

### PROVIDING A PLACE OF ESCAPE FOR SEXUALLY EXPLOITED WOMEN

- safe place for residents to experience healing with few distractions
- focusing on healing from trauma, sobriety and rebuilding trust
- 3-phase program that lasts up to 12 months
- locations in cities across the U.S.

### VISION

Aftercare for trafficked and sexually exploited survivors

### MISSION

Provide a residential healing experience for women to pursue their dreams

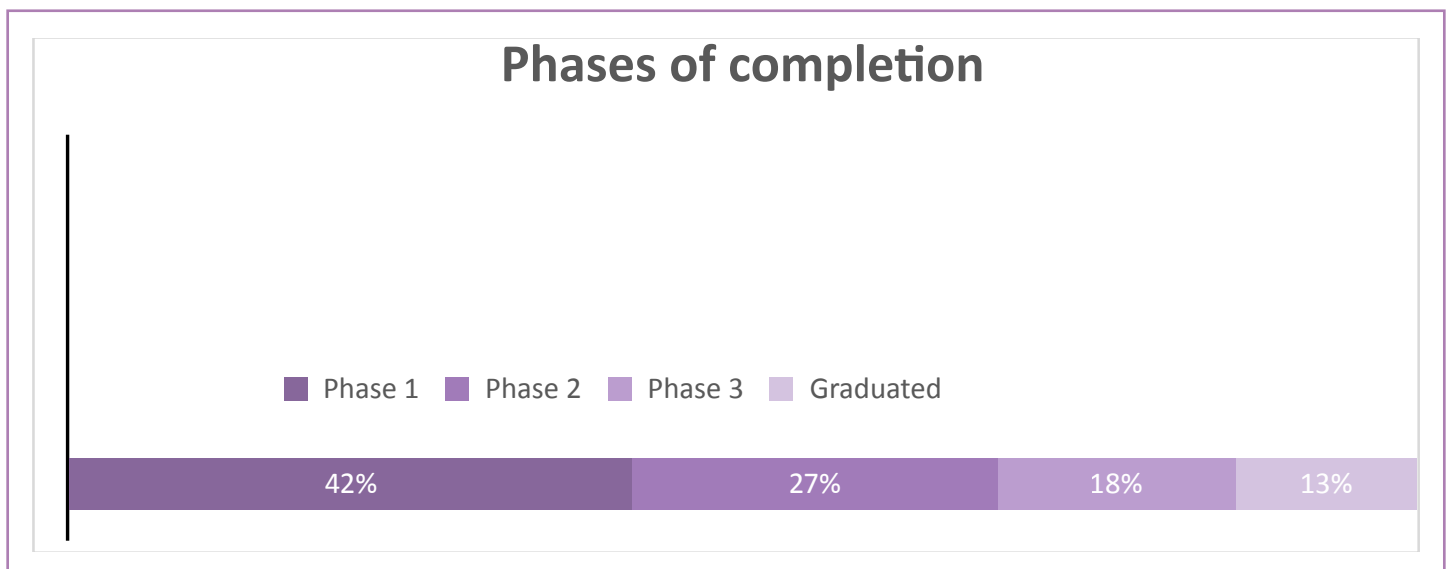
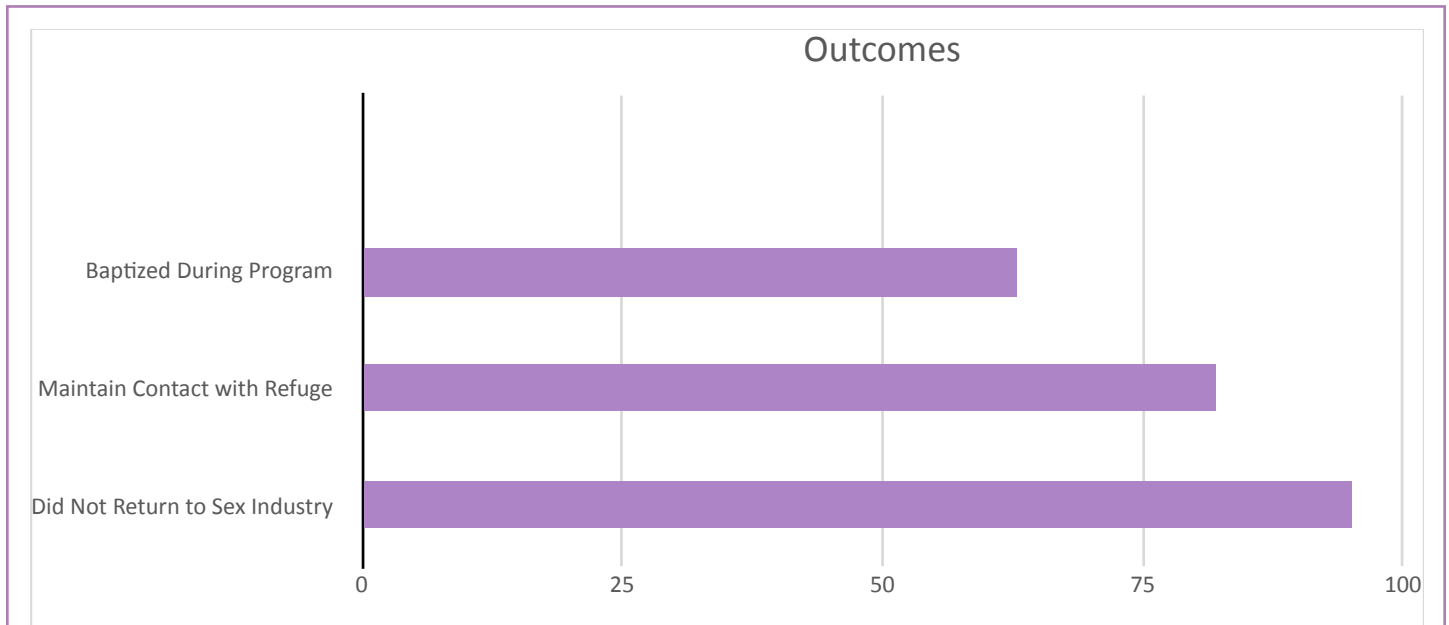
### PROGRAM

Refuge for Women serves women 18 years and older that desire to leave the sex industry. We partner with organizations around the country that form relationships with individuals in need of our services, who then refer potential residents to us. Refuge for Women provides free, safe housing with 24/7 staffing to help survivors escape the dangers of human trafficking and begin a new life. The 9-month program includes healing, recovery, individual counseling, life coaching and employment training. Upon completing the program, our goals for each woman are safe housing, employment, community of support and goals for her future. Each woman is equipped with the life skills and capabilities necessary to care for herself and to walk into a life filled with dignity and hope.

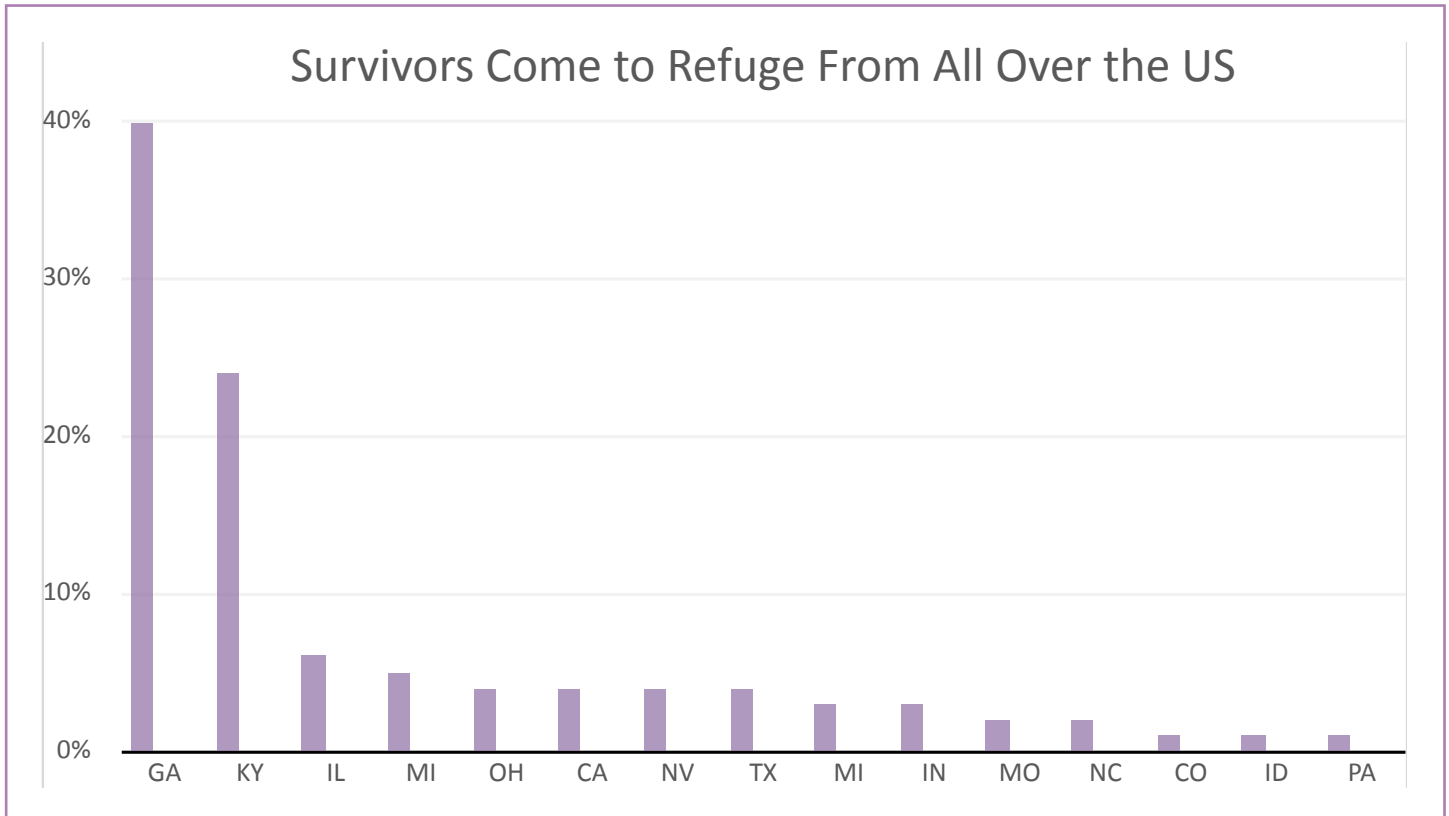
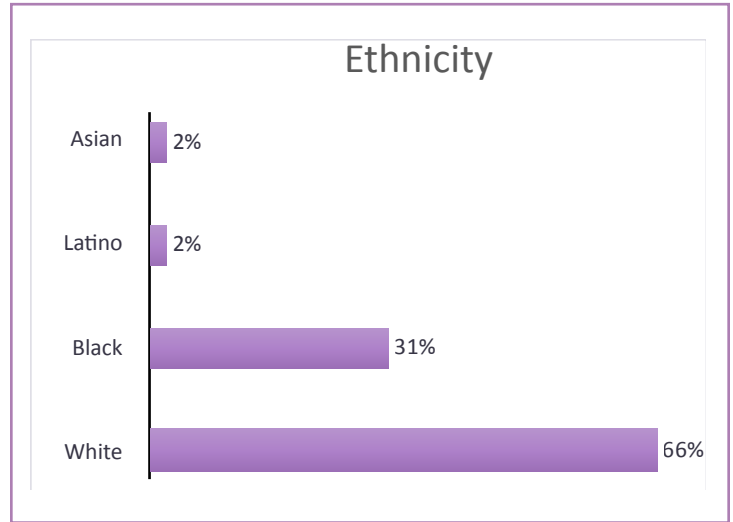
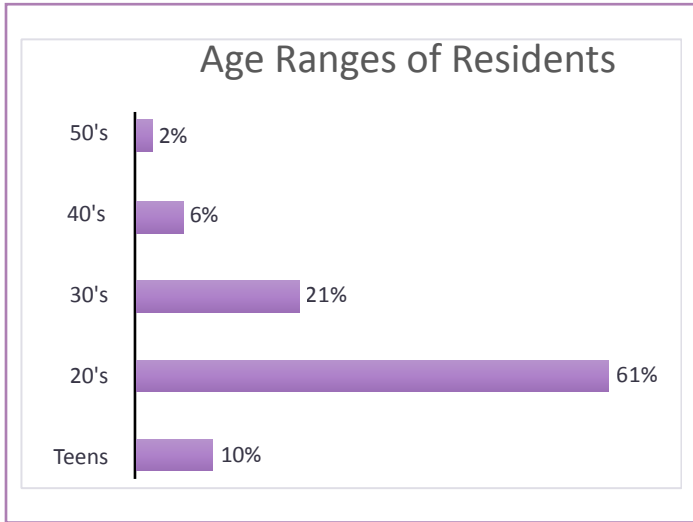


## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Implemented monthly electronic assessments that measure residents' progress
- Increased the use of nationally recognized, evidence-based practices
- Increased staff to resident ratio for more personalized care
- Added mental health clinician for weekly resident therapy
- Expanded to include safe houses in five states
- 33 residents served over the last year, 108 served since we opened in 2010
- Averaging 11 applications per month
- 95% of our graduates have not returned to the sex industry



**ACHIEVEMENTS** *continued*



Ecclesiastes 3:3 A time to heal.....when I read that verse I was reminded there was a time in my life that I didn't think that me being healed was possible. Now I'm starting to see that my hope is coming back and I realized that I wanted God to heal me instantly the way I thought God should. In the program I realized that healing/recovery is a process and I have to surrender my will to God not my own will. I have an outward peace and safe place to heal even though I still struggle trying to have an internal peace. I know I am hopeful that when I complete this program it will reflect inward as well as outward. I am grateful for a beautiful temporary home and caring Christian staff who support all the women.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Twelve months ending December 31, 2015 (operational sites only)

<b>REVENUE</b>		
Business Income	\$	6,793.72
Donations	\$	179,622.75
Fundraising	\$	171,909.24
Business Corporate Income	\$	9,898.24
Foundations	\$	13,215.64
Major Donors	\$	611,418.41
Miscellaneous	\$	1,868.03
Interest Income	\$	0.12
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>994,726.15</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Compensation	\$	314,914.51
Outside Fees	\$	11,211.30
Phase I - Occupational Expenses	\$	30,023.35
Phase II - Occupational Expenses	\$	29,734.41
Phase III - Occupational Expenses	\$	5,391.85
General & Administrative	\$	61,445.59
Client Expenses	\$	274.45
Ministry Development	\$	5,234.46
Fundraising Expenses	\$	46,243.62
Business Expenses	\$	6,475.05
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>510,948.59</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$	483,777.56
Net Assets, January 1, 2015	\$	134,661.49
Net Assets, December 31, 2015	\$	618,439.05

When I got here at Refuge for Women I learned through this amazing loving staff that the reason I kept going back out was from the traumas that had happened to me. Facing these traumas head on the pain I had to relive wouldn't be possible being back on the street. I was given the opportunity to recover and live again, the right way by the grace of God. Without Refuge for Women none of this would have been possible. Knowing how bad my addiction was I know trying to face these problems alone I wouldn't be here telling you my story of survival today.



**BALANCE SHEET**

Twelve months ending December 31, 2015 (compiled financial position)

**ASSETS**

## Current Assets

Cash and Equivalents	\$	715,371.73
Inventory	\$	330.00
Prepaid Expenses	\$	9,733.51
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	\$	<b>725,435.24</b>

## Fixed Assets

Leasehold Improvements	\$	99,534.08
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$	(23,666.56)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	\$	<b>75,867.52</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	\$	<b>801,302.76</b>
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**LIABILITIES**

## Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	11,458.78
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$	7,339.35
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	\$	<b>18,798.13</b>

**Net Assets**

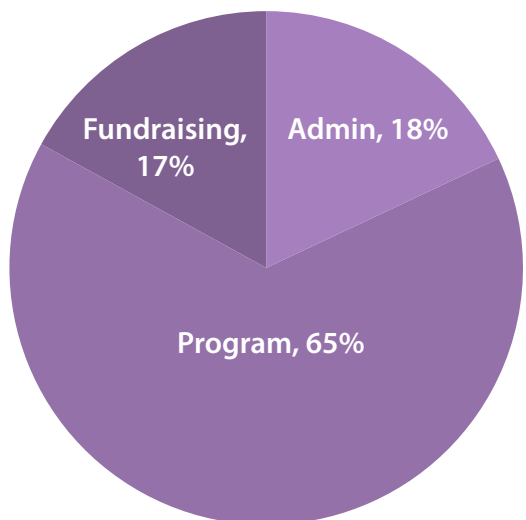
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	782,504.63
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<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	\$	<b>801,302.76</b>
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AT REFUGE FOR WOMEN INC. WE ARE COMMITTED TO USING FUNDS RESPONSIBLY

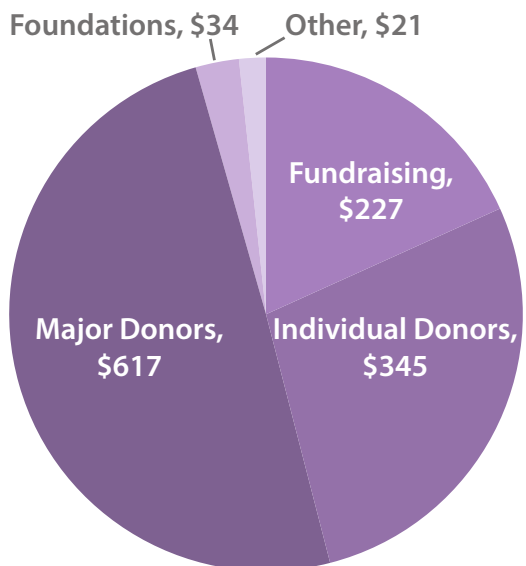
Having the chance to be in a safe place to heal means somebody thought I was worth it, even when I dared not believe I was. When I walked into Refuge with the hope of freedom in my heart, I still feared what it meant, was it real? Could I have it? Each day, I found myself trusting the staff even when my fear wanted me to dare not. It is a lot like being a turtle with this big shell on to protect you. Slowly, the safer you feel, the more you poke your head. Then, little by little, I saw the love was real, my safety is real and freedom is real. Then healing began in a way it never had before and my body found rest. My spirit found a way to smile again and even laugh. Things I never felt safe enough to feel before. There are days that are still hard but the difference is that I don't have to do the hard things all on my own. I am so grateful for that.

## ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES



Does not include locations within first 12 months of opening

## FUNDING



Other = Corporate Sponsors, Business Income

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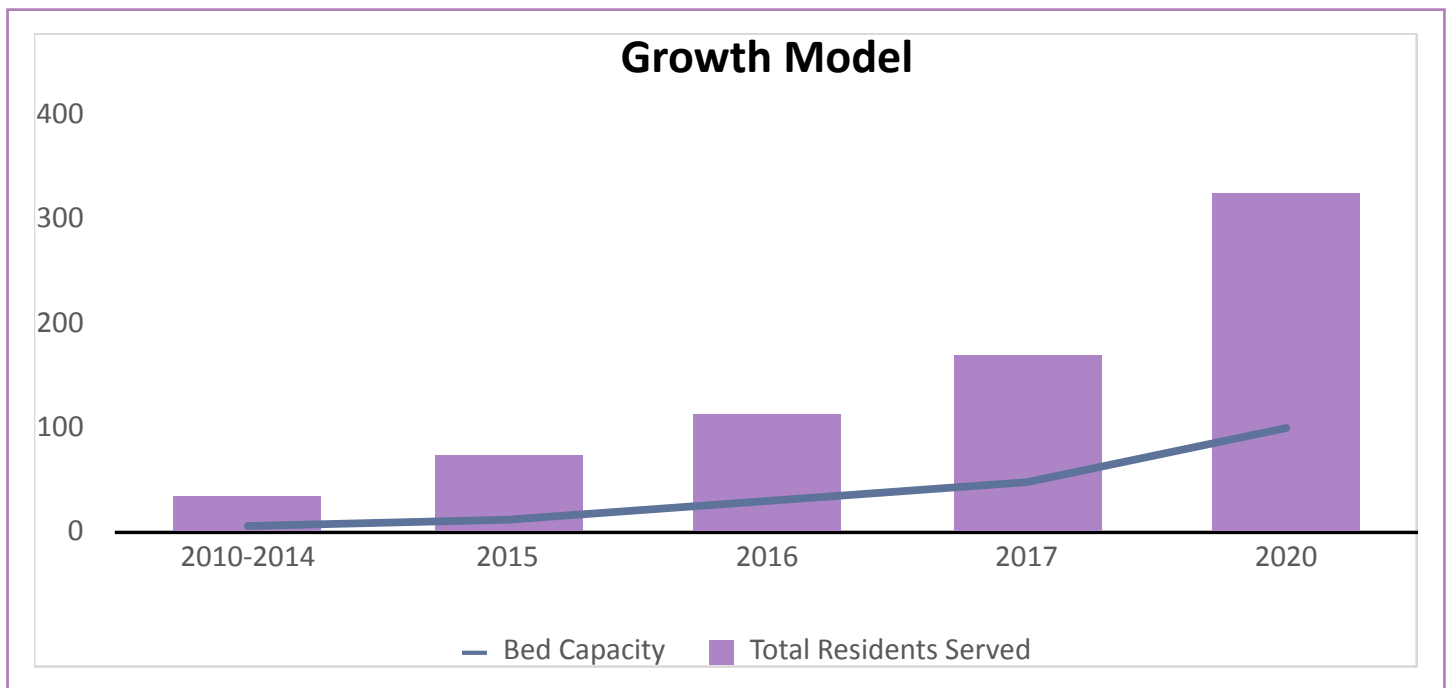


Gold-level participant

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Refuge for Women is strategically mobilizing to become the nation’s leading aftercare source for trafficked and exploited women by growing program quality, capacity and awareness.
- Launched capital campaign to raise \$10M and have 100 beds in 10 states across the nation by 2020
- National team and board in place to centralize operations and maintain consistent programming
- Increasing our capacity to 48 beds in six states by the end of 2017
- Adding advisory board to grow national recognition and influence

As the problem of human trafficking and sexual exploitation of women gains more attention, the need increases to provide hope and healing to those who want to break free and start over. Our goal is to expand into many locations with one mission — to provide a residential healing experience so that trafficked and exploited women can pursue their dreams.



## JOIN REFUGE FOR WOMEN TO GROW A NETWORK OF SAFETY ACROSS THE COUNTRY:

- Financial support as a monthly partner or one-time gift
- Advocate by helping us share our vision
- Organize a food/toiletry drive to stock our pantry for a month
- Host an outing for residents
- Follow us on  



Who's watched the movie Taken? Well unfortunately my father was an alcoholic rather than a CIA agent. I spent 6 years of my life being trafficked by a man currently serving 65 years in prison. I was one of 13 women some as young as 15. The man I worked for is what women in the industry refer to as a "gorilla pimp" this is street lingo for a savage pimp and he was just that. Beatings often resulted in hospitalizations, which I'm still in debt for (light humor). Nightmares were a reality in my world. Where do you go when you finally get away from that. The fear of the unknown is enough to prevent the courage to escape into a world so apart from the one you live in but a reality for people of the day. When you're a sex slave you often plan routes of escape but quickly shut them down because when you escape, you escape with absolutely nothing. Some women are able to salvage a bag of clothes if they're lucky, some are even able to hide money if they're brave enough and don't face a cavity search each night. I managed to leave with a bag of clothes and a welcoming couch to sleep on for the next week. You don't worry about things like food or hygiene products in the process, you just worry about safety and survival because they are the dream and the goal. Luckily in today's world God stirs up the hearts of men and who find out about the harsh reality of what used to be everyday life for me. Men and women that come together to create a place of safety for me. A place that will allow me time, time to pull out all the trauma and shame, and help me replace it with courage and forgiveness. A place that has a team of people that will love me back to life, a place like Refuge for Women. I'm originally from \*\*\* and I went through the Refuge for women program in \*\*\*. I remember googling where \*\*\* was on a US map. It was definitely a culture shock. I can't even begin to describe the transformation that has occurred in my life. I use to dream of being "normal" having a job, a place of my own, just living life with normal problems not life or death problems if that makes sense. Refuge for Women was my safe haven, I couldn't have survived without it. I mean this place welcomes you with open arms, no judgement, food, shelter, clothing, and most importantly patience and love. People that knew the broken me are baffled by the glorious change that has taken place in my life, if you knew that broken girl that is so far removed you'd be baffled too. The truth is sex trafficking isn't something that only happens in foreign countries, it happens here. It happens to your neighbors daughters, your nieces, childhood friends, it happened to me. We have to come together to fight for the women, we have to give hope to the hopeless, and love these girls back to life because they're worth saving. Because I was worth saving, I've never once taken off my clothes for money or rented my body out to a man since I entered the program and I've been homeless before, sleeping on couches in \*\*\* even if it was only for a short time, the familiar fast money was not an option. I graduated September 10, 2014 and I am still surrounded by my refuge family, I'm still connected. This is a lifelong investment into these women, as it was into me and I can only praise God for giving Ked Frank a heart to start this program because it helped me survive, it helped me heal, and it along with God showed me my true worth.

"Defend the weak and the fatherless;  
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.  
Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."  
Psalm 82:3-4