

Our Mission

Our non-profit organization is dedicated to fighting for women and children who have been victims of the depraved injustice of sexual abuse, with a prevailing emphasis on the abolition of the domestic sex trafficking of minors. Through strong community alliances and public awareness education, we will strive to replace devastation with restoration, oppression with freedom, and despair with great hopefulness. For us, this means far more than assisting with the provision of fundamental needs, but rather equipping and empowering these individuals to build strong foundations for their futures by creating real and lasting change.

Our Vision

To profoundly impact public awareness and call to action on the prevalence and heinousness of the sex industry trade, and to ultimately put and abrupt end to it. To vindicate each individual from the atrocities they have experienced so that they may be described as victors, and not simply victims; who can press forward with great purpose and walk in the fullness of the love and joy they were created for.

Our Core Values

Above all, we consider it an absolute privilege to be able to positively contribute to the lives of others, and are guided by the following values and defining principles:

Isaiah 61:1-3

- Unconditional Commitment to the Cause
- Unprecedented Obligation to both Excellence and Integrity
- Utmost Respect for all Persons
- Dedication to the Development of Effective Mentoring Relationships and Life Skills Education
- Consistent Focus on Forging Strong Community Partnerships/Alliances



Help further our Mission to ignite Awareness, Education and Restoration



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Intern

Restoring Hope

Defending Innocence

Empowering Individuals

Redefining Refuge

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NEED HELP/FILE A REPORT
National Human Trafficking Hotline:
1 (888) 373-7888

What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children? (CSEC)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation is a term that covers all people younger than 18 years old whose sexual abuse is subject to a commercial transaction. Three categories of children who are commercially sexually exploited are described here. The term child includes both pre-pubescent and pubescent children.

- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of children includes the population of pre-pubescent children who are raped and whose abuse is then captured in a photograph or video and sold. This is called “child abuse imagery.” Children as young as infants are subject to this abuse.
- In 2017 the National Center on Missing Exploited Children received 10 million reports of a sexual offenses against children including apparent child sexual abuse images, online enticement, sex trafficking and child molestation.
- In addition to the sale of abusive images, pre-pubescent children are also sold for commercial sexual abuse, by family members, acquaintances or caretakers.

SOURCES:
www.missingkids.org/KeyFacts
www.ecpatusa.org/statistics

In collaboration with...



Our Services

Who We Serve:

- Youth who have been victimized by commercial sexual exploitation by means of human trafficking and those who are at high risk of commercial sexual exploitation.

What We Do:

- Prevention and Outreach
- Direct Care Services via Specialized Case Management and Wraparound Support
- Education and Training for School Personnel, PTA, Medical Professionals, Law Enforcement, and Social Service Providers. (Topics Available Upon Request)
- Legislative Advocacy

Comprehensive Care

- Development of Individualized, Holistic Services Plans to include Healthcare, Schooling, Academic Tutoring, Life Skills, Recreation, Spirituality, Job Training, Safety Planning, and Crisis Intervention.
- Comprehensive Treatment Plan development to include weekly Therapeutic Group, Individual, and Alternative Therapy sessions using Strength-based Therapeutic options for PTSD and Sexual Trauma
- Support during Court Hearings
- Family Finding, Mentor Matching, and Supervised Family Visitation

Hear From Our Girls

“I went to this place a while ago and it helped me so much. I found girls my age going through the same stuff and AMAZING women who will support you and stay by your side all the way. These women helped me realize how much I'm worth and no man can control me! I used to think all the time that what happened to me was all my fault, but it's not. I had a great relationship with these ladies and still do. I want to do something with kids who have been through what I've been through, but a lot of these programs I won't work for because they are not really helping the child. I'm thinking about finishing school and working with Redefining Refuge and be a support system and help these young girls out then continue with school. I know I've said it so many times before, but thank you for being here for me, I love you all.”

- G.C.

“Redefining Refuge is great from the activities on down to the great staff. When holidays come Redefining Refuge makes sure that the kids are doing activities. We learn life skills to prep us for becoming young ladies and women. Redefining Refuge makes sure that we have everything before leaving. Redefining Refuge is the best organization when it comes to changing young children's lives...”

- B.E.

“I appreciate Redefining Refuge not giving up on me.”

- O.P.

“Redefining Refuge is the best teacher I ever had.”

- B.V.

“I wanted to take the time out and say I am very thankful for you and them four months I was with you. You provided me with the best love and always stood by your word. you never let me down even once. This program is wonderful!”

-Z.B.