





Dear Valued Community Members, Patrons and Sponsors,

Although the discussion of Human Trafficking is in no way regarded as a comfortable topic in any given setting, especially as it pertains to our children; the formerly apathetic response and failure to address Child Sex Trafficking that takes place domestically became the catalyst for me to tackle what has evolved into a modern version of slavery head-on. With research estimating that up to 300,000 American children were at risk each year to be trafficked within the borders of the United States alone, an urgent and local need to develop advocacy on behalf of children without a voice presented itself.

The launch of the foundation, Redefining Refuge in 2010, has since sparked a contagious willingness from participants around the world who share our same resolve in confronting and ultimately preventing Human Trafficking. Our goal of opening a local Safe House for sex trafficked youth was realized in 2012 and was the first and only licensed home of its kind in the Tampa Bay area that provided a therapeutic safe haven for girls rescued from this depravity. In 2015, we expanded our Program by implementing an intensive and specialized Case Management Model that truly revolutionized the impact we were having on the lives of these children; so much so that we made this our primary means of service delivery. Today we have the honor and privilege of serving both boys and girls across multiple systems of care that include Community, Dependency, Diversion and Juvenile Delinquency.

Since its inception, Redefining Refuge has been featured on ABC Action News, Positively Tampa Bay, Fox News 13 and a WEDU Documentary highlighting the organization's advocacy efforts as well as the prevalence of Sex Trafficking in Tampa Bay (www.wedu.org/humantrafficking). For our overall work in this sector, we were nominated as a finalist for the WEDU BeMore Awards in the category of BeMore Entrepreneurial and were awarded The Lightning Community Hero by the Tampa Bay Lightning Foundation, and the Spirit of Humanity Award by the DeBartolo Family Foundation. We have since been invited to the State's Capitol to present both the challenges and successes of providing Safe Housing to Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking to The Florida House of Representatives Healthy Families Subcommittee as well as the Florida Stands Against Human Trafficking Legislative Caucus; and were featured as a trusted Resource Provider during the respective 2013 and 2015 Statewide Human Trafficking Summit's at the University of South Florida. More recently Redefining Refuge was invited to Washington, DC to represent the State of Florida during the Shared Hope International JuST Response Congressional Briefing: Mapping State Responses to Sex Trafficked Youth

While we are exceedingly thankful for the opportunity to provide real and lasting change for these children by means of our Specialized Case Management Program, Education, Training and Legislative input; none of this would be possible without the philanthropic support of people like you! In the ensuing pages, we invite you to get to know Redefining Refuge and look forward to partnering with you to 'Be the Beginning of an End' to an unimaginable injustice that is sadly affecting the children in our very city!

"I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the torment



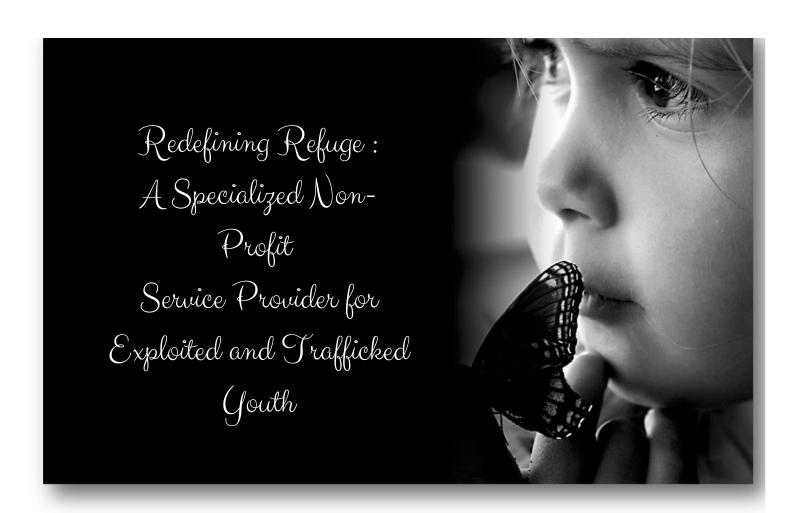
Sincerely,

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Natasha Nascimento Founding CEO Redefining Refuge, Inc.









#### Restoring Hope

We provide many
fundamental needs in a
safe, loving and
nurturing
environment; as well
as medical and
therapeutic care
options to children
who have been
impacted by Human
Trafficking.



## **Empowering Individuals**

Through strong community alliances, we proudly provide educational and tutoring assistance, life skills management and youth empowerment groups



## Defending Innocence

We actively engage in community awareness, prevention, training and outreach events that educate the public about Human Trafficking



## WHAT IS CSEC?

Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC) 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 is Human Trafficking
- It 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 2014 the National Center on Missing Exploited Children received 1.1 million reports of a sexual offenses against children including apparent child sexual abuse images, online enticement, sex trafficking and child molestation. Source: www.missingkids.org/KeyFacts.
- In addition to the sale of abusive images, pre-pubescent children are also sold for commercial sexual abuse, by family members, acquaintances or caretakers
- The Florida Department of Children and Families counted nearly 1,900 reports of Human Trafficking statewide in 2016, a 54 percent increase from the previous year.
- According to the Polaris Project a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. that tracks the number of calls to the national trafficking hotline Florida had the third-highest number of reported cases in 2016, behind only California and Texas.



# SPECIALIZED CASE MANAGEMENT FOR CSE YOUTH

#### CLIENTS TO BE SERVED

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

#### DELIVERABLES

Redefining Refuge will serve as a resource and liaison to the Dependency/Diversion Case Management as well as CPI's for CSEC-Specific Services and will include the following deliverables:

- Comprehensive Care Plans
- Mental Health Services
- Telehealth and Teletherapy
- Treatment Planning
- Healthcare Appointments
- Facilitation of Non-Medical
- Services

- Educational Assistance
- Life Skills Management
- Youth Empowerment Groups
- Supervised Visitation \*
- Assistance with Transportation\*
- Consultation with Caregivers
- Court Hearing Assistance

{\*Varies Based on County}

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Provide training and consultation to Foster Care Parents who are
- interested in caring for CSE Youth
- Provide training and consultation to Community Based Care
- Agencies via DCF Certified Curriculum
- Provide training and consultation to Diversion Case Managers who
- encounter especially high-risk youth.



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#### **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....! 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.

"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 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 once. This Program is wonderful." - Z.B.

"We learn life skills to prep us for becoming young ladies and women. Redefining Refuge makes sure that we have everything before leaving. It is the best organization when it comes to changing young children's lives." – B.E.





## WHERE WE LEARN

For further safety precautions, the youth that we serve are unable to attend a traditional public school setting. As a result, we have an offsite location where we proudly provide a customized schooling plan that is academically appropriate. This is designed to meet their current level of education and provides a solid foundation from which to pursue higher education and/or career goals.

RESTORING HOPE



YOUTH RECEIVING ASSISTANCE VIA OUR **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** LIAISON AND SPECIALIZED CASE **MANAGEMENT SERVICES\*** 



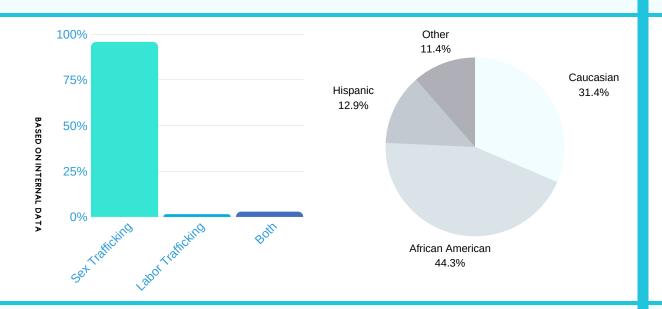
ADDITIONAL YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN WEEKLY SERVICES VIA **OUR OUTREACH AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS\*** 



1 IN 17 OF OUR CHILDREN SERVED ARE MALES

AVERAGE DAILY COST OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE CARE PER **CHILD** 

\$68.49



#### **OVER 17.000 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:**



CHILD PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATORS



CHILD WELFARE CASE MANAGERS



LAW ENFORCEMENT



**JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS** 



SCHOOL PERSONNEL



**ATTORNEYS** 



**PHYSICIANS** 



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

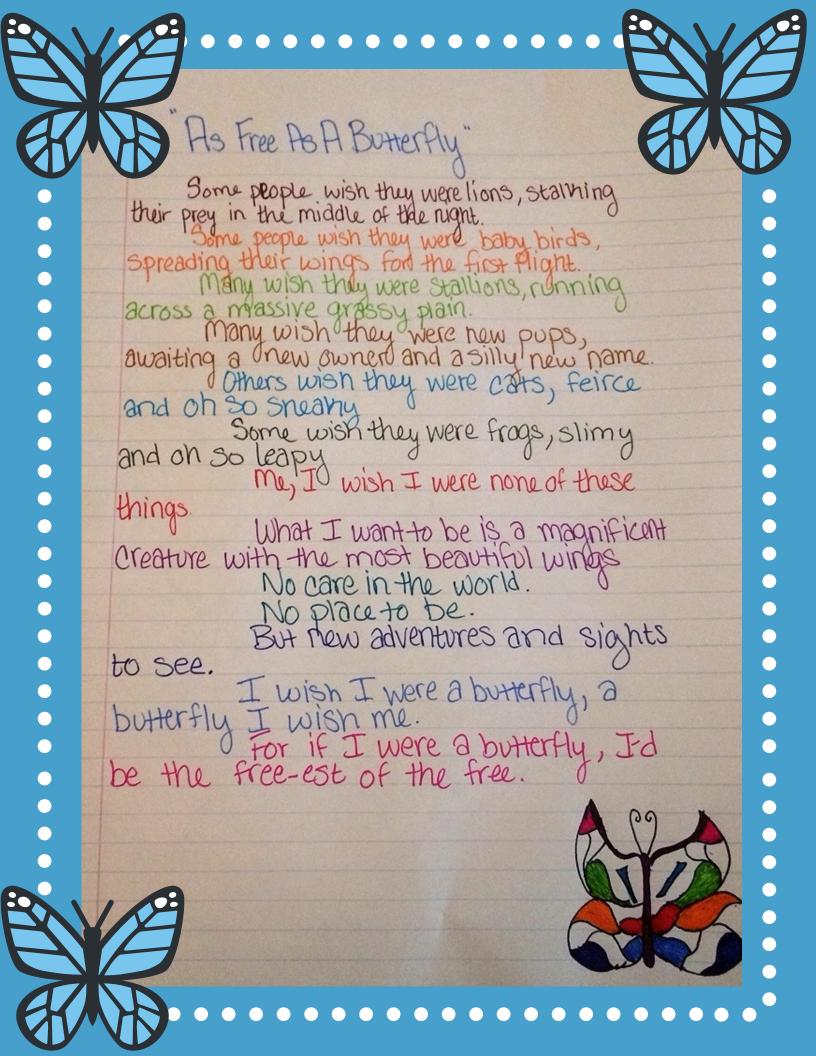
# YOUR IMPACT IS CHANGING LIVES



#### SPECIALIZED CASE MANAGEMENT

- COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT PLAN
- EVIDENCE BASED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIES
  - COMPLEX TRAUMA
  - SEXUAL TRAUMA
  - PTSD
- SCHOOLING
- ACADEMIC TUTORING
- LIFE SKILLS
- MEDICAL CARE
- MENTOR MATCHING
- COURT ADVOCACY
- TRANSPORTATION
- FOOD
- CLOTHING
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- TOILETRIES
- RECREATION
- ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES
  - EQUINE
  - ART
  - MUSIC
  - DANCE





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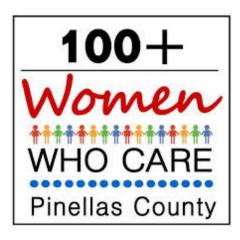
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