



DEFIANT

Hope

THE LOVE146
2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER

ROB MORRIS

In my travels, I have heard from an increasing number of people who are struggling to remain hopeful in the wake of world events. They feel disconnected or disempowered from being able to make positive change or help create a different story. Someone told me recently that they felt to be hopeful anymore is naïve or foolish.

This response is understandable, but at Love146, we think differently. Hope is one of our core values. We choose to hope as an act of defiance in the face of violence and horrific abuse. Children are our teachers. Undeterred by despair and cynicism, we insist that every step is worth it. This hope is not passive; it's not a matter of wishing for good things to happen. It's defiant. It requires action. It insists that a different story can be written, no matter how difficult the circumstances are, no matter how long it takes to unfold.

We believe youth should be the protagonists of their own stories. Our Prevention Education curriculum is designed to help young people recognize their strengths and develop skills so they can chart their own safe paths. Our Survivor Care surrounds trafficked or exploited youth with love, safety, and the tools necessary so that their stories lead to a future where they are self-reliant adults, free from re-victimization.

We can't know how these stories will end, but we promise to persevere – to journey alongside each child in our Survivor Care for as long as they want us to. We are in it for the long haul. Our story isn't just about victories, triumphs, and fairy-tale endings – it's about not giving up, no matter how long the odds. And that, my friends, is what defiant hope is all about. Thank you for being defiantly hopeful with us!



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**WE ARE HELPING GROW THE
MOVEMENT TO END CHILD TRAFFICKING
AND EXPLOITATION WHILE PROVIDING
EFFECTIVE, THOUGHTFUL SOLUTIONS
THROUGH SURVIVOR CARE AND
PREVENTION EDUCATION.**

Love146 is an international human rights organization working to end child trafficking and exploitation through survivor care and prevention. Since 2002, we've been responding with researched, intentional, and effective programs.

The trafficking and exploitation of children is one of the darkest stories and most severe human rights abuses imaginable. But for us, the hope of ending it is a reality. The International Labor Organization estimates that 20.9 million people are enslaved today and that over 5 million of them are children. Love146 exists because children are used and sold like commodities.

Love146 provides care and support for survivors in the Philippines, the US, and the UK, and is also working to fuel and equip a movement to prevent and end child trafficking and exploitation. We believe in the power of love and its ability to effect sustainable change. Prevention is our duty, recovery is possible, and our collective shout will be heard: the end of child trafficking and exploitation. Nothing less.



Our Values

WE HOPE

We choose to hope as an act of defiance in the face of violence and horrific 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 endure and have a greater impact.

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: that have complexity, struggle, beauty, and humanity.

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True prevention goes beyond awareness

Many years ago, we realized that we weren't going to end child trafficking by providing only survivor care – by the time victims of trafficking and exploitation come to Love146, a horrendous crime has already been committed. We realized that we needed to address the root of the problem: “How do we stop this from happening in the first place?” Our answer: prevention education.

True “prevention” goes far beyond awareness. *Not a #Number* is an innovative prevention education curriculum: It guides youth to explore their own vulnerabilities, considers how a trafficker might use those vulnerabilities to take advantage of them, and explores how exactly they can get help and navigate to safety. *Not a #Number* is interactive, it's personal, it's reflective, and it gives kids a chance to develop the skills they need to keep themselves safe.

Not a #Number is research-based, grounded in best practices, developed by leading experts and experienced practitioners, and informed by our real-world experience listening to survivors of trafficking and exploitation. It considers all genders as potential victims and perpetrators, and provides activities for co-ed, male, female, and/or LGBTQ groups. *Not a #Number* facilitators work directly with youth in schools, child welfare and juvenile justice agencies, and other community settings. More importantly, *Not a #Number* is designed to reach as many youth as possible by training and certifying youth-serving professionals in locations throughout the United States. The more trained professionals working with youth, the more young people will learn the information and skills they need to stay safe.

IMPACT:



106 PROFESSIONALS CERTIFIED TO FACILITATE *NOT A #NUMBER*



407 YOUTH REACHED BY OUR CURRICULUM THIS YEAR BY CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS



482 YOUTH REACHED BY OUR CURRICULUM THIS YEAR BY LOVE146 STAFF



3,973 PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS RECEIVED GENERAL ANTI-TRAFFICKING TRAINING; 449 OF THOSE WERE REACHED THIS YEAR

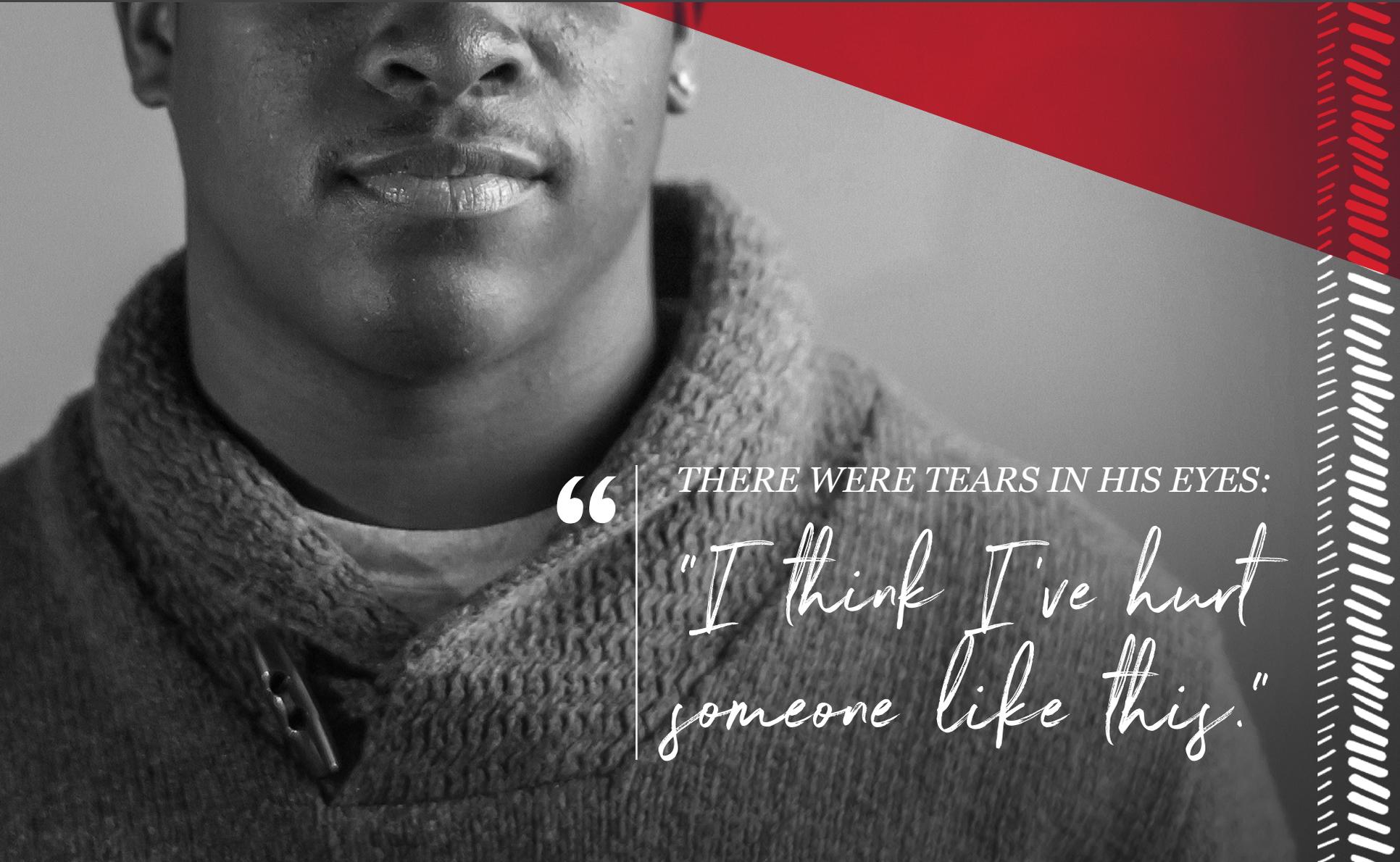


18,286 YOUTH REACHED BY LOVE146'S PREVENTION EDUCATION & AWARENESS SINCE 2010

STORY: BRANDON, 15

When we present *Not a #Number*, we often hear stories about something a youth may have experienced, or something they heard from friends or family members. Participating in the curriculum can help young people feel safe enough to open up about their lives. We heard the following story from a teenager at a group home:

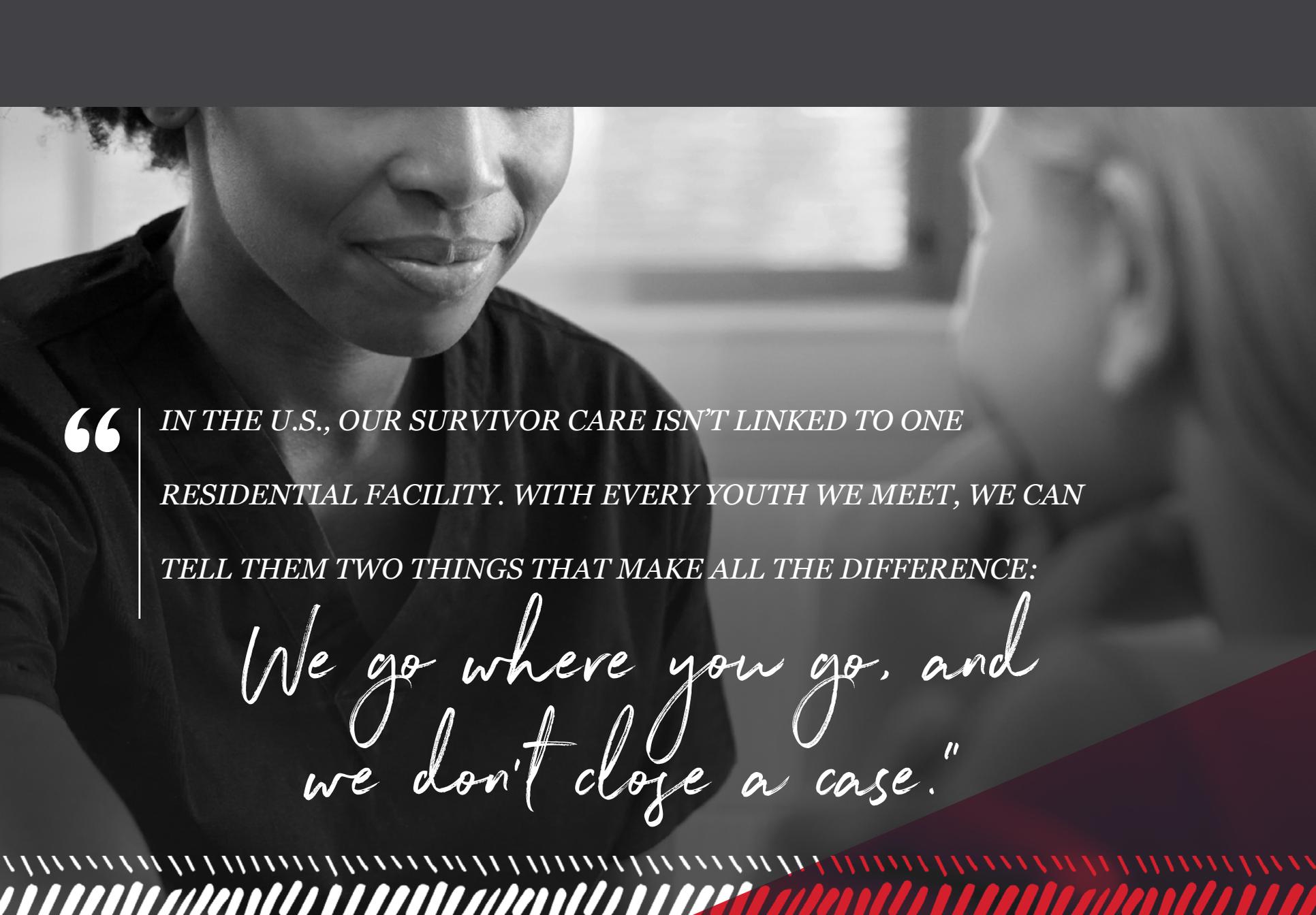
Brandon* is a boy in his mid-teens who often looked like he wasn't listening: zoning out, doodling. Even though he appeared disengaged, he shared his ideas with the group. One activity involved listening to 50 Cent's "P.I.M.P." Then, the students read the lyrics and discussed the characters they described: What does the pimp think of himself? Does he care about the girl? Why do you think she got involved with a guy like this? Youth often react enthusiastically to this exercise, saying things like, "People shouldn't be treated like that, like they're worthless." "He was taking advantage of her because she needed money and wanted to be loved." For many participants, it's obvious that something is wrong with the situation in the song. But Brandon was silent. When he finally spoke, there were tears in his eyes. He said, "*I think I've hurt someone like this.*" He said he was thinking about his relationship with his girlfriend – that he had been controlling. He said he was realizing that the relationship was unhealthy. Finally, he quietly said, "*I didn't recognize how much I hurt her.*"



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*IN THE U.S., OUR SURVIVOR CARE ISN'T LINKED TO ONE
RESIDENTIAL FACILITY. WITH EVERY YOUTH WE MEET, WE CAN
TELL THEM TWO THINGS THAT MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE:*

*We go where you go, and
we don't close a case."*



Freedom from exploitation is a journey

We began providing services to survivors of child trafficking and exploitation in Connecticut over two years ago. Because we paused and listened to survivors and service providers about what was really needed, we made a surprising discovery: that the most innovative and effective thing we could do here was not to build a safe home. Instead of creating some place that works for us, we do whatever it takes to make things work for each child, in their own community. Whether they are living with their families, in foster care, or in a group home, we meet youth where they are, and provide wraparound care, journeying alongside them through various placements and services. The first thing we tell them is we don't close a case. That makes huge a difference. Our Long-Term Services are grounded in individual care plans that address the biological, psychological, social, financial, and spiritual impacts of victimization, and help youth develop strategies to stay safe. We strive to see survivors become self-sufficient,

flourishing adults, free from re-victimization or dependency. In addition to our Long-Term Services, our Rapid Responses are one-time interventions that provide youth who are at risk or highly suspected to have been trafficked or exploited with information, safety planning, and referral services related to human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

In the summer of 2016, Love146's Long-Term Services and Rapid Response programs began scaling up to provide services to approximately 400 percent more youth than we had in the previous year, thanks to federal and state funding. This funding is an inspiring example of the power of public-private collaboration. These children would not be able to receive the critical services they need without new government funding and without the generosity of individuals who say with their actions: "Not in our communities. Not our children."

IMPACT:



12 SURVIVORS PROVIDED WITH LONG-TERM SERVICES THIS YEAR

Our Long-Term Services caseload is expected to quadruple to more than 50 youth in the next fiscal year.



74 YOUTH RECEIVED A RAPID RESPONSE ONE-TIME MEETING

This service is expected to more than double in the next fiscal year.

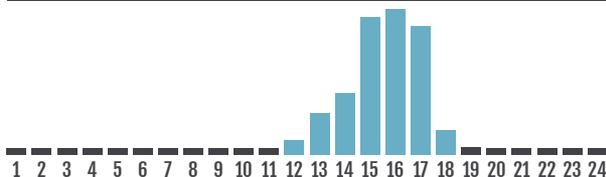


20 ADDITIONAL RAPID-RESPONSE BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



19 CASE CONSULTATIONS

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CLIENTS SERVED THIS YEAR:



STORY: MONICA, 16

Love146's U.S. Survivor Care Program Director, Erin Williamson, started the program in 2014. Monica was one of the first youth with whom we began working. Reflecting on her time with Love146 thus far, she offered her personal thoughts on what Erin has meant to her:

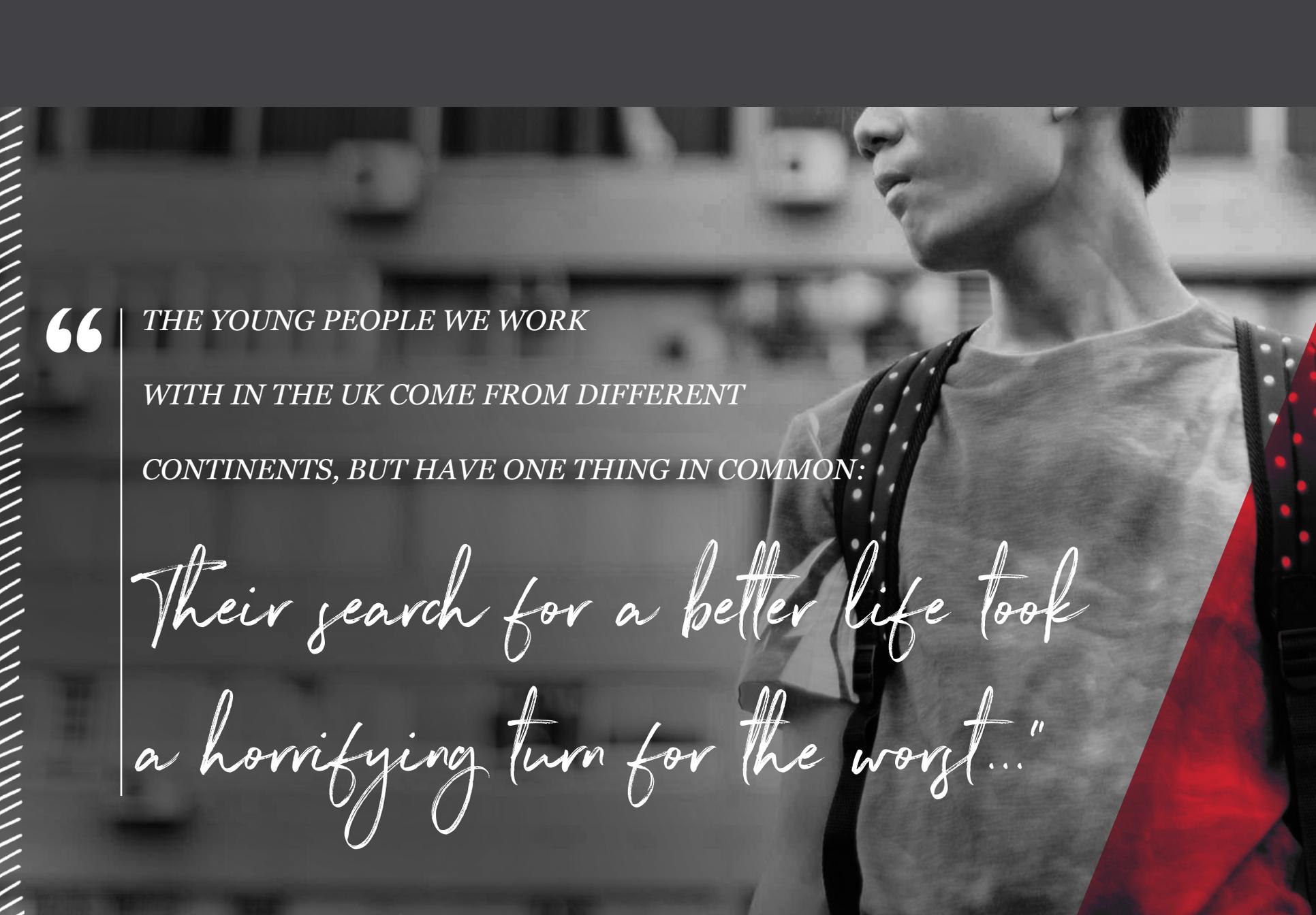
"As a young teen, I was lured into the life. After a while of selling myself, I lost view of who I once was. Not seeing any path to take other than the one my pimp was offering me, I was about to give up. But then out of nowhere, I was given light. I was given a way out. Since day one, I connected with Erin. She gained my trust quickly, so when she told me I was more than a body, I believed her. She was there throughout everything and now, close to a year later, she still is. Not once did she judge me; as a matter of fact, she didn't even allow me to judge myself. I look up to Erin and as honest as I can be, I do not think I would have made it where I am today without the friendship she and I share. Today I am proud to say that I have gotten myself off the streets, I have begun working, and I am doing well. Who would have thought my whole life would change just by being told that I am more than just a body? I would have never found myself if she weren't a part of my life."



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THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE WORK

WITH IN THE UK COME FROM DIFFERENT

CONTINENTS, BUT HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON:

*Their search for a better life took
a horrifying turn for the worst..."*



Regaining safety, dignity, and hope...

The young people we support in the UK come from different continents, but each of them was thrown into exploitation and abuse, often in the process of trying to find a better life or to get away from dangerous situations. We believe that children who have been through the horror of trafficking and exploitation deserve holistic, trauma-informed support. That's where our work comes in. Our intensive case management includes placing children in Love146 specialist supported accommodations and supporting specialist foster placements. We deliver training for foster care providers to recognize and respond to the needs of trafficked and exploited children.

This year, Love146 UK has expanded its ability to provide Survivor Support services directly to young people in foster care and to those who have left foster or residential care. This support includes safety planning, educational opportunities, access to healthcare, legal assistance, and even a translator.

It also includes creating an environment where the youth in our care can support one another, through sharing home-cooked meals and playing games together. Our care is not time limited: We journey with survivors of trafficking as long as it takes. With an understanding of their needs and what puts them at risk, we continue to support them, empowering them as they gain stability and independence. Our goal is for the young people we support to regain a sense of safety, dignity and hope. We work with young people, foster carers, and agencies involved in the supportive care for each young person in order to help them stabilize their situation, and to support their progress toward independence and the attainment of their goals. Love146 provides one-to-one support to youth to decrease their risk for re-exploitation and enable them to stay safe. Because Love146 commits to journeying with young people in our care for the long term, they can rely on us even as they become mature adults.

IMPACT:



11 SURVIVORS PROVIDED WITH LONG-TERM SERVICES THIS YEAR



23 FOSTER FAMILIES TRAINED & EQUIPPED TO SUPPORT TRAFFICKED YOUTH



13 FOSTER CARE SOCIAL WORKERS TRAINED TO SUPPORT TRAFFICKED YOUTH

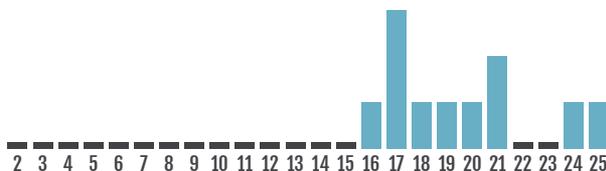


322 PROFESSIONALS RECEIVED OUR CHILD TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING



67 COMMUNITY MEMBERS RECEIVED OUR CHILD TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CLIENTS SERVED THIS YEAR:



STORY: TUYEN, 19

Our journey with Tuyen began after she was trafficked into the UK and exploited as a domestic slave. Very soon after this she was also forced into working in a nail bar, to pay back the money she “owed” her trafficker. She was then told she was not paying the money back quickly enough — and was forced into sexual exploitation.

This story of debt bondage is common. As we began to unravel Tuyen’s story, it was clear she had endured years of mistrust and exploitation. Building trust is a process that takes time and patience. As was the case with Tuyen, Love146 supports young people in foster placements, being present with them when they speak with the police, and assisting them through the court process. We’re there for as long as she need us, whatever it takes.

Love146 is still in regular contact with Tuyen, supporting and encouraging her wherever we can. Thanks to your support, Tuyen has learned to trust that there are people who want the very best for her.



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Considering every aspect of holistic health

We started providing services and support to victims of child trafficking in the Philippines because it is a horrifically common occurrence there. Children were being trafficked and exploited on the streets, taken or sold to brothels, or purchased by customers in local hotels. In the last few years, we've witnessed a disturbing new trend: "Very young Filipino children are coerced to perform sex acts for live internet broadcast to paying foreigners; this typically ... is facilitated increasingly by victims' close family relatives" (as described in the 2016 Trafficking in Persons Report issued by the U.S. Department of State). Increasingly, many of the children in our care have emerged from this type of abusive experience.

Love146's two safe homes in the Philippines — the White Home for boys and the Round Home for girls — are thoughtfully designed to facilitate every aspect

of holistic health. A tree house is used for therapy sessions. A volleyball court is available to play on. There's a punching bag to work out aggression; gardening and husbandry generate income and promote reflection. The space provides a sense of peace, freedom, and dignity, as well as playfulness. Children are kept safe physically and psychologically. They are provided with hope, healing, and restoration, and allowed to grow and develop, release their potentials, realize their worth and become valued and productive members of society. We employ patience and creativity in dealing with hurting children: regular counseling and listening, activities to release their energy, lessons in art and music, constant praise for good behavior and talent, affirmation of their potential for good, and love, love, love, and more love. These are all working together to help the children realize that they can have a new purpose in life.

IMPACT:



62 SURVIVORS CARED FOR IN OUR HOME FOR GIRLS SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN IN 2008, INCLUDING...



14 GIRLS IN THE PAST YEAR



25 SURVIVORS CARED FOR IN OUR HOME FOR BOYS SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN IN 2014, INCLUDING...

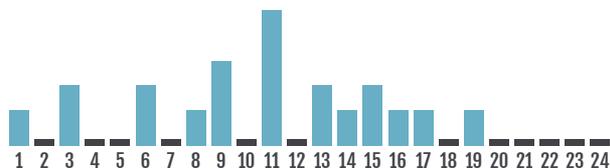


10 BOYS IN THE PAST YEAR



9 CHILDREN OF CLIENTS RECEIVED SERVICES SINCE THIS PROGRAM BEGAN

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CLIENTS SERVED THIS YEAR:



STORY: JAKOB, 15

One of the factors that made Jakob incredibly vulnerable was the poverty he was experiencing. He shares, *“Before, we were leading a destitute life. We didn’t even have a house to live in, and we were sleeping only in a pushcart. We did not have enough food, and it was difficult for us to go to school because we had to beg.”* After being removed from exploitation, he came to us with serious health issues. He and his peers in our care in the Philippines are physically cared for, are counseled regularly, are in school, have birth certificates that ensure their identity and rights as citizens, and are discovering their potential in arts, music, and academics. In his own words:

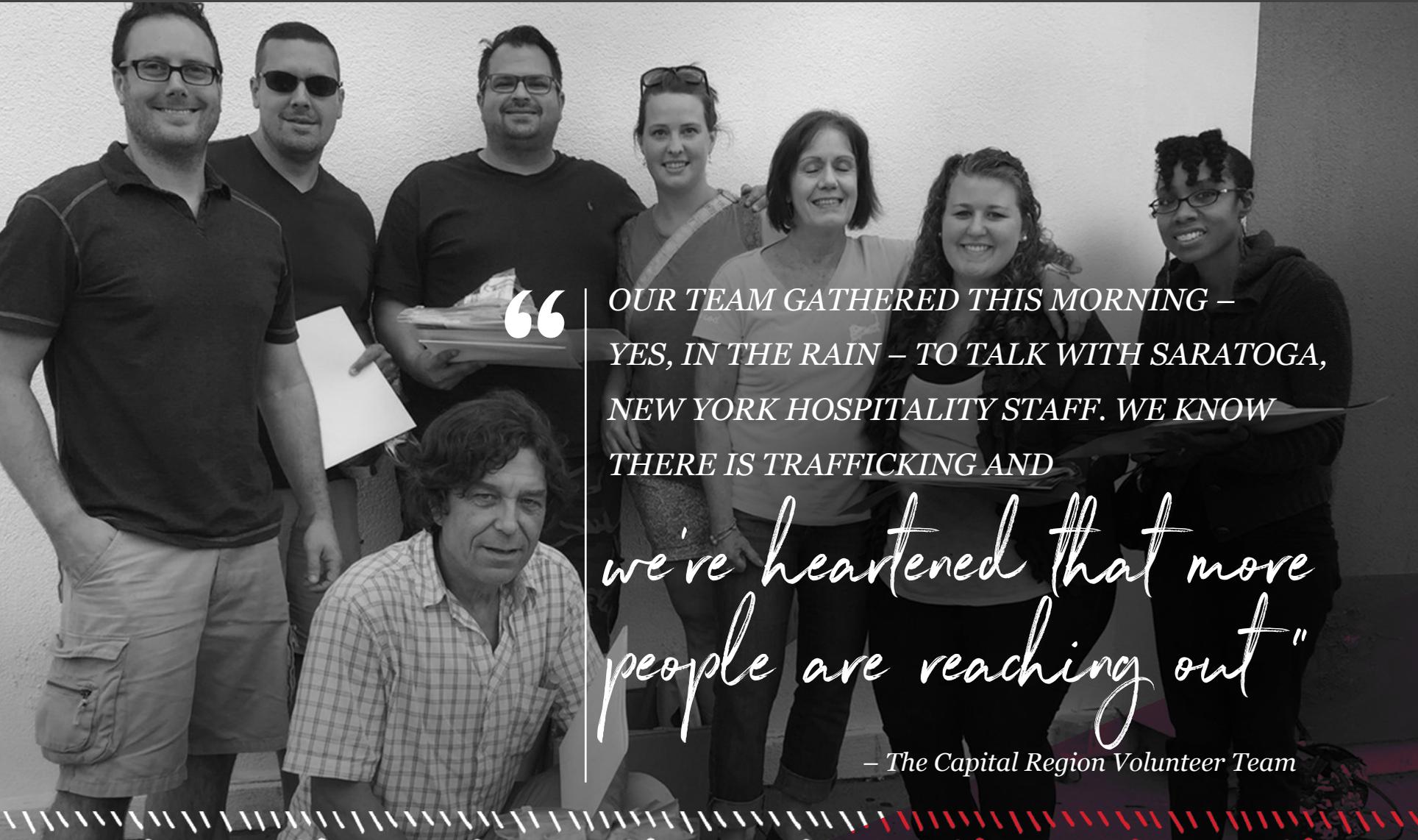
“Before, I was just dreaming to go to school, because my parents couldn’t afford to send me. I was sad whenever I saw children in uniform going to school. But when I was brought here to Love146, I was extremely grateful because my dream to study came true. Now that I am studying, I have the courage to face every trial in life, because I know that this will give me a bright future. It is only here that I learned to dream for myself... I want to be an engineer someday, because I want to build a house for my family. This will be my inspiration to continue my studies. When I came here, my life started to change. I was given hope because there are people who value our worth and who support us to have a life of direction and purpose.”



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OUR TEAM GATHERED THIS MORNING – YES, IN THE RAIN – TO TALK WITH SARATOGA, NEW YORK HOSPITALITY STAFF. WE KNOW THERE IS TRAFFICKING AND

we're heartened that more people are reaching out”

– The Capital Region Volunteer Team





Passionate about abolition in their communities

Love146 Action provides opportunities for the Love146 community to invest their time and talent into the cause of ending child trafficking, either as individuals or Volunteer Teams. We've seen first-hand how powerful it is for small groups of people to come together to learn, brainstorm, and take action in their neighborhoods. Love146 Volunteer Teams are groups of people passionate about seeing abolition in their own communities.

Modern-day abolitionists can contribute in many ways, including advocating for laws, policies, and services that will help end child trafficking, hosting events, and engaging their faith communities. Love146 works with organizational and corporate partners to bring awareness to their best practices. Preferred Hotels collaborates with Love146 to provide their hoteliers with the tools that they need to recognize and report child trafficking. Love146

is also building a network of Volunteer Teams. Members of our Volunteer Teams are committed to becoming educated on the issue of human trafficking, raising awareness for Love146 and the abolition movement, and being an active part of local and international efforts to end trafficking and exploitation.

Our staff provides encouragement and resources to Volunteer Teams, including research and information on child trafficking, and hands-on activities, such as our Community Empowerment Initiatives. These "CEIs" equip volunteer teams to resource individuals working in places like in hotels and truck stops, allowing them to be the "eyes and ears" of a community so that child exploitation can no longer happen undetected. By equipping those who may cross paths with a victim of trafficking, we create opportunities for intervention and prevention.

IMPACT:



149 HOTELS AND MOTELS
REACHED THIS YEAR WITH OUR HOSPITALITY
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES



36 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER TEAMS
ACROSS THE GLOBE:



1 PERSON IS ALL IT TAKES TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE. WANT TO JOIN OR START
A VOLUNTEER TEAM IN YOUR AREA?
VISIT WWW.LOVE146.ORG/ACTION

STORY: CELESTE, 19

As she entered into her college years, Celeste realized that she had the power and the responsibility to shape her own experience. Her desire to be a part of something meaningful prompted her to join the Love146 Volunteer Team at Tufts. Celeste describes how that decision and one project in particular made her freshman year memorable:

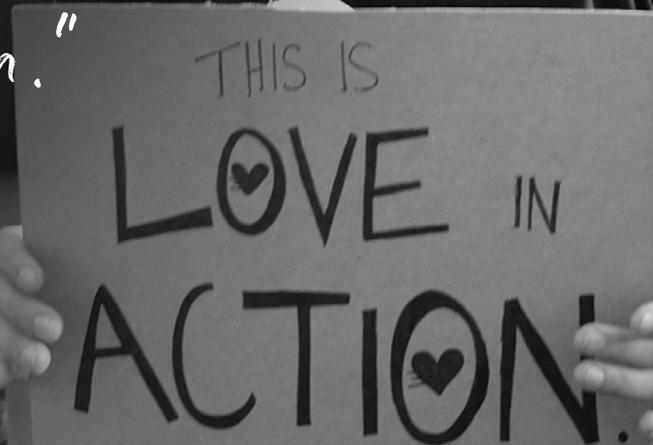
“Our final project of the year was an outreach trip to hotels and motels in the Boston area. It was valuable to me to be able to translate my learning into action, especially knowing how easy it is for students to be absorbed in the bubble of college life. We have to be conscious of sex trafficking in our communities, and we have to take action against it where we can. That day, we set out in two cars, hoping to cover as much ground as possible. Each car had a list of hotels and motels to visit, and information packets and compact little cards bearing the national hotline number. Our objective was to share some common indicators of a possible sex trafficking case with hotel staff, as well as the next steps to take in that situation. At our first stop, the hotel staff were welcoming and even remembered the team from outreach two years ago, still displaying the Love146 poster from that time. Our group plans to continue these visits on alternating years, so that we can continue to expand our reach. With outreach as a first step, it’s my hope that anti-trafficking information and training will become an industry standard.”



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PROGRAM SPENDING *breakdown*

PREVENTION
EDUCATION

29%



SURVIVOR
CARE

71%





A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO
STEVE MARTIN

When faced with a problem the size of global trafficking, how and where should Love146 focus our resources? We take the answer to this challenging question seriously, and over the last year our growing team has produced remarkable outcomes, many described in this report. The movement to end child trafficking must be broad and interdisciplinary – and within it, we at Love146 know that our contribution and expertise is specifically in the areas of prevention education and survivor care. In both these disciplines, we have achieved greater clarity and focus over the past year.

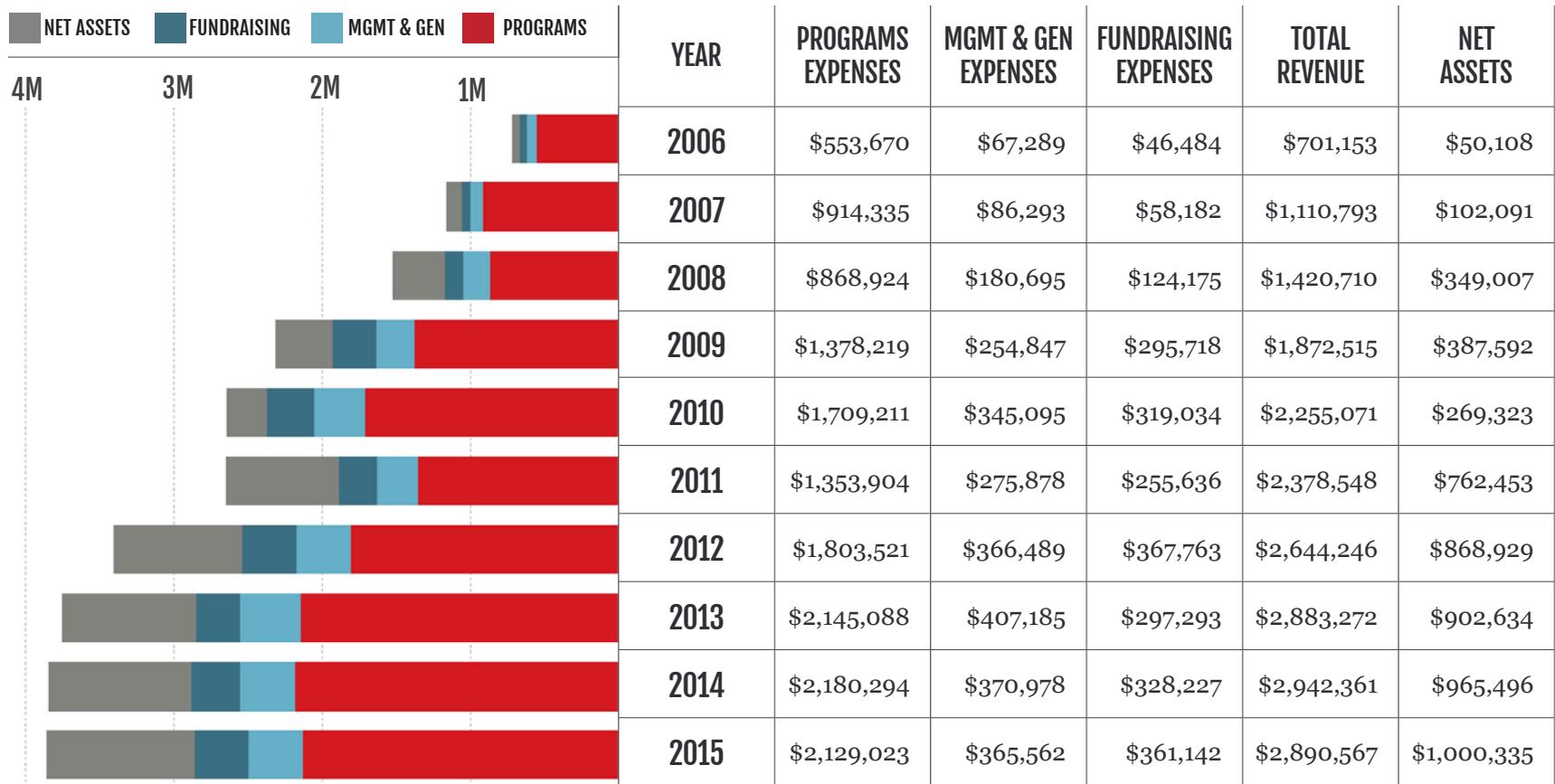
This new depth of vision has also enabled us to scale our programs. In 2016, the reputation and credibility of our US Survivor Care program earned us multi-year funding from the federal government and the Connecticut Department of Children and Families. In partnership with our private donors, this will allow us to quadruple the number of

children we can care for in the coming years. Our bottom line is never money – just more and more children set free from exploitation and trafficking.

We've also scaled our prevention education curriculum, *Not a #Number*, by licensing and certifying professionals across the country to implement the program with the youth they serve. By delivering *Not a #Number* through partnerships with qualified social workers, teachers, and caregivers, we can reach more children than we could ever reach alone!

Sustaining all this incredible growth depends on expanding our funding sources, investing in our talented staff, and creating stronger organizational processes. We do so with extreme hope, knowing that so many stand with us and that children are depending on us. Thank you for your investment in and commitment to them.

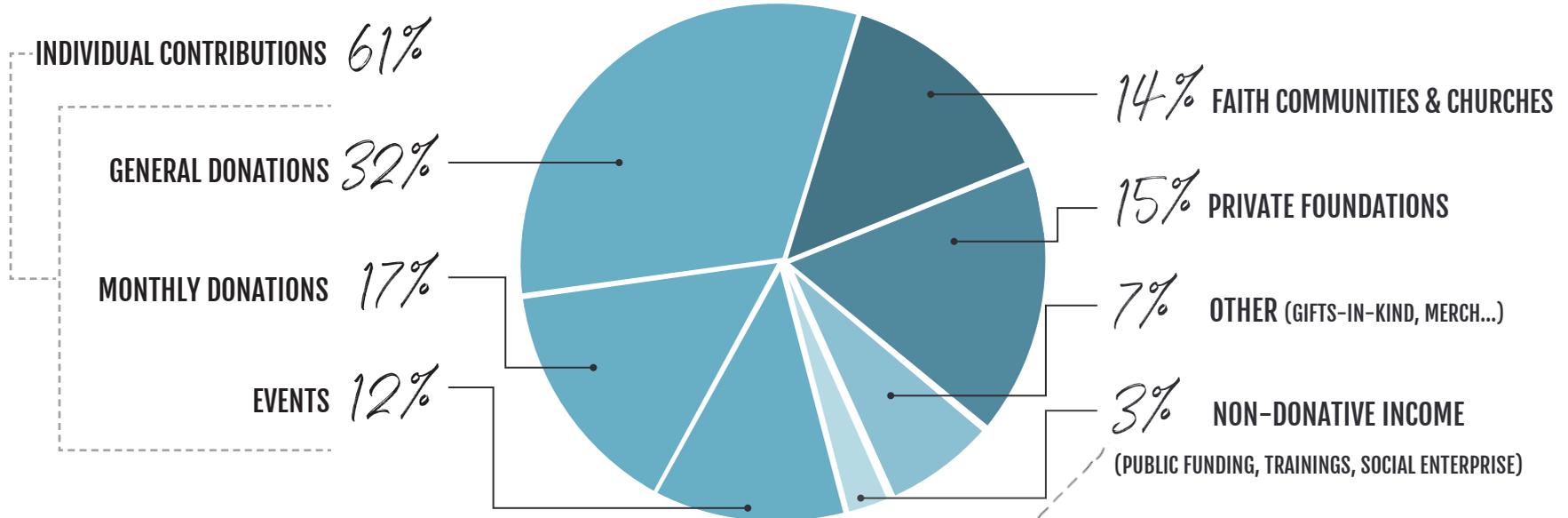
REVENUE, EXPENSES, *and* ASSETS



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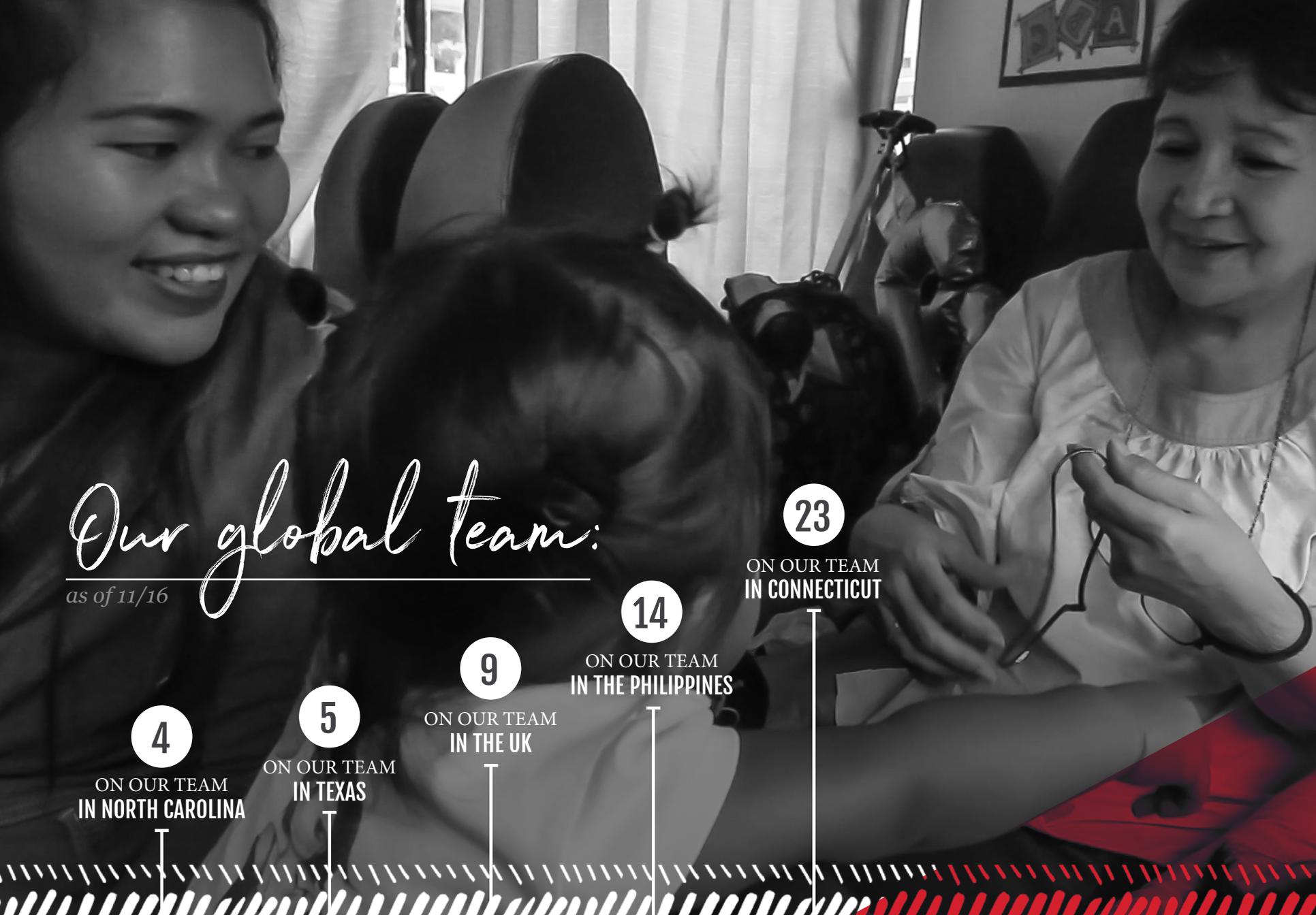
REVENUE STREAMS



INSIGHTS ON OUR RECENT REVENUE TRENDS

As our revenue has remained steady over the past three years, this report shows how our impact on the lives of children has deepened and grown more efficient. We've also matured by diversifying our revenue sources. Our programs' strategies are moving in a more sustainable direction, and over the next year our

non-donative income will grow significantly. Our Prevention Education curriculum has begun receiving funding from licensing and certification fees. Our Survivor Care services are moving into further partnership with federal and state initiatives. Our focus on innovation and financial health and systems of accountability has allowed us to plan for this future growth.



Our global team:

as of 11/16

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ON OUR TEAM
IN NORTH CAROLINA

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ON OUR TEAM
IN TEXAS

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ON OUR TEAM
IN THE UK

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ON OUR TEAM
IN THE PHILIPPINES

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ON OUR TEAM
IN CONNECTICUT

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“We are proud to announce Love146 has earned our fourth consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that [the] organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Love146 exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in [the] area of work. Only 9% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 4 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that

Love146 outperforms most other charities in America.

This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Love146 apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”



– **MICHAEL THATCHER**
PRESIDENT & CEO OF CHARITY NAVIGATOR

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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 2016 was considered in the top 9% of all charities rated by Charity Navigator.

*Names of children have been changed
throughout for their privacy and protection.
No children identifiable in this report
are known to be exploited.*