RAISING VOICE

LOVE146

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT
WE ARE NOT EXPENSES; WE ARE INVESTMENTS.

“We are the world’s children. We are the victims of exploitation and abuse. We are street children. We are the children of war. We are the victims and orphans of HIV/AIDS. We are children whose voices are not being heard: it is time we are taken into account. We want a world fit for children, because a world fit for us is a world fit for everyone. We pledge an equal partnership in this fight for children’s rights. We are not the sources of problems; we are the resources that are needed to solve them. We are not expenses; we are investments. We are not just young people; we are people and citizens of this world.”

—Message from the Children’s Forum, delivered to the UN Special Session on Children by child delegates on May 8, 2002.
A MESSAGE FROM LOVE146 CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

ROB MORRIS

On these pages we look at the last year and celebrate what we have accomplished together. I hope you are as thrilled as I am when you see the impact we’ve had and the significant strides we are making toward creating a safer world for children.

For me, what really leaps from this report are the voices of children. Too often I hear children referred to as “voiceless” or “silent.” I don’t think that’s accurate. We’ve asked children in our care what they think of the term “voiceless,” and they passionately insist that they have a voice. What we need are more people listening—and then adding their own voices to amplify the voices of children. In 2002 during the UN General Assembly’s Special Session on Children, two young delegates representing the children of the world made the following statement: “We are children whose voices are not being heard: it is time we are taken into account.”

Jimmy and Crystal, two of the children whose voices are heard in this report, talk about what they see as beautiful in the world: things like friends, new shoes, swimming, and an education. At Love146, we believe the most beautiful things in the world are actually children.

Jasmine, a 9-year-old in our care, sums things up by stating that there are more people in the world who love and care about children than there are those who seek to harm them. Thank you for being part of that majority. Thank you for listening to their voices in this report, and for amplifying their voices by investing in their futures.

Rob Morris
Co-founder & President
MESSAGES FROM THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE
TO OTHERS IN THE WORLD
AFFECTED BY TRAFFICKING

“Kid, don’t lose hope – you can do it. Don’t be afraid to trust and to love again because not all people are bad. I also want to tell you that you don’t have to blame yourself because you never committed a mistake and there’s nothing wrong about you. Your life is valuable.” – Mimi, Age 13

“There is hope. You must not lose hope because there are angels who will come into your life and will take away your hardships. Even if there are people who continue to harm children, a greater number of people still can love children like us.” – Jasmine, Age 9

“You can meet people who are willing to love and understand you without asking for any money or things in return. Be strong and don’t lose hope because you’ll find the right path.” – Sonya, Age 10

“We know the things that happened to us are neither our choice nor our intention. We also know our own desire to change our lives, so if you are like me, the only thing we have to do is not to lose hope. And if you are in a shelter, be resilient. As I have become strong and kind, I have been able to achieve my aspirations in life. Little by little, we will succeed in life.” – Marcos, Age 19

“I understand because I have been through the same hardships you’re facing right now. I also understand there are times you feel hopeless because it’s not easy to continue living when you’ve been hurt. I trust you can overcome all the challenges you face.” – Raul, Age 9

“If there’s anger and sadness in your heart, it’s okay to cry or just let it out by singing. Pray in all your difficulties because God listens. Be strong, brave, and loving always because the time will come that you will also meet those who will help you stand against all odds and obtain a happy and colorful life greater than what you have ever imagined.” – Mae, Age 13

A few of the children presently in Love146 Survivor Care
OUR APPROACH TO SURVIVOR CARE

We don’t take a “one size fits all” approach to any child. We listen to their needs and desires. We shape programs to consider different vulnerabilities and cultural backgrounds. While many things are different for each location, in all our global Survivor Care work...

- We provide a space of safety.
- We believe freedom from trafficking and exploitation isn’t a single event, but a journey.
- We journey with survivors over the long haul of recovery, and our commitment continues beyond childhood.
- We prioritize healthy integration into community.
- We offer holistic care addressing the biological, psychological/emotional, social, financial, and spiritual impacts of victimization.
- We collaborate with existing local resources, sharing information and partnering to ensure wraparound care.
- We strive to see survivors become self-sufficient, flourishing adults, which includes freedom from revictimization or dependency.

“[LOVE146] TAUGHT ME THE MEANING OF SELF-RESPECT AND HELPED ME UNDERSTAND THAT I AM VERY MUCH CAPABLE OF ANYTHING I PUT MY MIND TO. …WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT MY WHOLE LIFE WOULD CHANGE JUST BY BEING TOLD THAT I AM MORE THAN JUST A BODY?”

–Victoria, a young person being served by our Survivor Care in the US
“I HAVE HOPE AND COURAGE BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO VALUE OUR WORTH AND WHO SUPPORT MY LIFE DIRECTION AND PURPOSE.”

–David, a young person being served by our Survivor Care in the Philippines

LOCAL AND GLOBAL

Love146 is at a unique vantage point: we started in Southeast Asia and expanded to the US and UK. Our experience in the developing world informs our programs in the developed world, and vice versa. Things we learn in the Philippines impact the way we think about working with children in Connecticut.

By working in different geographic locations, we are able to identify which components of care are regionally relevant and which are universal. For example, many of us imagine the best way to care for trafficking survivors is through a safe home, but a safe home may not be what is needed in a community with low population density or where a range of high-quality direct services already exist. In the Philippines, we provide complete care for children in safe homes where we meet all of their basic and victim-related needs – we have a dietitian, counselor, and nurse on staff. In Connecticut, we provide a trauma-informed advocate who journeys alongside the child, ensuring access to all of the available services necessary for recovery. While the format through which services are provided may differ, in both contexts, we’ve found trauma-informed care is critical. It’s also critical for survivors to know that Love146 services will not cease when they turn 18 or 21 – they will have support and love as they mature and walk forward.
Survivor Care Impact
As of June 2015

161 survivors were served by our Survivor Care programs globally.

54 survivors were served through our Round Home in the Philippines for girls.

23 survivors were served through our White Home in the Philippines for boys.

9 children of our Round Home clients in the Philippines were served.

8 survivors were served through our U.K. Survivor Care.

5 survivors were provided with long-term support through our U.S. Survivor Care.

43 youth received “rapid responses,” one-time support meetings through U.S. Survivor Care.

21 case consultations were provided to caregivers and providers regarding at-risk youth.

“THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING IN THIS WORLD IS ENJOYING JUST PLAYING TOGETHER WITH YOUR FRIENDS BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES WHO MAKE YOU HAPPY.”

—Jimmy, a young person being served by our Survivor Care in the Philippines
OUR HOLISTIC CARE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Our Round Home in the Philippines is uniquely built and designed to facilitate the restoration and holistic health of every girl entering its doors. A tree house is regularly the venue for therapy sessions. A volleyball court is available to play on. There’s even a punching bag for children to work out their aggression. The physical structure of the Round Home is intended to promote reflectiveness, a sense of peace, freedom, dignity, and self-esteem, as well as playfulness so that children can simply be children again.

The approach to our care in the Philippines is attuned to the needs of the exploited and traumatized child. It is characterised by efforts to keep the child safe and well-provided for. We work to instill hope, effect healing, promote growth, facilitate the release of potential, and enable them to come full circle, liberated from traumas and suffering to realize their innate worth.

After years of providing direct care to dozens of girls, Love146 began working to reach street children who were at an incredibly high risk of being sexually exploited or who had already been trafficked. We opened a temporary feeding shelter in an area where we suspected that the business of child sex trafficking and exploitation was thriving. Through this effort, we were introduced to boys who came through our doors asking for care. We knew we had to respond, and we created the White Home.

Since opening its doors in the spring of 2014, the Love146 White Home has cared for exploited boys, providing them with holistic care, including medical attention, nutrition, therapy, formal and informal education, and vocational training, all to help them walk toward recovery and prevent future exploitation.

“The most beautiful thing here on Earth for me is the opportunity to swim in the swimming pool – also to have new shoes, paper, and pencils. All of these truly bring me so much happiness.”

– Crystal, a young person being served by our Survivor Care in the Philippines
“I HAVE BENEFITED FROM THIS PROGRAM IMMENSELY… I CONSIDER [LOVE146] ONE OF MY BIGGEST SUPPORTS. WITHOUT [MY LOVE146 CASE WORKER] I WOULD HAVE KEPT [RUNNING AWAY] FROM MY GROUP HOMES AND BEEN MORE AT RISK. [MY LOVE146 CASE WORKER] IS SOMEONE I CAN TALK TO WHEN I HAVE THOSE FEELINGS OF WANTING TO DO SOMETHING I KNOW I SHOULDN’T, AND SHE HAS SUPPORTED ME THROUGHOUT THE LAST YEAR. I AM GRATEFUL THAT [LOVE146] IS IN MY LIFE.”

– Sasha, a young person being served by our Survivor Care in the US

OUR HOLISTIC CARE IN THE UNITED STATES

Over the years, we have heard stories about exploitation and trafficking of children in the United States. We also heard our supporters ask, “When will you help kids here in our own backyard?” We began by listening. We talked with survivors of child sex trafficking in the US, asking them what sort of care they would have liked to have. We listened to government officials, asking them what was actually needed.

After much research, we realized that while many services for children exist in the US, service providers are generally not familiar with human trafficking, and few survivors have a trauma-informed advocate who understands human trafficking and can help them gain access to the services they need. Youth who have been trafficked are at higher risk for further exploitation; thus, one of the first things we tell a youth is, “We go where you go. If you move placements, or foster homes, or run away and come back, we will always be there.” By journeying with the youth, Love146 helps ensure that youth receive victim-centered services and the support they need to become self-sufficient and flourishing adults, which includes freedom from revictimization.

In addition to offering long term services, our US Survivor Care program also includes Rapid Responses, providing youth who have been identified as trafficked, exploited, or at high risk with information and safety planning. We talk about the grooming process traffickers use, internet safety, healthy relationships, and solutions to potentially unsafe situations. We leave the youth with a backpack filled with items that have been identified as critical for this population: a blanket, a journal, a rain poncho, toiletries, hotline numbers, an emergency phone, and more. Some of these youth end up in our long-term care, but for those who don’t, our Rapid Responses provide information and resources to help keep these youth safe.

The feedback from youth we’ve served, as well as the local child protective services, has been phenomenal; this care is different, and it’s providing not what is expected, but what is actually needed.
Love146 has developed Not a #Number, an interactive five-module prevention curriculum designed to teach youth how to protect themselves from human trafficking and exploitation. What makes our curriculum unique? Not a #Number...

- Moves beyond traditional awareness, facilitating skill building to decrease vulnerability.
- Considers all genders as potential victims and perpetrators, and provides activities for co-ed, male, female, and/or LGBTQ groups.
- Is research-based and grounded in best practices in the field of prevention education.
- Integrates a holistic view by focusing on individual strengths and personal and societal pressures that create or increase vulnerabilities.
- Is designed for schools, child welfare and juvenile justice agencies, and other community settings.

“THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR DAY FOR COMING ALL THE WAY HERE. IT IS SO GREAT TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE ACTUALLY CARES ABOUT OUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS AND THE THINGS THAT WE GO THROUGH.”

–A young person reached through Not a #Number, our Prevention Education program
OUR PREVENTION EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES

One of the most hopeful things we do at Love146 is work to prevent child trafficking and exploitation. Prevention work is not glamorous. It’s tough to prove effectiveness and often difficult to explain to supporters. But we’re driven by the belief that child trafficking and exploitation is simply not inevitable.

Not a #Number is a child trafficking and exploitation prevention curriculum designed to teach at-risk youth how to recognize recruitment tactics, understand vulnerabilities, and develop skills to safely navigate potential and existing exploitative situations. Youth identify healthy support systems and learn how to access community resources when situations occur that increase their vulnerability or if exploitation is already underway. We also provide resources to educate parents, caregivers, and professionals about the issue and actions they can take to help safeguard children. Not a #Number has been embraced by schools, child welfare and juvenile justice agencies, and other youth-serving organizations.

We are working to reach youth before traffickers do. We dream of the day when the trafficking and exploitation of children is prevented from happening — at all.

“I WANT TO GO HOME AND READ THE LYRICS OF EVERY SONG THAT I LISTEN TO. I AM NOW GOING TO BE PAYING ATTENTION. I CAN’T BELIEVE THAT WE ARE TARGETED BY MEDIA IN THIS WAY AND THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BECOME RICH WRITING AND SELLING THIS STUFF.”

– A young person reached through Not a #Number, reflecting on the third module of this curriculum, which highlights the power of language and media influence.
“I KNEW I DIDN’T WANT TO BE A VICTIM, SO I HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE. EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON, YOU KNOW? MAYBE THAT’S WHY I CAME TO THIS CLASS, JUST FOR THAT MOMENT SO THAT I WOULD BE SAFE.”

–A young person reached through Not a #Number, our Prevention Education program

PREVENTION EDUCATION

A STORY OF PREVENTION

Carrie just turned 16 when her friend committed suicide. Anxious and shaken, she found a local center offering support services for youth who’ve experienced trauma. She happened to visit the day the center began a Not a #Number group. The discussion got her attention, and she asked if she could come back. During the fourth week, Carrie shared how she had already used what she’d learned.

Carrie works part-time at a chain restaurant. One evening after finishing a shift, she sat down at a booth in the corner, waiting for her mom to pick her up. She noticed a man sit down a few tables over, but didn’t pay much attention. Exhausted, she took her cap off and put her head down.

Moments later, the man approached and said, “Hello, how are you?” Carrie glanced up, wondering if he needed help. “Do you work [here]?” he asked. “Are you a manager here?” Carrie was puzzled, since she was still in her uniform and clearly not old enough to be a manager.

“You just seem important, like you’re suited for a high-end position.” He went on, “I’m waiting for my friend here. She’s new in town – could you tell her more about working [here]?”

Feeling uncomfortable, Carrie moved closer to the checkout counter so fellow employees could see her. But a woman approached on the other side and blocked her. She began showering Carrie with compliments: “Oh my goodness, you’re so pretty.”

Carrie told the Not a #Number group, “I managed to get away. I made an excuse and went to get my manager, but moments later both the man and the woman were gone. Because of what we’ve talked about at Not a #Number, I paid closer attention and knew to trust my gut. The woman wasn’t looking well, and I wondered if she was trafficked. But I knew I didn’t want to be a victim, so I had to get out of there. Everything happens for a reason, you know? Maybe that’s why I came to this class, just for that moment so that I would be safe.”
PREVENTION EDUCATION IMPACT

FROM JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

3,922 youth received prevention education.

592 professionals and community members received training.

41 professionals were certified to facilitate Not a #Number.

SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN IN 2010:

17,006 youth received prevention education.

3,631 professionals and community members received training.

“THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME UNDERSTAND WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU GROW UP AFTER YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH REALLY DIFFICULT THINGS WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE. I WILL BE TRYING TO GO TO COUNSELING.”

– A young person reached through Not a #Number, our Prevention Education program
EMPOWERING MOVEMENT

“THE INTERNET CAN BE A DANGEROUS PLACE BECAUSE IT IS UNLIMITED AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO KIDS.”

–One of over 200 participants, mostly teens, in a Twitter conversation facilitated by NPR’s KQED with Love146 about Internet Safety in May 2015

EMPOWERING MOVEMENT

WELCOME TO THE INTERNET:
STAY SAFE OUT THERE

To supplement our prevention education, in 2015 Love146 launched two Online Safety Guides: one for youth and one for parents and caregivers. Like it or not, the Internet is fully integrated into our culture. For many youth, it is a positive and powerful space for socializing, learning, and engaging in public life. Like anything else, there are risks and the Internet presents unique opportunities for harm. Traffickers and others who set out to abuse and exploit children often use chatting and social networks to recruit.

This year, Love146 launched web-based materials helping youth and caring adults understand risk, while providing some simple strategies for identifying red flags and staying safe.

Within a few months of the launch in April 2015, Love146’s Online Safety Guides had reached nearly 8,000 online visitors. Twitter included a link to Love146 as a partner in its Safety Center resources and promoted our Online Safety Guide for youth. National Public Radio’s KQED included the Safety Guide in its piece, “What Makes the Internet Dangerous?”
“Hi, would you like to hear about how you can help fight sex trafficking in your hotel?” So goes the introduction that members of Love146 local volunteer groups made to 104 motels and hotels in the last year. Volunteer groups in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Texas mobilized and reached out to the hospitality industry as a part of Love146’s Community Empowerment Initiatives. These initiatives are targeted at training the “eyes and ears” of a community so that child trafficking and exploitation can no longer go undetected.

Hotel and motel employees can play important roles in the fight against trafficking; for example, a hotel housekeeper may notice a constant flow of new people coming in and out of the room and make a call to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. As one participant noted, “Knowing that we had brought attention to the issue to hospitality staff was a rewarding experience for all of us. Knowing that this attention could translate to further actions is what gives us hope and keeps us going.”

Additionally this year, the executive team at Preferred Hotels, the marketing arm for an international collection of boutique hotels, began working with Love146. Our partnership kicked off with a training for members of the executive team. This training is planned to reach throughout the organization in coming years.

“I WAS 12 THEN. IT WAS SCARY, BUT I FELT LIKE IT WAS MY FATE. I WAS TAKEN OUT BY ONE MAN TO A HOTEL. WHILE I WAS IN THE HOTEL ROOM, I WAS SCARED. I NEEDED TO DO WHAT HE WANTED BECAUSE HE PAID FOR ME. MY MANAGER GOT MAD IF I DIDN’T DO WHAT SHE WANTED. THERE WERE TIMES I HAD THREE MEN IN ONE NIGHT. I THOUGHT I WAS DIRTY AND USELESS IN THE WORLD. [ONE DAY] THE POLICE CAME AND GOT US. WE WERE RESCUED... THEN WE WERE BROUGHT TO LOVE146. IT IS IN LOVE146 THAT I FEEL I AM TAKEN CARE OF. IN YOUR WHOLE LIFE THE HAPPIEST MOMENT IS TO FEEL FREE FROM THE DARKNESS.”

–A young person served by Love146’s Survivor Care work in the Philippines
"TREAD ON TRAFFICKING WAS HELD AT THE PARK. IT IS LIKE A MARATHON BUT WE DO IT TO RAISE MONEY FOR LOVE146. THE EVENT WAS SUCCESSFUL. EVERYBODY LIKED IT. THERE WAS AN ADULT RUN AND A KIDS RUN. I RAN BOTH! WE CAN’T BE SELFISH AND WE NEED TO HELP OTHERS. I’M VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SO MUCH. IT’S NOT FAIR THAT GIRLS ARE SOLD AND THEY CAN’T BE LIKE US. THE GIRLS DO NOT DESERVE THIS, SO PEOPLE SHOULD HELP THEM."

–Josie (pictured above), a 7-year-old participant in a fundraiser hosted by Numa Church in California

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“A MESSAGE FROM LOVE146 CEO

STEVE MARTIN

When the need is so large, focusing in is a challenge. With more than 13 years experience, we’ve learned how and where to best invest our time, people, and funding. During our last year, we strategically focused on growing our Survivor Care impact in the US, UK, and the Philippines, and thoughtfully positioning our Prevention Education to scale in the coming years. When we see the outcomes reflected in the lives of children, all the hours of deliberations and evaluations are worth the effort!

So as we look to our next year, we’re examining how each opportunity:

• scales our impact – to reach more children
• deepens our impact – to better our services
• sustains our impact – by diversifying income using less resources

As our work grows, so does the need for increased cost-effective oversight and support processes. I’m humbled to work alongside an extraordinary global team that carries this responsibility with pride, while keeping the children we serve as the most important stakeholders in this organization.

We’re reaching more children because of the generosity of so many individuals, businesses, churches, foundations, youth groups, and schools. The voices of these partners, combined with those of the children we serve, is a rallying call growing louder each day, demanding Abolition! Thank you for adding your voice and making the world a safer place for children.

Steve Martin
CEO

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PROGRAM SPENDING

- 52% Survivor Care
- 16% Prevention Education
- 32% Training and Empowering Movement

REVENUE & OVERHEAD TRENDS

YEAR | PROGRAMS | MGMT & GEN | FUNDRAISING | REVENUE | NET ASSETS
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2006 | $553,670 | $67,289   | $46,484     | $701,153| $50,108     
2007 | $914,335 | $86,293   | $58,182     | $1,110,793| $102,091    
2008 | $868,924 | $180,695  | $124,175    | $1,420,710| $349,007    
2009 | $1,378,219| $254,847  | $295,718    | $1,872,515| $387,592    
2010 | $1,709,211| $345,095  | $319,034    | $2,255,071| $269,323    
2011 | $1,353,904| $275,878  | $255,636    | $2,378,548| $762,453    
2012 | $1,803,521| $366,489  | $267,763    | $2,644,246| $868,929    
2013 | $2,145,088| $407,185  | $297,293    | $2,883,272| $902,634    
2014 | $2,180,294| $370,978  | $328,227    | $2,942,361| $965,496    

REVENUE & ASSETS BREAKDOWN

- Management & General
- Fundraising
OUR VALUES

WE HOPE
We choose to hope as an act of defiance in the face of violence and unimaginable abuse. Children are our teachers. Undeterred by despair and cynicism, we insist that every step is worth it.

WE ARE THOUGHTFUL
We are working within a very complex issue. It is worth extra time and resources to be thoughtful so that our solutions will have greater impact and endure.

WE LISTEN
We welcome diverse perspectives to the Love146 table, refining our approach by listening to others with experience. We are forever learners: hearing, thinking, and responding deliberately.

WE COLLABORATE
We don’t reinvent the wheel. Instead we ask, “How can we be helpful?” As specialists, we are more effective when we collaborate with other specialists. We are stronger together.

WE INNOVATE
We challenge assumptions. In the midst of a daily sense of urgency, we imagine, develop, tweak, grow, and evolve solutions that work.

WE PERSEVERE
We stick around for the long haul. Our story isn’t just about victories, triumphs, and fairytale endings — it’s about not giving up. We embrace stories that never truly end: stories with complexity, struggle, beauty, and humanity.
Love146 is one of only a few hundred organizations that has met all 20 standards of charity accountability set by the Better Business Bureau, and in 2015 was considered in the top 13% of all charities rated by Charity Navigator.

No identifiable child pictured in this piece is known to be exploited and names of those affected throughout this report have been changed for protection and privacy.