



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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**WE ARE ON  
A MISSION**  
to end sex trafficking  
and child exploitation  
while empowering  
survivors to reclaim  
their lives and thrive on  
their healing journey.







## DEAR FRIEND,

My journey in law enforcement began in 1993 with the U.S. Customs Service along the Southwest border of the United States, where I served in some of the most challenging environments in the country. I eventually led Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in San Diego and, later, the entire agency.

My career experiences revealed an unwavering truth I bring into my new role at Our Rescue—the most effective fight against human trafficking and exploitation are waged alongside nonprofits, advocates, and communities. My vision for Our Rescue in 2025 includes forging deeper partnerships with more nonprofit organizations. As I often say: 100 of us can do 100 small things, but if 100 of us come together to do one big thing, we can do more together.

While Our Rescue has always had a global focus, one of my top priorities as CEO is deepening our impact here at home. In the U.S., we want to support all 62 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces, which are coalitions made up of local, state, and federal entities. In 2025, we aim to provide technology, tools, training, and survivor care in places where officers and investigators are doing more with less.

In 2024, we made bold investments in technology and innovation that focus on the safety of our communities and protection of our children. Here's what our donor support made possible in 2024:

- Operations in 27 countries and all 50 U.S. states
- 195 rescue missions
- 1,052 survivors supported
- 1,969 arrests assisted
- 24 Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) K9s deployed

Last year, we also took a hard look inward reducing operational spend to prioritize our mission. Because we owe it to those we serve to remain lean, effective, and focused. I'm proud to report that 2024 was one of Our Rescue's most successful fundraising years on record, empowering our mission and amplifying our impact.

Looking ahead to 2025, we will continue to enhance ICAC support, invest deeper in U.S. communities, and work with our trusted partners to ensure every survivor knows they are not alone. Because when we fight together, Our Rescue lives up to its name. This work isn't ours alone. It belongs to all of us, as a shared responsibility and movement.

Since joining Our Rescue as CEO in 2025, I've found a new badge to proudly wear. It no longer says "special agent" but still carries a mission deeply connected to my career of service: protecting society's most vulnerable and pursuing justice.



**Derek Benner**

Chief Executive Officer

# 2024 AT A GLANCE

Our Rescue is deeply grateful for your contribution in the fight to end sex trafficking and child exploitation. Every milestone reflects the dedication of our team, partners, donors, and supporters worldwide. Together, we've made strides to protect the vulnerable, support survivors, and bring justice to predators and traffickers.

Our 2024 impact reflects the dedication of our boots-on-the-ground teams across all five regions, as well as the successes made possible through the digital forensics tools and ESD K9s Our Rescue has donated around the world. We are proud to support the tireless efforts of law enforcement and are committed to ensuring our numbers highlight both their extraordinary work and the powerful, tangible difference our donors make in the global fight against sex trafficking and child exploitation.

## IN 2024 WE SUPPORTED:

71

Survivor care homes

195

Field operations

123

Nongovernment organizations

EVEN A SMALL  
DONATION  
MAKES A  
BIG IMPACT.

“

Behind every number is a name. A child protected. A survivor finding healing. A trafficker brought to justice. These aren't just statistics—they're stories of rescue made possible by a commitment to the mission.”

- Sean Vassilaros, Board Chair

1,052

Survivors

1,969

Arrests

30+

Countries / Regions

35

ESD K9s trained

17

Trainings

228

Law enforcement agencies



**WE ARE NOT  
ALONE IN THIS  
FIGHT. THE  
FIGHT IS OURS.  
TOGETHER.**

# FIELD OPERATIONS

Our Rescue enhances and champions the efforts of domestic and international law enforcement agencies. We also help identify, intervene, and dismantle trafficking networks. These strategic collaborations prioritize the rescue and protection of survivors, aid in the prosecution of predators, and deliver justice while restoring hope.

## 228

**U.S. law enforcement  
agencies supported**

## 1,969

**Global arrests**

## 195

**International rescue  
missions**

# ASIA



## Operation Pakkapao

In Thailand, a woman was sexually exploiting two teenage girls at the karaoke bar she owned, according to police. After authorities contacted Our Rescue for assistance, we conducted field observations and reported findings to support the police investigation.

It was discovered that the bar owner was exploiting a 15-year-old girl through sex trafficking to make a profit, charging roughly \$68.44 to each customer. Police organized a rescue operation on the evening of Tuesday, May 7. Our Rescue was present to assist with the six-hour operation where authorities arrested the bar owner and rescued the 15-year-old and discovered another minor on scene. Officials say she too was exploited by the bar owner. Both are now receiving government care.



**EVERYTHING  
WE DO IS FOR  
THE ONE.**



**Through close partnerships with local law enforcement, we support operations from start to finish—continuing to walk with survivors long after rescue.”**

**- Alex Dalliston, Regional Director**

# LATIN AMERICA



## Operation Chameleon

On July 10, in partnership with teams from Our Rescue and U.S. law enforcement, Ecuadorian authorities successfully apprehended a well-known pediatrician on charges of both the production and distribution of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) to online sites around the world, including to the United States. The 63-year-old pediatrician, Pablo Aníbal I.P., had been under investigation since March of 2024, after police received a tip that he was creating CSAM of his patients, ranging in age from 8-12 years old.



**In Latin America, we’re partnering closely with law enforcement to help remove barriers that could let traffickers walk free.”**

**- Alberto De La Huerta, Regional Director**



## Operation Amazon

In the Amazon rainforest, a father and two uncles were sexually abusing six children. The Ecuadorian National Police requested assistance, and Our Rescue agreed to provide financial support along with Field Operations and Survivor Care personnel to help. The operation required many hours of intense travel. The teams traveled via cars, motorized canoe, and on foot through the rainforest. The children were found and were escorted out of harm under local authorities’ protection. Our Rescue provided Survivor Care to the survivors as well and continued to coordinate their care with in-country officials.



Field Operations





## Operation Monrovia

In Africa, a man lured two 14-year-old girls away from their homes and forced them into commercial sex work. The minors believed they would have jobs as maids but were forced to work at a bar and were sexually exploited instead, according to officials.

Our Rescue provided support to the local authorities working on the case. This key assistance helped them rescue both girls and arrest the man during Operation Monrovia. The survivors have now been reunited with their mothers, and the suspected predator is behind bars.



**We are working relentlessly to give hope where exploitation once thrived. Our collaboration with national police and government partners is driving lasting change.”**

**- Richard Morley, Regional Director**

## Operation Ghana

In November of 2024, Our Rescue collaborated with the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of the Ghana Police Service to rescue children that had been trafficked from Nigeria into Ghana and then forced into illicit cyber activities. Acting swiftly, the Ghana Police Service sought the support of Our Rescue to overcome resource constraints and execute the rescue mission. Nineteen survivors were rescued and the suspect responsible for their exploitation was arrested. The survivors—eight of whom were minors—received medical care supported by Our Rescue. In partnership with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) in Nigeria, Our Rescue helped coordinate the repatriation of 18 survivors to their home country.



## Operation Paturko

In Northern Spain, a criminal group forced 13 women into commercial sex work, keeping them available 24 hours a day. The victims endured threats, humiliation, poor living conditions, and severe restrictions on their movement. Our Rescue supported the Spanish National Police by donating technical equipment that helped advance the investigation. We were also present during coordinated operations across six locations, which led to the rescue of the women and the arrest of eight suspected traffickers. Authorities dismantled the syndicate and seized cash, illegal drugs, jewelry, and vehicles, while also ensuring support for the survivors.



**The strong relationships developed with our European partners are the foundation of combating human trafficking and child sexual exploitation across borders.”**

**- Jim Carson, Interim Regional Director**



## Operation Prior

In October, Our Rescue joined a multi-agency effort with the Spanish Policia Nacional (SNP), the Policía Nacional de Colombia, INTERPOL, and the Spanish Guardia Civil. Our Rescue was on the ground during the SNP-led operation in Spain, where multiple warrants were executed, resulting in the arrest of 18 traffickers and rescue of 18 survivors from sexual exploitation.

The traffickers recruited women from impoverished regions of Colombia, luring them with false promises of a better life. Upon arrival in Spain, their passports were taken, and they were sent to clubs where they were coerced into commercial sexual exploitation.

At the request of SNP and INTERPOL, Our Rescue provided logistical support and worked with a Spain-based NGO to assist survivors—offering emergency transportation, lodging, and other immediate needs.





## Operation Coast to Coast

In August, Our Rescue supported the coordinated efforts of law enforcement and aligned partners across the 12 U.S. states in an operation organized to assist survivors of human trafficking and arrest their traffickers. During the operation, 94 adults and 2 minors were contacted and offered needed survivor care services, and 39 suspected perpetrators were identified or detained during dozens of operations conducted by police nationwide.



**Our programs to equip police with ESD K9s and digital forensics tools are giving law enforcement the resources needed to combat sexual exploitation. We're honored to fill in gaps and support where we're needed most."**

**- Nate Davis, Vice President, North American Operations**

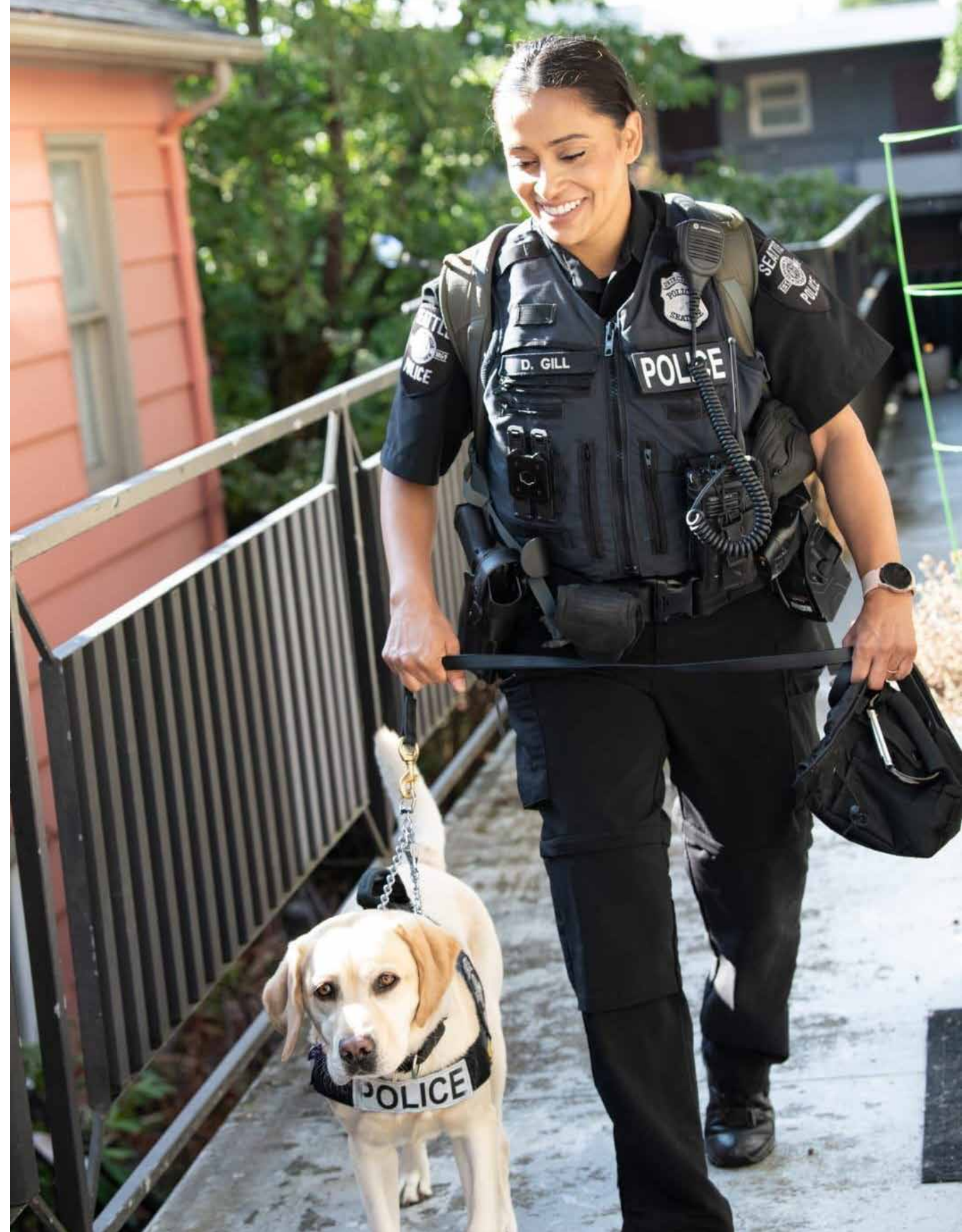


**THIS FIGHT IS  
EVERYWHERE.**

## Operation Home Alone

A reverend and 14 other men were arrested in Texas for using the internet to target minors for sexual purposes. Charges filed include online solicitation of a minor and soliciting prostitution of a person under 18 years of age. This three-day operation was led by the Collin County Sheriff's Office, with multiple agencies in the state stepping in to support.

Our Rescue provided resources to law enforcement. In addition to the arrests, investigators seized 13.9 grams of suspected methamphetamine, two firearms, and several electronic devices to be examined.





# DIGITAL FORENSICS

We support our global law enforcement partners by assessing their investigative and forensic needs, implementing advanced, technical training, providing case mentoring, and expanding their forensic capabilities with specialized computers and Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled forensic software to help in the fight against sex trafficking and child exploitation.

## 725

**Arrests assisted**

## 173

**Rescues assisted**

### Forensics Support

In Wisconsin, a minor was being sexually assaulted by her 20-year-old brother. The girl reported the assault to her school resource officer and the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office opened an investigation. Police utilized digital forensic software funded by Our Rescue to collect evidence from both the survivor's phone and the suspect's phone. An examination of the data showed text messages and photos that confirmed the minor's claims of sexual abuse. Her brother was arrested on sexual assault and incest charges, and the survivor was provided with services to assist with her healing.

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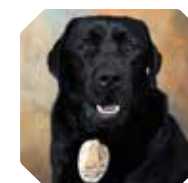
# ESD K9 PROGRAM

The Our Rescue Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) K9 Program supports law enforcement in locating hidden evidence of child exploitation. These specially trained “dog detectives” can detect electronic storage devices—like phones, USBs, and SD cards—often concealed by perpetrators to hide child sexual abuse material (CSAM). By deploying K9s alongside investigators during search warrants, Our Rescue enhances the precision and success of operations, ensuring more victims are protected and more offenders are prosecuted.



## K9 Welles Success

An Iowa man, Jeffrey Gray, was allegedly secretly recording dozens of minors at his home studio with cameras placed in smoke detectors and dressing rooms from approximately 2005 to 2016. Our Rescue-sponsored Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) K9 Welles located a hard drive containing child sexual abuse material (CSAM) during a police search of Gray’s home. Welles’ finding helped police to arrest and charge the 61-year-old man for producing and possessing CSAM. The FBI identified 15 individuals that were exploited by the photographer.



## K9 Jib Success

Nicholas Morgan-Derosier was in possession of more than 6,000 files of child sexual abuse material (CSAM), and authorities found chat history where he talked about sexually abusing multiple young family members. Jib, an ESD K9 funded by Our Rescue, helped law enforcement find a tablet during a secondary search at the man’s home. Authorities used it to find a password that broke the encryption to Morgan-Derosier’s phone, which led to the finding of CSAM and his arrest. On May 30, the man was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

# 24

Trained ESD K9s in 2024

# 1,568

Arrests

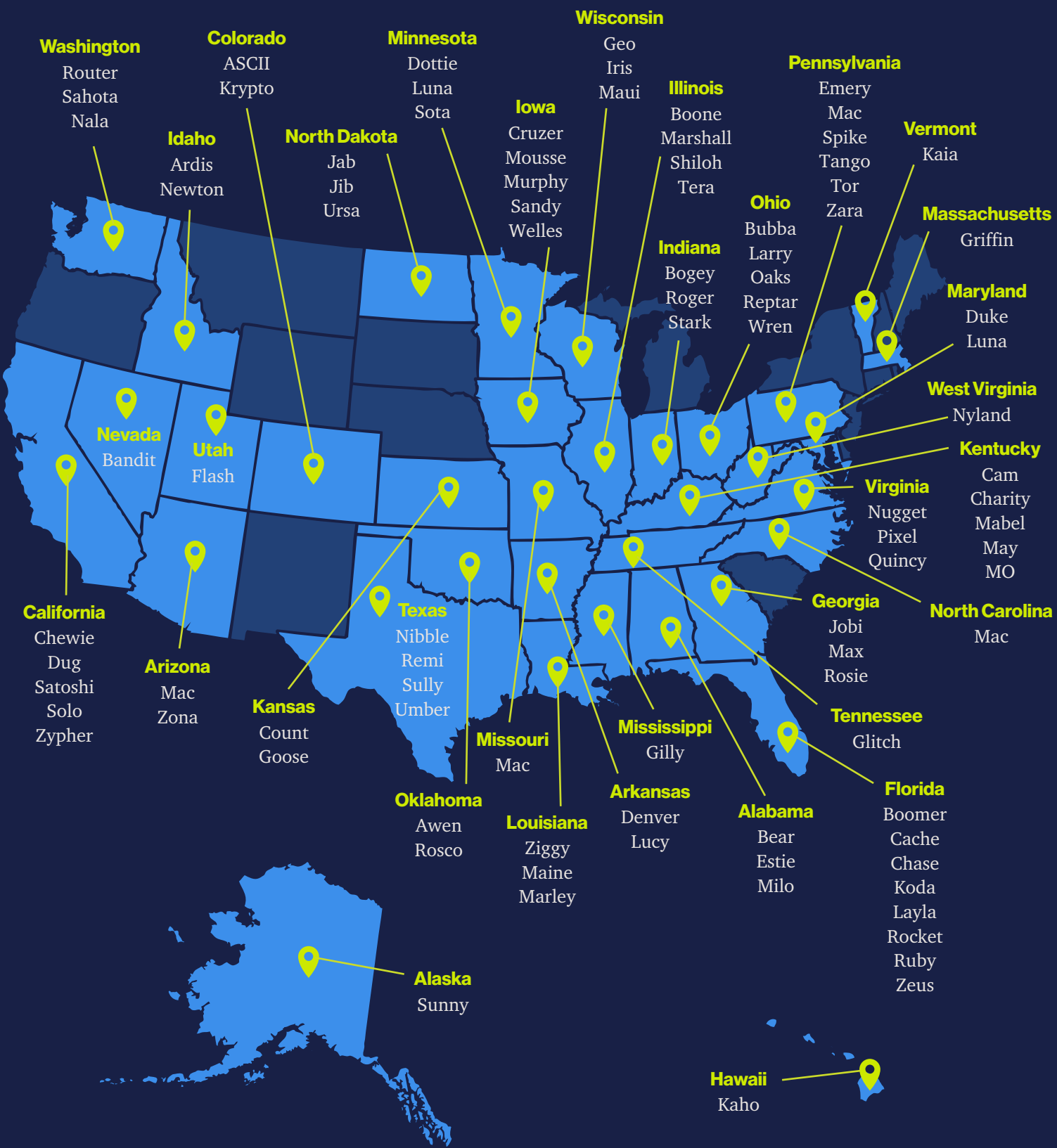
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Rescues

**WE USE  
EVERYTHING WE  
CAN TO AID IN  
THIS FIGHT.**



# ESD K9S DEPLOYED WORLDWIDE



“Everyday perpetrators are coming up with new ways to disguise their electronic storage devices to prevent law enforcement from locating them. ESD K9s has become a necessary tool for every ICAC Task Force throughout the United States. They take out the human element, the ability to look beyond the normal and search areas that investigators eyes cannot see.

- Chaz Balogh, Relationship Manager, North America Mission

**UNTIL EVERY  
CHILD IS SAFE.**

# SURVIVOR CARE

At Our Rescue, we take a survivor-centered, culturally sensitive, and trauma-informed approach to our work. We prioritize survivor's safety and protection through collaboration and holistic care. In 2024 alone, we supported: 1,052 Survivors, 71 Survivor Care Homes, 123 Non-Government Organizations

**1,052**  
Survivors

**71**  
Survivor Care Homes

**123**  
Non-Government  
Organizations



Ghana

Africa/Middle East

Our Rescue supported 100 survivors in 2024. We worked closely with government agencies for roughly 30 survivors to be placed in a partner shelter. Each partner shelter that had referrals from us received supplies for the care of the survivors. The supplies ranged from food (bags of rice, oil, sugar, groceries, and confectionaries).

This support was provided to five partner shelters namely: Amazing Shepherd, Power of Love, Ark Foundation, Kiku Shelter, Missionaries of Charity. These shelters would not have received any support from the referral agency, if Our Rescue was not involved. Further, we signed an MoU with the Department of Social Welfare to support two children with cerebral palsy who are residence in a center for disability named Happy Academy and Assessment Center. Through the MoU, Our Rescue has committed to support these children till the reach the age of majority. Through Our Rescue’s intervention, the police rescued the children from a home which subjected the children to child sexual abuse and produced child sexual abuse material (CSAM) of the children. The center receives funding from Our Rescue every quarter.



Jordan

Africa/Middle East

In 2024, Our Rescue continued its partnership with Jordan’s main government shelter for trafficking survivors, which now includes a section for female juvenile beggars. We hosted a vocational workshop for 15 female survivors—13 African, 1 Jordanian, and 1 Bangladeshi—and delivered specialized training to shelter staff on trauma-informed care and survivor support. The shelter’s clinic was also equipped with essential medical supplies, and a collaborative garden rehabilitation project was launched with the Ministry of Social Development to improve outdoor space for residents.

Beyond this shelter, Our Rescue supported Dar Al-Hanan—a center for female juveniles who have experienced sexual abuse, family disconnection, or homelessness—by providing medical equipment and kitchen appliances, with rehabilitation workshops underway. We also responded to a new shelter’s request for training on sexual exploitation linked to drug abuse and began coordinating rehabilitation programs for female inmates. In total, Our Rescue has supported 106 female survivors in Jordan this year—90% of whom are African—highlighting the need for culturally and linguistically sensitive care.

Malaysia

Asia

Our Rescue supported a local NGO shelter that has, for decades, assisted migrant workers, refugees, and survivors of exploitation. Through direct aid, legal support, policy advocacy, and community interventions, the shelter provides a safe haven for trafficked survivors and vulnerable individuals. It offers services such as legal case management, psychosocial support, skills training, and reintegration pathways. Our Rescue provided monthly support to purchase groceries and essential items for survivors i.e. toiletries. Through this support, a total of 81 survivors from several nationalities were directly impacted.

A local non-profit organization in Malaysia that provides shelter to survivors of human trafficking reached out to Our Rescue Malaysia for sponsorship of a skills training program for four survivors. The organization sought support in sponsoring an industrial oven so the women could bake and sell goods to earn an income. In response, Our Rescue Malaysia reached out to a local restaurant to sponsor the oven.

The shelter supervisor shared the following feedback:

“The donated oven had a transformative impact on the survivors. It provided them with the opportunity to learn baking from scratch, allowing them to assist the organization with sales while gaining valuable skills for self-sufficiency. In addition to empowering them to support themselves upon returning home, this initiative enabled the survivors to generate income during their time at the shelter.”



We feel more empowered and confident as we are part of purchasing the groceries, toiletries, and the preparation of the food”

- Malaysia, Shelter Resident

Thailand

Asia

The computer room project at Sri Surat Shelter is one of eight initiatives supporting government shelters. Previously, the shelter had limited and outdated computers, restricting survivors’ opportunities to practice and develop their skills. Our Rescue contributed a built-in desk, 10 computers, an air conditioner, and proper electrical wiring to improve the space.

At the shelter, survivors have completed the following three key courses:

- ✔ Designing Product Logos and Packaging
- ✔ Exploring Financial Tools
- ✔ Financial Literacy

These courses help survivors build essential computer skills, explore technology, and develop practical knowledge to support their reintegration with their families and future planning.



Indonesia

Asia

Our Rescue supported 42 survivors by providing shelter, accommodation, and transportation assistance. We also assisted survivors with getting access to both formal and non-formal education, ranging from elementary to senior high school, as well as various vocational training programs. Additionally, Our Rescue provided repatriation assistance—both internationally, to and from Indonesia, and domestically, from the national level to villages. Reintegration support included economic and social assistance, along with legal aid during their time at the shelter and after returning home.



**Our Rescue was the first organization that really believed something needed to be done. When no one else was listening, but they stepped up, believed me, and empowered us to move forward.”**

- Livia Olta (Founder of *Foundation of Hope*)

**EVERYONE  
DESERVES TO  
FEEL SAFE.**

Ecuador

Latin America

In September 2024, two artisanal jewelry-making workshops were held for teenage girls at a survivor care shelter in Quito, Ecuador. Led by an indigenous Saraguro artisan, the sessions taught 14 adolescents how to craft necklaces—each requiring skill, patience, and creativity. With just a \$3 investment in materials, the girls can now create necklaces to sell for \$15, providing them with a sustainable source of income and a valuable vocational skill.

To support the girls’ broader development, additional trainings were also provided, including workshops on personal finance, empowerment, and resume building—equipping them for a confident transition into adulthood.



Bulgaria

Europe

In October 2024, Our Rescue joined forces with Livia Otal, founder of Foundation for Hope, to launch a mobile education center in a Roma neighborhood in Bulgaria—one of the most vulnerable regions to child exploitation.

After receiving little support from other groups, Livia worked with Our Rescue to repurpose a bus into a traveling classroom. Staffed by Roma educators, the center creates a safe space for children to learn about personal safety, grooming, and abuse prevention. The program aims to reach over 560 children, offering not just knowledge, but also stability, empowerment, and hope in a region often overlooked by formal systems.

Unbound Now

United States

Our Rescue deepened its commitment to long-term survivor healing by partnering with Unbound Now, an organization known for its trauma-informed, survivor-led advocacy. A key element of this partnership was the sponsorship of Theo, a professionally trained facility dog who provides emotional support to survivors through every step of their journey—from crisis stabilization and counseling to courtroom testimony. Theo’s presence brings a sense of calm and reassurance to moments that might otherwise feel overwhelming. Through this partnership, more survivors in North Texas are receiving consistent, compassionate care that prioritizes their dignity, safety, and future.



**EMPOWERING  
SURVIVORS ON  
THEIR HEALING  
JOURNEY.**



# TRAINING & PREVENTION

In 2024, we placed a focus on training and prevention, working to stop exploitation before it starts. Our efforts are global, bringing prevention resources into homes, classrooms, organizations, communities, and the hands of law enforcement. Through our trauma-informed trainings, expert-led presentations, and culturally relevant materials, we empowered people at every level to recognize the signs of trafficking and take action to protect their communities, families, and themselves. By equipping individuals, families, organizations, institutions, and communities with the right knowledge, awareness, tools, and skills, we're creating a world where every person is safe from exploitation.

As we build our Training & Prevention efforts, Our Rescue is working with other anti-trafficking organizations to advance and reform laws, policies, and regulations that make it easier to support survivors and stop perpetrators.

## 47

Capacity building trainings

## 37

Prevention trainings

## 34,294

Total global trainees

THE FIRST STEP  
TO WINNING  
THIS FIGHT IS  
**PREVENTION.**

## Navajo Conference

After accepting an invitation to attend a Victim Advocates Meeting for the Navajo Nation in Southern Utah in July and receiving an extremely warm welcome, we were invited to present at a conference sponsored by the Utah Navajo Health System in October concerning sexual assault prevention on community-led strategies for preventing human trafficking and exploitation in tribal nations. We presented to the 311 individuals in attendance. This was a huge breakthrough to have gained the trust of these incredible people, enough to have been invited back. We strengthened many great relationships and have been invited to return in the spring of 2025.



**Lasting change starts with awareness. When community members, local leaders, caregivers, and professionals understand the signs of trafficking and how to intervene safely, individuals everywhere become safer.”**

- Allison Smith, Senior Director, Education



**Empowering communities through education is one of the most effective ways to prevent exploitation before it starts. Our goal is to equip partners with the tools they need to recognize vulnerabilities and respond with confidence.”**

- June Haskell, Director, Survivor Engagement

**EDUCATION  
IS THE BEST  
PREVENTION.**

## Wyoming Meth and Substance Abuse Conference

In October, we presented at the Wyoming Meth and Substance Abuse Conference in Casper, hosted by the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC). We facilitated a keynote and two breakout sessions on the intersection of human trafficking and drug endangered children for the 353 attendees. We built and strengthened relationships with organizations fighting to end sex trafficking and child exploitation. Our sessions were so well attended that people were sitting on the floor. Several invitations were extended for similar trainings in other counties and states.

## American Samoa

At the request of the Department of Homeland Security, we traveled to American Samoa in March to provide discipline-specific trainings on human trafficking and trauma-informed practices.

Over the course of a week, we trained 354 individuals across law enforcement, legal and government sectors, NGOs, education, social work, airlines, ports of entry, and the private sector. Trainings were presented in a discussion format to boost engagement and focused on best practices tied to American Samoa’s human trafficking laws.

As this was the first time the topic had been addressed on the island, we were welcomed with great excitement and urgency. Many strong relationships were built, and we were invited back to continue expanding the training to other industries.



**I appreciated that this course was very direct and to the point and did not waste time on “fillers.” By that I mean not simply trying to fill time, but actually giving very specific information. Great course! It should be taught in schools.”**

- Online Safety Training Participant



## Start Talking: Online Safety Training

In 2024, we launched Start Talking, an online safety training. In today’s digital world, children and teens are consistently online for learning, socializing, and entertainment. But with that connectivity comes real risks, including online grooming, sextortion, and sexual exploitation. Our training equips parents, caregivers, and educators with the tools and knowledge they need to navigate online spaces confidently and start meaningful conversations with the children in their care. Our goal is to empower families to take a proactive role in online safety, because regular conversations are one of the best ways to help keep kids safe.



**SCAN TO  
ACCESS  
THE START  
TALKING  
TRAINING**



# WE FIGHT, TOGETHER.

In 2024, Our Rescue made the exciting decision to transition our volunteer management system to a new platform called “VOMO.” This change aligns with our donation portal, offering a streamlined approach that enhances both our volunteer program and organizational efficiency. Since the transition, we’ve welcomed 12,730 new volunteers to the platform.

This year was filled with impactful events, awareness booths, and fundraising initiatives. We hosted approximately 110 events, with 90 of them being organized and coordinated by our dedicated volunteers.

Volunteers are the heart of Our Rescue, playing a crucial role in connecting with communities worldwide. Their passion, commitment, and tireless efforts make them an invaluable extension of our team. We are profoundly grateful for the dedication of every volunteer, as their contributions are key to the success and lasting impact of our mission.

# 12,730

Registered volunteers

# 110

Events hosted





# VOLUNTEERS

## Survivor Needs through Amazon Wishlist

Over 200 participants came together to donate more than 675 items, totaling over \$5,000 in supplies. Thanks to their generosity and hard work, 100 hygiene kits were thoughtfully assembled and prepared for distribution. This incredible effort not only provided essential resources to survivors in need, but also demonstrated the powerful impact that can happen when a community rallies together with compassion and a shared purpose. Their contributions will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.



## University of North Georgia's SAT Smash a Car Fundraiser

The first of its kind, this fundraiser raised over \$600 and got countless highschoolers involved in the fight.



## Colleyville Heritage High School Color Run

This was the 10th annual color run - the longest continuous fundraiser on behalf of Our Rescue.



## Students Against Trafficking



The Students Against Trafficking program saw strong engagement with 15 active clubs and 29 student leaders in fall 2024, raising \$2,127.70 to support the mission to end sex trafficking and child exploitation.

# 29

Total Student Leaders

## Sports Against Trafficking

The Sports Against Trafficking program hosted 9 impactful events in 2024, raising \$6,495 and bringing 201 new participants into the movement to combat sex trafficking and child exploitation through sports and community engagement.

# 201

Participants



## Our Store



The Our Rescue Store plays a vital role in raising funds to support the mission and empower survivors on their healing journey. It offers handcrafted items made by survivors and sourced through organizations that provide them vocational training, helping them build valuable skills for lasting independence.

# 200+

Survivor Made Items Listed



# FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS

At Our Rescue, we are entirely donor funded, and we don't take that lightly. Every gift, from small monthly contributions to major impact donations, is sacred. Each one reflects donor trust that we will steward resources wisely, pursue justice relentlessly, and protect the vulnerable with integrity and compassion. Time and time again, our most passionate advocates are our donors, who share the mission, stand for survivors, and make a lasting impact possible. We rally together to make this life-saving work possible.



**\$30.6M**

Total raised in 2024

**532,621**

Total donations made in 2024

**EVERY EFFORT,  
BIG OR SMALL,  
HELPS SUPPORT  
THE FIGHT.**

**68,648**

Total donors in 2024

“

As parents of two young children, the mission of Our Rescue is near and dear to our hearts. They are fighting to protect children, the most vulnerable among us, not just through rescue operations and follow-up care, but also by increasing public awareness about the heart-breaking issue of human trafficking and by providing needed resources for law enforcement to capture and prosecute these heinous criminals. We are thankful that there is an organization doing what they do, and we are proud to support them in this critically important work.”

- Aaron & Jennifer, Long-term Donors

**EVERY DONATED  
DOLLAR FIGHTS  
EVIL.**

**14,532**

First time donors

**34,366**

Current active recurring donors

**244**

Donors who made gifts of \$10k or more

# CORPORATE ALLIANCES

Our Rescue has begun a significant transformation of the Corporate Alliances program. Recognizing the crucial role these partnerships play in our mission, this initiative will establish a robust framework that drives sustainable revenue, amplifies Our Rescue’s message, and elevates our global impact. Grateful for the corporate donors of the past, we will continue to collaborate with like-minded organizations, harnessing their networks, resources, and shared values to create powerful partnerships.

745

New business donors

\$6.4M

In donations from corporations or businesses

Our Rescue welcomed hundreds of new corporate supporters to our team in 2024 including the following:



## Werner Enterprise

Based in Omaha, NE Werner Enterprises is a leading trucking company specializing in freight shipping and logistics management. Werner excels in ensuring goods are transported safely and efficiently. They are also dedicated to combatting human trafficking and made the decision to enlist Our Rescue to help train their associates on the signs of trafficking and how to respond to and prevent exploitation and save lives. In August, 2024 Our Rescue and our local law enforcement partner were invited to present to Werner employees and highlight the efforts of our ESD K9 program and other initiatives to fight trafficking. More recently, Our Rescue’s Education team conducted an onsite training session for all Werner employees. While taking a survivor centric approach, the training focused on specific signs of trafficking in the trucking industry to look for and how to respond. It also highlighted the importance of protecting youth and others from potential online exploitation. We look forward to further collaboration with Werner in 2025 and beyond and thank them for their valuable financial support.

## Airbnb

Established in 2007, Airbnb has grown to more than 5 million hosts who have welcomed more than 2 billion guest arrivals in almost every country across the globe. Every day, hosts offer unique stays and experiences that make it possible for guests to connect with communities in a more authentic way. In 2024, Airbnb approached Our Rescue to help them in their efforts to prevent sex tourism at their locations. Our Rescue’s expertise in working with law enforcement and supporting survivors around the world was critical to helping Airbnb with their proactive measures to help hosts and guests take steps on how to identify and respond to potential trafficking situations at their listing. We are grateful to Airbnb for supporting our mission to end trafficking and exploitation and recognize their efforts to combat this travesty in all its forms. We remain committed to working with organizations like Airbnb that are taking steps to make a real difference.

## Nexa Mortgage

NEXA Mortgage is an Arizona-based mortgage broker helping consumers buy or refinance homes. Their mission is to serve with honesty, integrity, and competence while delivering an exceptional customer experience. Brokers Care, NEXA’s non-profit foundation, is dedicated to uplifting families, children, and individuals in need. The team generously raised and donated \$35,000 to Our Rescue in support of our work rescuing exploited children and providing critical survivor care. We were honored to visit their team in Arizona and share more about our global and U.S. efforts to assist law enforcement and the survivor community. We’re deeply grateful to NEXA Mortgage and Brokers Care for supporting families in crisis and empowering our mission.



# 2024 GRANTS

In 2024, the generosity of our funding partners fueled Our Rescue’s relentless fight against human trafficking, securing \$490,362 in foundation funding to drive tangible impact. These funds have expanded critical programs, strengthened law enforcement partnerships, and advanced cutting-edge investigative tools, directly leading to arrests, rescues, and justice for survivors. With each grant, we are not only deepening our reach but also fortifying the infrastructure needed to dismantle exploitation at its core.

Among this year’s key grantmakers, the Foxwynd Foundation awarded a \$75,000 challenge grant to fund three Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) K9s. With \$36,000 already raised toward the match, once fully funded, this grant will support the placement of six ESD K9s. Two of these dogs, K9 Router and K9 Mabel, were deployed in November 2024 and have already assisted in uncovering critical evidence and leading to five arrests within their first two months of service.

The Higher Hope Foundation awarded \$25,000 to fund an ESD K9 in Colorado, marking an important expansion in forensic investigations. As an emerging philanthropic leader committed to supporting victims of violent crime and their families, their partnership underscores the increasing recognition of advanced investigative tools as essential in trafficking cases and reflects the deepening commitment of foundations to combating human trafficking.

Beyond receiving funding, Our Rescue also assisted fellow NGOs through the 2024 Our Rescue Challenge Grant. Recognizing that we cannot fight this battle alone, we launched this initiative to uplift fellow organizations and strengthen the anti-trafficking

ecosystem as a whole. By investing in organizations working in prevention, survivor care, and advocacy, we ensure that critical services reach more communities and that together, we have a greater impact.

- **Unbound Now**
- **Ranch Hands Rescue**
- **Crime Stoppers of Houston**
- **Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center**
- **Terebinth Refuge**
- **Home on the Range**
- **Call to Freedom**
- **31:8 Project**
- **Journey of Hope**
- **Bloom for Women**

Each of these organizations serves as a cornerstone in the fight against human trafficking, offering essential survivor services, trauma-informed care, and far-reaching public education and prevention initiatives. Our funding has already amplified outreach efforts, deepened collaboration with law enforcement, and expanded access to critical, life-changing resources for survivors.

## WALL OF HOPE



Ranch Hands Rescue receives award from Our Rescue



# RAISING AWARENESS

Awareness is the first step toward action. At Our Rescue, we create compelling campaigns, powerful storytelling, and shareable tools that shine a light on the realities of sex trafficking and child exploitation. Through survivor stories, law enforcement perspectives, and global issue education, we help communities understand both the crisis and the hope. From digital content to on-the-ground assets, our content and marketing efforts are designed to inform, inspire, and move people to stand with us, together in this fight.

## 16.7M

Video views

## 58M

Impressions

## 2.5M

Engagements

Raising Awareness



# CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

## ● MYTH VS TRUTH



To mark National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Our Rescue released Trafficking Myth vs. Truth, a compelling video that challenges widespread misconceptions about human trafficking. Supporters were encouraged to wear blue and share the video to spark important conversations and promote prevention through education.

## ● SEXTORTION AWARENESS

In response to the FBI's January 2024 warning on the global rise of financial sextortion, Our Rescue launched I luv u, an award-winning video created to raise awareness about this urgent issue. The film highlights the link between sextortion and youth suicide and equips families with tools to protect their children online and have potentially life-saving conversations. This short film won Best Short Film and Best Director at the Roman VIII Film Festival. It was nominated for Fan Favorite Film and it was an official selection at the Moonless International Film Festival.

If you or someone you know is at risk of self-harm, call or text 988 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, available 24/7.



## ● RISE UP 2024



Rise Up. Get Loud. 2024 was a nationwide movement to raise awareness and inspire action in the fight against human trafficking. A free concert in Utah and events at baseball stadiums in Texas and Minnesota drew thousands, while supporters across the country hosted their own events leading up to July 30. The campaign empowered communities to rise up, speak out, and educate others.

## ● HIDDEN AMONG US



Released on July 30, Hidden Among Us is a powerful short film that breaks down stereotypes of what a predator looks like. It reinforces the truth that traffickers can be anyone—regardless of gender, race, age, or background—and calls on communities to stay informed and vigilant.

## ● GIVE THEM HOPE

During the 2024 holiday season, Our Rescue launched the Give Them Hope campaign, a powerful initiative spotlighting those most vulnerable to human trafficking. Through a series of four short films, the campaign brought attention to the heightened risks faced by LGBTQ+ youth, minority groups, individuals experiencing housing insecurity, and those trafficked by family members. By elevating these stories, the campaign aimed to raise awareness, build empathy, and drive action to protect those most at risk.



# OUR TEAM



**DEREK BENNER**

Chief Executive Officer

Derek is proud to serve as the CEO of Our Rescue. Formerly the Chief Mission officer, overseeing international and domestic Operations and Survivor Care teams, he brings expertise gained from a 30-year career in federal law enforcement that includes leading Homeland Security Investigations within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), an organization of more than 10,000 law enforcement personnel (7,000 special agents who are assigned to 30 Special Agent in Charge offices in major cities, over 182 other field offices throughout the U.S. and 68 overseas locations). Derek led the creation of the DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking, the first unified, inter-component coordination center for countering human trafficking. He also served as Managing Director, Federal Law Enforcement and Commercial at Thomson Reuters Special Service, LLC.



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Our Rescue is guided by a diverse and deeply committed Board of Directors—leaders in law enforcement, non-profit, healthcare, legal advocacy, technology, and global operations. This body provides strategic counsel and governance oversight, ensuring that our mission to end sex trafficking and child exploitation is pursued with integrity, accountability, and compassion. Their collective expertise strengthens our global impact and reinforces our unwavering commitment to survivor-centered care and justice.



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# YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE. **THANK YOU.**

This work is urgent. Every day, survivors wait to be found. Law enforcement agencies around the world ask for tools, training, and support. Children remain vulnerable—trapped in cycles of abuse, exploitation, and fear. But because of you, there is hope.

Your support equips our teams, empowers brave law enforcement partners, and restores dignity to those who have endured the unimaginable. The need is great—but so is our resolve. And with you beside us, we will not stop.

Don't let them wait. Together, We Fight.



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