



PATH 2 FREEDOM

PATH2FREEDOM PROVIDES HOPE AND HEALING
FOR CHILD SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING
THROUGH SAFE HOUSING AND ONGOING
SUPPORT FOR THEIR LIFETIME





What Is Human Trafficking?

IT IS KNOWN AS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY AND INVOLVES THE USE OF FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION TO OBTAIN:

- **Commercial Sex Act**
- **Labor**



DO YOU KNOW?

Human Trafficking is a
world wide industry worth:

A. 184 BILLION

B. 236 BILLION

C. 150 BILLION



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* 173.2 billion from sexual exploitation



The Problem

- Human Trafficking is the **world's fastest growing crime**
 - 2nd only to drug trafficking as the most profitable international crime
- Each year, an estimated **27 million individuals** are exploited worldwide
 - **Florida ranks 3rd** in reported cases
- In 2025, **596 verified** Commercial Sexually Exploited Children cases
 - 308 of these were females (82%)
 - **Less than 34 available** Safe House beds in Florida
 - **Path2Freedom operates 10** of these beds along with 5 Transition Housing beds



What Is Being Done?

- Law Enforcement Agencies are targeting traffickers
 - In 2015, a handful of brothels were busted in Naples, Immokolee, and Bonita Springs.
 - In 2023, the SWFL Intercept Task Force arrested 25 people for trafficking
 - In 2025, Polk County Sheriff's Office arrests 255 suspects during a week-long sting operation called "Fool Around and Find Out"



Fact or Myth?

50% of victims are the
result of *kidnapping*



Fact or Myth?

MYTH



The Facts

- 1% *From Kidnapping*
- 50% Lured by a family member, caregiver
- 40% Via an intimate partner or marriage proposition



The Stats

- The perpetrator is frequently the:
Mother (64.5%)
Father (32.3%)
Another relative (3.2%)

How Else Does It Happen?

ONLINE/ SOCIAL MEDIA



Snapchat





MISSION

To provide hope and healing for child survivors of sex trafficking through safe housing and ongoing support for their lifetime.

VISION

Every child survivor of sex trafficking in Florida is safe, healed, empowered and free to dream again.

VALUES

Passion

Integrity

Commitment & Collaboration

Faith



Ana Stevenson, Founder & President

Jon Stevenson, Co-Founder & Executive Director

Ana Stevenson launched Path2Freedom and the Magnolia Model of care to provide hope and healing to rescued adolescent female sex trafficking survivors.

Founded in 2015, Ana's personal conviction grew after learning about the widespread exploitation of children through the Florida Gulf Coast sex trade.

*Every girl deserves a safe place to heal
and the freedom to dream again.*

The logo for PATH 2 FREEDOM features an orange stylized bird in flight, with its wings curved upwards and forwards. The text "PATH" is in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and "2 FREEDOM" is in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font, positioned below "PATH".

PATH 2 FREEDOM Magnolia Safe House & Aftercare

- Female survivors - come to us as verified Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) through Department of Children & Families (DCF)

Safe House –ages 10-17

- Evidence-based trauma informed therapeutic homes for survivors - Family-first philosophy, engages, equips, and empowers survivors to claim total freedom over the effects of trauma through personalized care plans, therapy & counseling, **education & tutoring**, equine therapy, & life-skills development.
- Survivors arrive with **significant educational gaps**, typically performing at a 4th– or 5th–grade level at age 15 due to trauma, instability, and missed schooling. Our education team conducts thorough academic assessments and develops individualized learning plans designed to close these gaps.

Aftercare –ages 18+

- Extends programs and services to Safe House graduates ensuring each young women is equipped to thrive; fostering stability & self-sufficiency.



The Journey Begins

A year of Healing, Growth & Empowerment

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Referral & Within 24 Hours

Referral comes via email from Florida Department of Children and Families; it is reviewed by the Programs team, and a response is sent to the agency.

Day 1-3

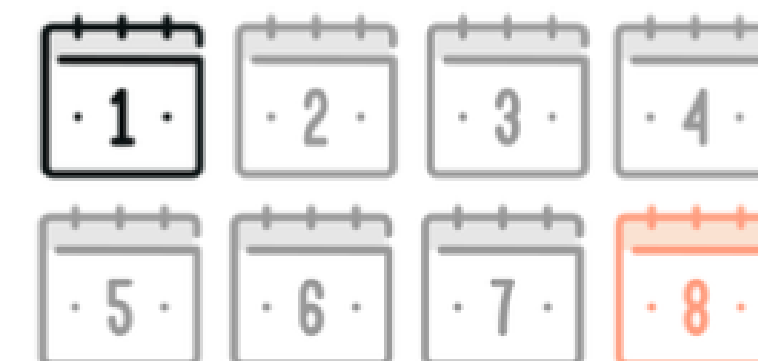
A meeting is scheduled to determine if the program is the right fit. Arrival includes a warm welcome, a basket filled with specially selected items, a house and property tour, and their favorite meal.

First Week

Time to rest, settle in, receive essentials. Staff begins building trust and assessing each girl's therapeutic and academic needs to guide individualized care.

1 Month

A customized service plan is created, girls begin trauma-informed therapy and school, medical appointments, and participate in on-site programs and activities - all designed to create stability and spark healing



3 Months

Girls are actively engaged in individual and group therapies, school, and hands-on opportunities for learning and personal growth. Each girl is matched with a life coach to offer long-term support, guidance, and a trusted relationship.

6 Months

Girls are engaged in school and making steady progress in therapy. For those preparing to return home, family therapy begins to strengthen the support system to which they will return. Some begin paid, on-site internships to build confidence, practice life skills, and explore future possibilities.

9 Months

Stepping further into independence, the girls may receive a phone, begin offsite volunteering, and complete a Human Trafficking awareness curriculum. Transition planning begins during this time - focusing on what's next and building the skills and mindset for long-term success.

1 Year

Girls may be working offsite and building independence, while others are beginning to plan their transition. All are looking ahead to a brighter, more self-sufficient future—ready to take the next step with confidence, support, and a renewed sense of self.

Beyond the first year

Aftercare Program all have access to Aftercare: life coaching, housing and education support, mentorship, and family support services.



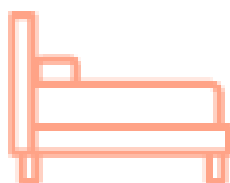
The Impact *2020-2026*



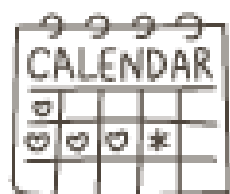
49 SURVIVORS SERVED IN THE SAFE HOUSE



14 SURVIVORS SERVED IN AFTERCARE



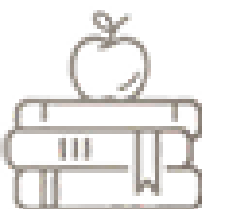
288 DAYS AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY OF ALL ENROLLMENTS



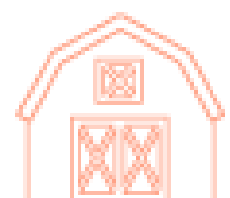
13 AVERAGE # OF REFERRALS PER MONTH



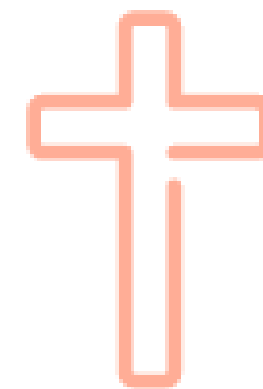
79% OF RESIDENTS REPORT IMPROVED SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING



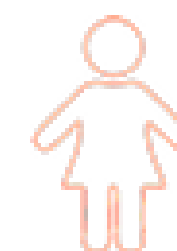
76% OF RESIDENTS SHOWED ACADEMIC PROGRESS



90% OF RESIDENTS SHOWED IMPROVED MOOD/ATTITUDE AFTER EQUINE SERVICES



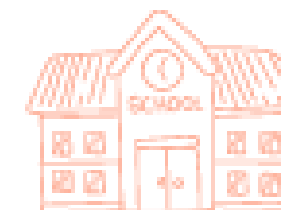
10 BAPTISMS



16 AVERAGE AGE OF SURVIVOR



11,195 NIGHTS OF SAFE HOUSE REST



32,785 HOURS OF EDUCATION



3,071 HOURS OF THERAPY SERVICES



7,367 HOURS OF EQUINE SERVICES



7 RESIDENTS HAVE EARNED THEIR DRIVER'S PERMIT



5 RESIDENTS HAVE EARNED THEIR MAGNOLIA SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA



Where are we headed?

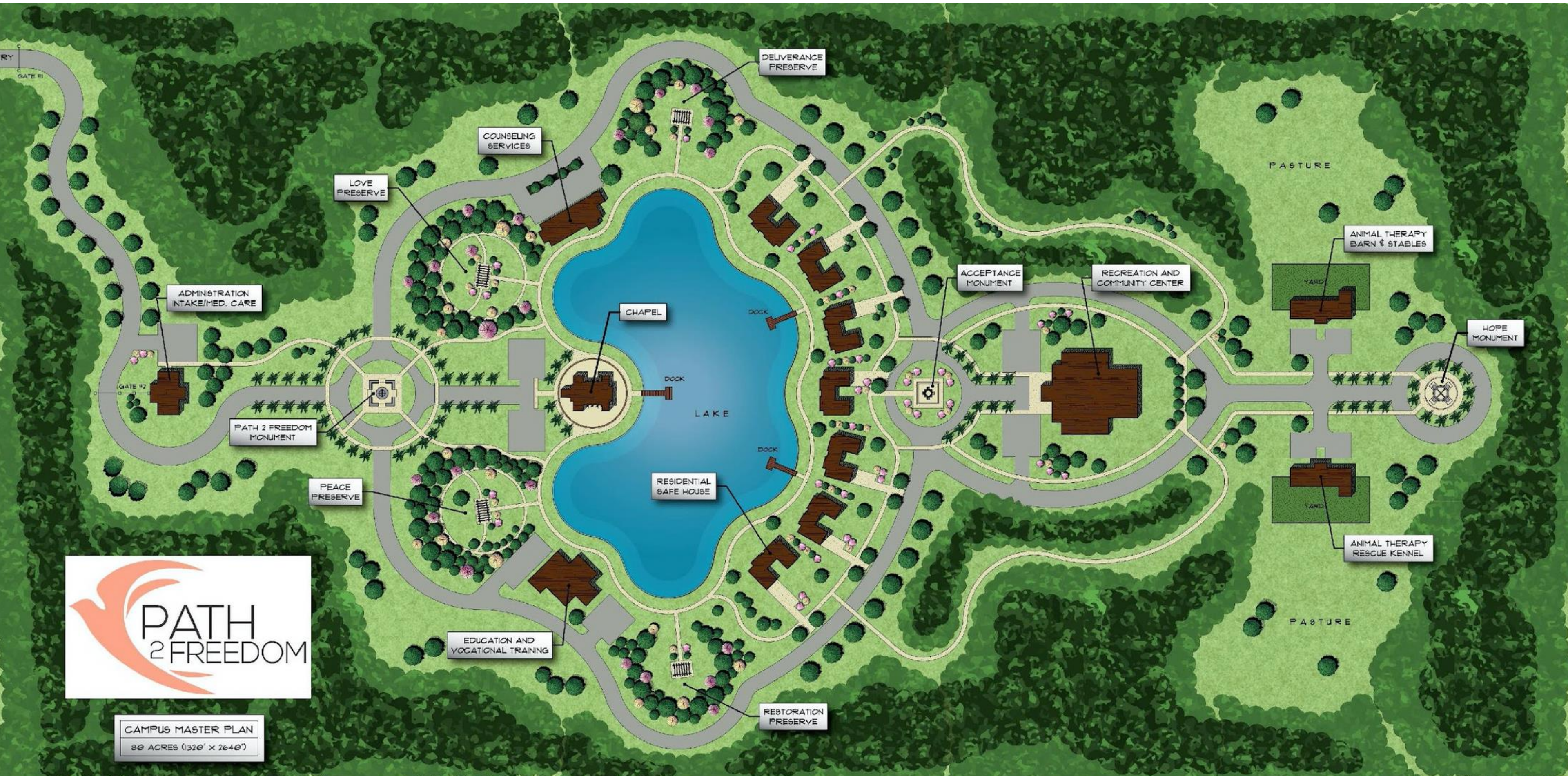
Path2Freedom is committed to expanding capacity and deepening its programs so that every child survivor in Florida can heal and thrive.

A portrait of a young woman with long, wavy red hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a white t-shirt under a light-colored zip-up hoodie. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting with warm lighting.

“I feel loved, safe, and comforted here.”

~Annie

OUR FUTURE CAMPUS



CAMPUS MASTER PLAN
80 ACRES (1320' X 2640')



How You Can Help

- **Volunteer-** offer your time and skills
 - Direct Services (work hands-on with survivors)
 - Indirect Services (outreach, supporting events, marketing)
 - * Direct Services require 21 hours online courses, BG check, fingerprints)*
- **Partner-** collaborate for greater impact
- **Prayer-** we can't do this important work without God's guiding hand





Q & A





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