



"Give Way to Freedom develops in-depth, long-term projects that build capacity and aim to create worldwide sustainable freedom."

— Courtney Schaad, Founder and President, Give Way to Freedom



OUR WORK IN THAILAND

Give Way to Freedom's continued support of Social Action for Women and partnership with Children on the Edge provides:

- ➡ 15 children with complete care: safe accommodation, education, counseling, food, therapeutic activities, rehabilitation and healthcare.
- ➡ Specialist advice and staff training in trauma counseling and emotional development, child protection training, and case management skills to all Children's Crisis Center and Green Hope House staff.

- ➡ A kitchen garden program that encourages self-sufficiency and is a wonderful outlet within which the women and children can work through their trauma in a positive, tangible way as well as create something of value to them and others.

"The CCC is my family. We live, work and study together. We do everything together. My favorite part of the living here is being able to study and learn. I like learning English the most. But I like playing soccer after school even more."

*— Pome Moiat Hlaing
12 yrs old | 4 yrs @ CCC*





“I receive this grant with joy and tears as it has come at the right time when we need it most. I have a girl in my office who has been rescued and had no where to go — so a staff person has been housing her, now she will! This is really Giving Way to freedom to such girls — unbelievable!!!”

— Monica Oguttu, Director,
Kisumu Educational Trust, Kenya



OUR WORK IN KENYA

In an effort to address the needs of abused, disadvantaged and trafficked girls in western Kenya, Give Way to Freedom partnered with Kisumu Medical Education Trust (KMET) to build Freedom House, a twenty-four hour secure shelter.

- ➔ The official opening was in November 2012.
- ➔ Freedom House accommodates six girls and provides them with respite, emotional support, food, clothes and medical care.

- ➔ Freedom House’s location is strategically positioned to enable the girls to have easy access to the health clinic.
- ➔ A social worker/counselor is available for both individual and group counseling.
- ➔ Most of the girls will be enrolled in KMET’s Sisterhood for Change on-site program where they receive life skills training, vocational training, counseling, and if needed, day care for their babies.

OUR WORK IN THE USA

University of Vermont College of Medicine Public Health Project

Give Way to Freedom is collaborating with the University of Vermont College of Medicine on a public health project: Identifying victims of Human Trafficking – Barriers to Access to Health Care for Vulnerable Populations. With the help of member organizations from the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth, this project is researching vulnerable Vermont youth's access to healthcare and potential barriers to their identification as victims of human trafficking.

Rapid Response Support System

Give Way to Freedom and The International Institute of New England have developed and are managing, with the collaboration of other key stakeholders, the Rapid Response Support System (RRSS), a robust crisis response project to aid potential victims during the initial 48 hours of an actual or suspected human trafficking discovery.

Training and Awareness Raising

Give Way to Freedom has partnered with several organizations, including Vermont Law School's South Royalton Legal Clinic and the International Institute of New England, to create and hold trainings on human trafficking tailored to a wide variety of audiences. So far, we have trained 275 professionals, including staff from Vermont 211, Vermont Department of Corrections and Parole, Department of Children and Families and Adult Protective Services. We also continue to offer an in-depth, specialized trauma informed care training.



Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force

Two representatives from Give Way to Freedom are appointed to the Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force -a group working towards advancing how the State handles cases and establishing a protocol for victims' services. Our members chair the Training Subcommittee and participate on both the Victim Services and Health/Mental Health Subcommittees. These subcommittees play a critical role in collecting data on the characteristics of human trafficking in Vermont and expanding the knowledge base of victim service & Medical providers, and law enforcement.

Funding the Development and Roll-out of an Anti-Trafficking Toolkit and Training for Health Care Professionals

Since 2010, Give Way to Freedom has been a major financial backer of the Human Trafficking Initiative at Massachusetts General Hospital's Division of Global Health & Human Rights, Department of Emergency Medicine (MGH) as it develops leading, best-evidence trainings for health care workers. So far, our continued support has lead to 1,250 health care workers, including 50 staff members from KMET in Kenya being trained; all the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. As part of their initiative, MGH is also developing a human trafficking manual for health care workers.

"Give Way to Freedom has been a valuable resource to the Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force. Their leadership, advocacy, training and collaboration skills have contributed greatly toward helping Vermont become more aware of the problem of human trafficking and move closer to a solution."

— Barbara Whitchurch, Chair, Vermont Human Trafficking Task Force, The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services



"Having Give Way to Freedom's support gives us courage to continue our fight and continue to build a strong and compassionate network to bear witness to the atrocity of human trafficking, support those who have survived it and endeavour to protect those at risk."

*— Helen Bamber, Co-founder,
The Helene Bamber Foundation*



OUR WORK IN THE UK

Give Way To Freedom provided a platform of funding that has enabled the Helen Bamber Foundation to develop and enhance its extensive services for clients. In addition, GWTF's President, Courtney Schaad, worked as a psychotherapist at HBF, in 2011 & 2012, providing one-on-one counseling for survivors.

- ➔ GWTF specifically helped with the costs of qualified interpreters, medico-legal reports critical to understanding long term clinical vulnerabilities of clients, a counter-trafficking coordinator, an emergency client relief fund, and costs to maintain the HBF facility itself.





MISSION STATEMENT

Give Way to Freedom supports and provides victim care services to the survivors of human trafficking; advocates for comprehensive care for survivors; and produces educational programs in an effort to increase awareness and understanding of human trafficking.

WHO WE ARE

Give Way to Freedom is a dynamic and practical organization that focuses on developing quality longstanding partnerships in order to maximize success for trafficking survivors.



DONATE

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