15-YEAR IMPACT



ONE LIFE

STORIES OF HOPE & INSPIRATION

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REBUILD TRUST. RESTORE HOPE. REDEFINE LOVE. *ONE LIFE AT A TIME.*



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

TIME TO LAUNCH



As we celebrate 15 years of unwavering dedication and impactful service, I am humbled and honored to share with you our Impact Report. This milestone not only marks a decade and a half of grassroots efforts but also underscores the profound difference we have made together in the Charlotte Metro Region and beyond.

When we embarked on this journey in 2009, our vision was clear: to create a safe haven for those vulnerable youth and to offer a beacon of hope where there was once only darkness.

Little did we know that the path ahead would be filled with challenges, triumphs, and stories of resilience and transformation. Our journey has been one of deep commitment, fueled by the passion of a dedicated team and the unwavering support of our community. From our humble beginnings, we've grown into a pillar of support, driven by a mission to fight against the scourge of trafficking and to empower those whose lives have been profoundly affected.

In this report, you will find a comprehensive look at our achievements over the past 15 years, highlighting not only the numbers and statistics but, more importantly, the human stories that define our work. Each statistic represents a life touched, a future changed, and a victory in our shared fight against trafficking. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our donors, volunteers, partners, and community members. Your belief in our mission and your generous contributions have been the foundation on which we've built our success. I'm deeply grateful for your commitment and the role each of you has played in helping us achieve these significant milestones.

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our resolve to continue our mission with renewed vigor and optimism. Our work is far from over, and there are many more lives to impact. We're excited about the next chapter and the opportunity to build on the solid foundation we have established together. Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Your support and dedication are not just appreciated; they are celebrated. Here's to the many years ahead and the continued progress we will make, hand in hand.

– with heartfelt gratitude and optimism, *Hannah Arrowood*

SURVIVOR POEM

NOT ALONE

My innocence stolen by the Game
Made me be grown in a fast time-frame
Playing with my dolls, I was just a child
Now forced to survive this so called lifestyle
I was twelve making plays to keep my pimp kind
Knowing that if I didn't I would be put in a bind
Night after night, snorting line after line
Tryin' to keep it all together knowing my heart's not fine
Play after play I've grown cold
Having nothing to call my own
Years fly by, still stuck in this game
Caught in endless daydreamin wonderin' if others
are living the same
Everything of mine was took by this crook
Preying on my youth he controlled my every move
He knew my vulnerabilities, knowing what I needed to hear
"Good job kid" made me cry real tears
Pulling on my heart, had me thinking unclear
Darkened my heart with many fears
Had one wish for my sweet sixteen
To be free from this life and forever be clean
My wish came true and I finally escaped the game
By loving people willing to give me their name
My life has changed, choosing the REAL LIFE
I know I'll never be the same.





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What your organization has done is truly incredible. It has set a standard and a benchmark that I hope and believe will be duplicated many times over as others use your example. Your organization is making a difference and saving lives.

Darrell Ange, NC Stop Human Trafficking



15 YEARS OF

MIRACLES

2024

Developed and launched 'The Illusion of Love' curriculum for grades 6-8.

2023

Developed and launched the 'A Child's Choice' curriculum for grades K-5.

2022

Expanded to an office location in Charlotte for Programming; making 3 physical offices for PAM.

2022

The Present Age office moves to the Cabarrus Dream Center.

2018

Opened Kenya Branch and completed our international copyright.

2016

Developed and launched the 'Discovering Your Value' learning system.

2015

Opened our first physical office space in Concord, NC.

2013

Served first victim of sex trafficking, who was recovered during an FBI operation and officially launched Present Age's Direct Service program.

2012

1st international partner established. Coordination of short-term mission trips began.

2011

Present Age received our 501(c)(3) status.

2010

Held first school event. Began to cultivate relationships with local school systems to forge the path for education.

2009

Held first board meeting. Five people gathered in faith and began to cultivate the vision of Present Age Ministries.

FROM SHADOWS TO *STRENGTH.*

I slammed my bedroom door and flopped onto my bed. Mom didn't understand. Grabbing my phone, I scrolled thru my latest nudes. I got some good ones last night. I'd send one to Mitchie. He always replied with a new nickname for me based on the photo.

"McKenna! I'm taking the car away tonight!" That squashed the smile tugging at my lips. I rolled my eyes. "Are you gonna drive me to practice?" Mom didn't say anything for a minute, then I heard her sigh outside my door. "OK, you can drive to practice, but Kenna, you have to stop."

I hit send on the photo. I couldn't stop. Every time I sent another one, my stomach clenched for a whole minute. But then I'd usually get a comment back and feel better. For a while.

Mom and Dad meant well. I had to laugh when they tried to bribe me. Yeah, I would have liked the giant gift card, but they didn't understand...it was only nudes. It's not like I was sleeping around.

I started this class today. They call it DYV and we actually talk about things that matter like friendship, parents, and boys. It's a lot about dating and what's not cool with guys. The group is all girls and we can just talk if we want. The leader chick is chill and she'll go there with us whatever we want to say or ask. I told them, "I feel kinda down this week, I'm probably gonna send another pic. At least if I send a pic, nobody will touch me." They listen.

Went to DYV class again. They ask us questions about real stuff that happens, and we say what we think as a group. But all that talk got me thinking about last year. So I told them what happened with that guy in the bathroom at school. After I said it, I kinda froze for a second cuz it hit me. Maybe that's affecting me. Maybe that's why I don't stop sending pics.

My leader hung out after class to talk. She told me it was trauma, what happened to me, and I could get help. She said it wasn't ok. How was I supposed to know any of that? She said it wasn't my fault. She even went with me to tell Mom. They got me into counseling and that was really good. It helped a lot. I guess I was sending the nudes to protect myself. I know it's messed up, but I never sent another nude after that. Mom and I can talk about stuff now. We set some boyfriend boundaries too, so I can feel safe when I'm with him.

- McKenna

760+

GIRLS & THEIR FAMILIES ARE SERVED ACROSS *17 COUNTIES.*



PAM PROGRAMS

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Raising community awareness around human trafficking is crucial as it empowers individuals to recognize, prevent, and combat this pervasive issue, ultimately fostering a more informed and proactive society in protecting vulnerable populations.

Industry-specific and relevant content is vital as it ensures that information is directly applicable and actionable, enhancing professionals' ability to address challenges, implement best practices, and stay competitive within their respective fields.

At Present Age, our Education & Training Program continues to raise awareness and educate on a hidden and sensitive topic through incorporating survivor-inspired stories, real-life applications, and uses the latest trends to provide a comprehensive and current understanding.

55,000+

Students educated across 6 school systems, and created 2 custom curriculum kits to be implemented in schools across the region.
Grades K-5: A Child's Choice
Grades 6-8: The Illusion of Love

60,000+

People educated through 600 education sessions conducted within the community.

600+

Educational events and trainings hosted by Present Age ranging from community awareness to customized training for law enforcement or social workers.

115,000+

People (adults and students) educated by the team at Present Age Ministries.



A TALE OF *TWO GIRLS.*

A rough neighborhood, in different times and places. One girl grew up with the odds against her. She lived in an area with little record of success. But social structures had been placed all around her and like a scaffolding, she leaned on them, climbed them, and relied on the community center, youth leaders, church, teachers, and other dependable adults in her life to stay off the street, stay out of trouble, and develop values to help her become the person God intended her to be.

The other girl came from a similar neighborhood, and by the age of 13, had experienced four abortions via her traffickers. Later, she ran away from home, dropped out of school, had a bad experience with DSS, and distanced herself from the social structures in her life that could have helped her. Years later, she was found at a gas station and joined PAM's For the One program.

She learned a lot about herself through practicing self-regulation training and counseling. She was eager to address the trauma in her past, understand herself, and move into a better life, but she couldn't figure out how. With the help of PAM, she enrolled in school and began to build a community. PAM provided and connected her with services, facilitated re-integration into her family, guided her through group activities, and helped her set goals for herself based on her newly understood values.

A defining moment occurred during a therapeutic horse-riding experience. A horse loaded with heavy bundles was led out in front of the girls. He could do nothing to lighten the load for himself. As a trainer approached, she removed some of the burdens, one at a time, and talked about how sometimes we need someone to come alongside us to help remove the load we are carrying. We need assistance to release some of the tough stuff. That visual changed her whole perspective. She said, "I don't have to carry this stuff by myself…I can let it go."

She has steadily progressed since that day. The dreams that used to torment her have stopped. She's in school and working toward her goals, socializing with friends and family, and advocating for herself. She was eager to get better but could not do it alone. PAM took her hand and assembled safe support structures in her life that empowered her, enabling her to take steps toward her goals and away from the trauma in her past.

Her new neighborhood is not perfect, but that first girl has helped her build safe structures around her life, restoring hope for reaching her full potential, just as God intended.

PAM PROGRAMS

DISCOVERING YOUR VALUE®

Discovering Your Value® (DYV) is a fun, interactive curriculum that provides early intervention to female adolescents between the ages of 12-18.

The Learning System incorporates social, visual, verbal, physical, and logical elements while participants work in a team and discuss complex issues. The DYV curriculum supports school-based objectives and goals, directly linking to competencies measured and evaluated with a pre-measuring and post-measuring tool.





260 *girls*

Enrolled in our Discovering Your Value learning curriculum, empowering them with skills to recognize their worth and foster confidence for future success.

6 *agencies*

Trained across 4 U.S. states and in Kenya to effectively implement our learning system and curriculum, enhancing their impact and outreach.

20 *facilitators*

Trained internally to implement our Discovering Your Value Program, expanding our reach and enhancing the overall experience for participants.

THE THOUGHT OF WORSHIPPING YOUR GOD *DISGUSTS ME.*

My story's wild. When I first met the PAM people, I told 'em straight up, "The thought of worshipping your God disgusts me."

I decided to try their services anyway. So they set me up with counseling and stuff. I told them about the voices and shadows that came to me at night, telling me to kill myself, to run away, and do more drugs.

Sometimes I did run away and the drugs were always waiting for me. But for some reason, I would always take the Bible PAM gave me – it felt like a security blanket. And then I'd go back, and the panic attacks got bad. But PAM stuck with me, they gave me space to deal with everything, but it felt like I was being torn apart inside.

Go figure, it was on Halloween when I realized I had to give myself to God and stop running from Him. I asked PAM to help me get baptized. They celebrated with me and we were dancing to worship music and they asked me, "Do you realize what you're doing?"

I laughed. "Yeah. I'm worshipping God." I'd never felt peace like that. Ever.
So I sort of really engaged with PAM at that point. Signed up for it all. And they gave me a bag full of stuff. Inside was a journal with cats all over it and some PJs with a huge cat on the shirt. I looked up.

"How'd you do that?" I was obsessed with cats. The lady told me the bags are packed once/year by volunteers and she'd just grabbed one at random. It kind of wigged me out, but I reached back into the bag and pulled out a t-shirt. When I held it up, something inside me cracked. It had Texas written across the front. I swore. Texas was my favorite place I'd ever lived.

The PAM lady got a goofy smile on her face and said, "We're in the middle of a miracle right now. We've never inventoried a shirt with Texas on it. They all come from a Christian book store, and they usually say stuff like HOPE or THANKS. I want you to know that there is a God who sees you and loves you."

That got my attention. Fast forward to today: my family moved back to Texas. I wore the shirt when I said goodbye to PAM, because just like the miracle t-shirt, God does miracles in people too. I'm the proof of that. Now I'm in school to become a substance-abuse counselor. God got me. And I think He changed the words on a t-shirt just to show me how much He loves me.

- Hannah



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Implementing A Child’s Choice has led to several students being seen by CAC for an assessment and mentioned A Child’s Choice, so it is helping identify victims, and I’m confident it will prevent possible future victims.

Cabarrus County School Administration

PAM PROGRAMS

DIRECT SERVICES

Our For The One® Program provides holistic, trauma-informed care to minors as they walk through utter darkness.

Our survivor support community-based program for minor victims of trafficking is essential in addressing the complexities and sensitive nature of their experiences, providing consistent and compassionate care tailored to their unique needs and fostering a safe environment for their recovery and empowerment.

We meet clients and their families in the valley of the shadow of death, and we allow the Light of the World to guide us to still waters. No journey looks the same. No situation the same. But we know the One who makes every crooked path straight – His name is Jesus!





500+ *girls*

Served in our For The One program, reaching 17 counties to provide essential resources and support. Including a one-time visit and financial support to relocate back to home or extensive support services for years; and everything in between.

2,675+ *sessions*

The heart of For the One consists of strong case management and advocacy for the child we serve. Our team coordinates and facilitates Home Visits, Child & Family Team Meetings, and Ongoing Case Evaluations with the team of professionals that surround and support the child.

2,500+ *support services*

Provided to cultivate healing and restoration. We do this through providing Medical Services, Assessments, Counseling, Tutoring, Transportation Assist, Relocation, Group/Life Skills, and more.

22 *babies*

Live's celebrated from clients who choose life. Our team was able to be in delivery room, provide support during early postpartum, throw baby showers, connect to resources such as parenting classes to ensure a strong start for our mama and her baby.

A BRAVE *NEW BEGINNING.*

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Lindy who grew up in a house wracked with addiction, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. The government placed her in foster care at age twelve, where she was also abused. She ran from that house and two hours later a trafficker approached her and forced her to work for him for six months, seeing 10-15 men/day. She worked for three more traffickers in succession, falling into a cycle of foster care, traffickers, and being found by police, who then redirected her back into foster care.

After all this, Lindy was referred to PAM while staying in the hospital as she awaited yet another foster placement. She ran away before PAM could meet with her the first time, and law enforcement told them the people she was mixed up with were so bad, the next time they heard her name it was likely she would be dead.

PAM staff prayed and fasted and Lindy was found – alive – in two days. At first, Lindy was reticent to trust PAM. She didn't believe anyone would follow through or show up for her again. But PAM visited her regularly, organizing services for her. Meanwhile, PAM learned that Lindy had stayed in a Christian safe house months earlier. When asked about it, Lindy let her guard down and looked up with hope in her eyes, "Do you think I could go back there?"

It was a bold question, but that place was the safest home she'd ever known. She'd come to expect disappointment from every adult in her life, so when PAM came through for her, she didn't know how to react. Soon after she was placed, she accepted Christ as her Savior and things went well for a while. But a few months later she disappeared for three months.

When Lindy was found by police again, PAM visited her in the hospital and met with a barrage of cussing amidst a nasty drug withdrawal. Weeks later, God gave Lindy a dream and revealed that she would be happier than she'd ever been in Oklahoma.

PAM staff began the process of searching for a foster placement for Lindy once again. Many weeks later, they found one option, and remarkably, it was in Oklahoma—a literal dream come true. Lindy moved there, was baptized, became involved at church, and would eventually testify against her trafficker.

The girl who the community viewed as a lost cause is now graduated from the program and remains in touch. While some gave her up for dead, Lindy dared to hope for a better life and that hope inspires PAM to hope on behalf of every single client they serve.

- Lindy



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Present Age offers consistent relationships to minor victims of sex trafficking as they navigate recovery. This is a critical aspect of helping a child regain their identity after destabilizing complex trauma.

We need to establish long-term support in our community for youth experiencing trafficking. This problem is growing as we ignore the number of minors in crisis. Present Age has helped shine a light on this problem and bring justice to those impacted by this horrific human rights violation.

Stacy Reynolds,
Atrium Health

10-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

GROWTH & *EXPANSION*

1

Create high-impact seminars, curriculum kits, and content to train on the sexual abuse, exploitation, and trafficking of teen girls.

"PAM's DYV curriculum and PAM's K-12 school prevention programming are ground-breaking and difference-making. Lives are being changed as a result of nearly every presentation, and I'm in awe of how God uses these materials to change the course of young girls' lives for good."

- Jenn Fromke, Board Member





2

Develop an awareness and outreach program geared to men. Where men can minister to men who are struggling with sexual addiction and stand against the demand for human trafficking.

"Unfortunately, men play a key role in the problem. They also play a key role in the solution. This is why PAM is committed to developing a program geared towards men—so that men become a part of the fight against the sexual abuse, exploitation, and trafficking of teen girls."

- Ben DeCelle, Board Member

3

Establish an intentional program for recruiting and inviting local and global leaders into the fight against trafficking. Strategically leverage skills to connect resources to needs within the counter-trafficking movement.

"Engaging leaders is crucial for mobilizing resources, leveraging business expertise, raising awareness, and fostering partnerships. Their involvement ensures sustainable impact by connecting resources to critical needs. This strategic approach maximizes efficiency and collaboration, enhancing prevention, intervention, and support for trafficking survivors."

- April Savage, Board Treasurer





4

Establish trauma-informed school model for victims of exploitation and trafficking, teacher to student ratios, understanding the impact of trauma on the brain, and unique learning styles.

"PAM has worked and is working to build and maintain curriculum that promotes trauma informed techniques and strategies for school systems with goals of preventing exploitation and trafficking, and teaching how trauma impacts the brain."

- Natalie Atwell, Board Member

5

Adopt-A-Girl Campaign–to connect our donors in an intimate way to the heart of our girls and to the work we do as an organization and as a community, locally and across the globe.

"Our girls and their stories move the heart of God, and what moves the heart of God should move our hearts into ACTION! This is what our Adopt-A-Girl campaign is about; connecting our monthly partners in an intimate way to the heart of the girls we serve and our mission."

-Judy Fair, Board Secretary





6

Establish a revenue-generating thrift store to offest revenue demands, as well as to provide a place for job skills for those served at Present Age, and be a connection point for volunteers.

"Restoration Market not only generates revenue to meet the demands of our mission but it serves as a hub for empowerment and community. By offering job skills training to trafficking survivors and ongoing volunteer opportunities, the store becomes a place where growth is fostered. Every purchase supports the transformational work of Present Age Ministries, directly impacting the lives of survivors and building pathways for independence and stability. Together we're building a sustainable and compassionate community where everyone can contribute."

- Madison Carter, Board Chair


ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION
w o n d e r
JOURNALLING BIBLE



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Present Age is a vital community partner that closely works with our Atrium Health Human Trafficking Advocacy Team. With the extremely limited resources for human trafficking, Present Age is the core resource helping child survivors of human trafficking.

Advocate,
Atrium Health

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

THE IMPACT OVER THE YEARS

Over the years, donor support has empowered our mission, driving sustainable change, fostering collaboration, and amplifying impact. Together, we've created lasting social impact through strategic programs and shared goals.

$ 6,126,371

Donors are essential in driving impact by trusting us with resources. Trust that enables the strategic fund allocation, effective programs, and sustainable change. When donors believe in our mission, it fosters collaboration and amplifies efforts toward shared goals, resulting in lasting social impact.



$ 851,049

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible impact of in-kind donations over the years! Each gift, big or small, has strengthened our mission and empowered those we serve. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey and for your unwavering support.



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Thank you for your generosity and unwavering belief in our mission—your support continues to make a profound difference in the lives we touch.

$ 290,398

Sowing seeds through replication is crucial for fostering sustainability. It enables us to share successful practices, amplifies impact across communities, encourages collaboration, and ensures that effective solutions evolve, addressing challenges and enhancing resilience in various contexts.



2,150 *donors*

We want to take a moment to honor our donors who have stood by us throughout this journey. Your support has been the backbone of our mission, enabling us to reach countless individuals in our community. Each contribution, whether large or small, one-time or monthly, has helped us transform lives and create lasting change.



A FAMILY'S BATTLE *TOWARDS HOPE.*

Rudy came to PAM at age eleven. She'd been molested by her cousins in another state. After moving to Charlotte, she was failing and acting out in school, with very sexualized behavior. She stayed up late watching porn every night and her relationship with Mom was fractured.

Throughout the PAM intake process, the mother and daughter faced each other, with the mother ranting about Rudy, how she didn't want to live with her anymore and she hated Rudy.

"Why can't you behave? You're such a slut." Rudy shut down and took the comments like punches while Mom dominated the conversation, not allowing Rudy to speak. Anger flamed behind her stoic expression.

PAM worked with Rudy for a year. She made some progress and began to open up, but her behavior had not begun to change. During that year, she was trafficked by two different people she connected with online. One resulted in a beating from her mother that left her covered in bruises too numerous to count. The other involved Rudy getting dumped by a trafficker in the middle of the city, alone and abused at twelve years old. As PAM continued to support Rudy and challenged her mom to change some things at home, Mom broke contact with PAM and cut Rudy off from the program. After months of effort and no contact, PAM connected with the mom to officially discharge Rudy from care, and offered to meet with her one on one while Rudy was in school.

That meeting changed everything. The mom needed to be heard, and when PAM offered her the help she'd needed for decades, she immediately responded, and she allowed Rudy to re-enter the program. Mom and daughter began separate, and consistent counseling. Though things ebbed and flowed for a while, Mom began to make progress in her own life, and this enabled Rudy to make progress in hers.

Now, Rudy is thriving, with plans for after high school graduation. Her relationship with her mom is such that both are offering grace to the other. Rudy's case worker said this, "We all have our stuff we need to work through, and Rudy's mom needed someone to see that in her." Helping Rudy's mom made all the difference for Rudy.

Present Age clients cannot begin the healing process until they reach a place of stability. Sometimes their whole environment needs to shift – including the parents' perspectives. Rudy's story is a great example of PAM's specialized care for minors. Sometimes the entire family needs attention. A child victim of trafficking faces many obstacles on the uphill climb toward healing. Our work proves that her family doesn't have to be one of them.





WORLDLY *IMPACT*

We have an ongoing international presence. Our international projects serve as a model to replicate what has been entrusted to us in the areas of prevention and intervention.

Our staff and partners have seen lives restored through culturally sensitive curricula such as Discovering Your Value and For The One. We celebrate the God who works miracles here, is the same God who works miracles across the world.









5 INTERNATIONALLY FOUNDED PROJECTS

South Africa – 2012-2015
Human Trafficking Education

Kenya – 2018-Present
Human Trafficking Education & Prevention

Nicaragua – 2016-Present
Prevention & Direct Services

Thailand – 2019-2023
Restoration Support Model Development

Bahamas – 2016
Outreach

18 INTERNATIONAL TRIPS HOSTED

Between 2013 and 2024. Providing 60 people with exposure to work and serve internationally.





WORLDLY IMPACT

DEVELOPMENT OF *PRESENT AGE KENYA*

"Present Age Kenya can influence not only a country, but a region. We are focused on expanding prevention programming to teach students to identify and protect themselves from exploitation and trafficking. We strategically cultivated relationships with schools, churches, and community groups to reach vulnerable populations and build a network. We partner with other NGOs to bring education about child marriage, gender based violence, female genital mutiliation, and replace unhealthy cultural practices with alternative rites of passage ceremonies. God is moving and paving a path, despite challenges and obstacles to overcome. We have big dreams and hopes as we look ahead to an even more impactful 2025 and the years to come."

- Kami Biastes, Program Director Kenya

EDUCATION & PREVENTION IMPACT

– 40+ community-based presentations conducted with over 3,500 children, teens, and families impacted.

– 10 DYV groups facilitated; 82 participants.

– Partnerships developed with 5 schools, 14 community-based partners, and 3 church partners.

LOOKING AHEAD

– Short-term mission teams annually to support programs in Kenya.

– Launching a market in Kenya to generate sustainable revenue.

– Implementation of PAM's early elementary curriculum: Child's Choice Content.

– Expansion of team and volunteers.





IMPACT PARTNERS

THANK YOU TO OUR LONG STANDING PARTNERS

15 YEARS OF DEDICATED PRAYER & SUPPORT



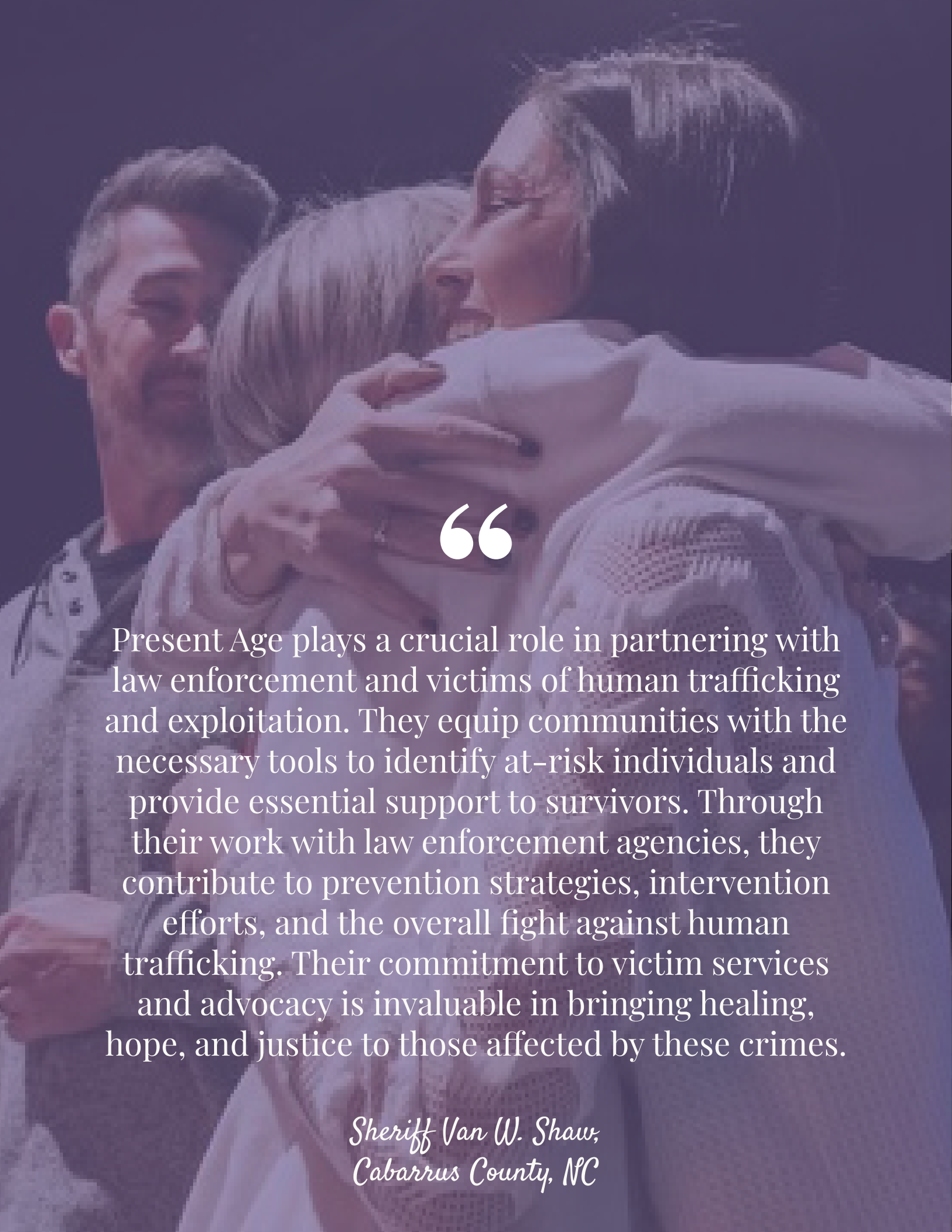












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Present Age plays a crucial role in partnering with law enforcement and victims of human trafficking and exploitation. They equip communities with the necessary tools to identify at-risk individuals and provide essential support to survivors. Through their work with law enforcement agencies, they contribute to prevention strategies, intervention efforts, and the overall fight against human trafficking. Their commitment to victim services and advocacy is invaluable in bringing healing, hope, and justice to those affected by these crimes.

Sheriff Van W. Shaw,
Cabarrus County, NC

We are deeply grateful to you, our incredible and impactful community, for embracing Present Age Ministries with warmth and unwavering generosity.

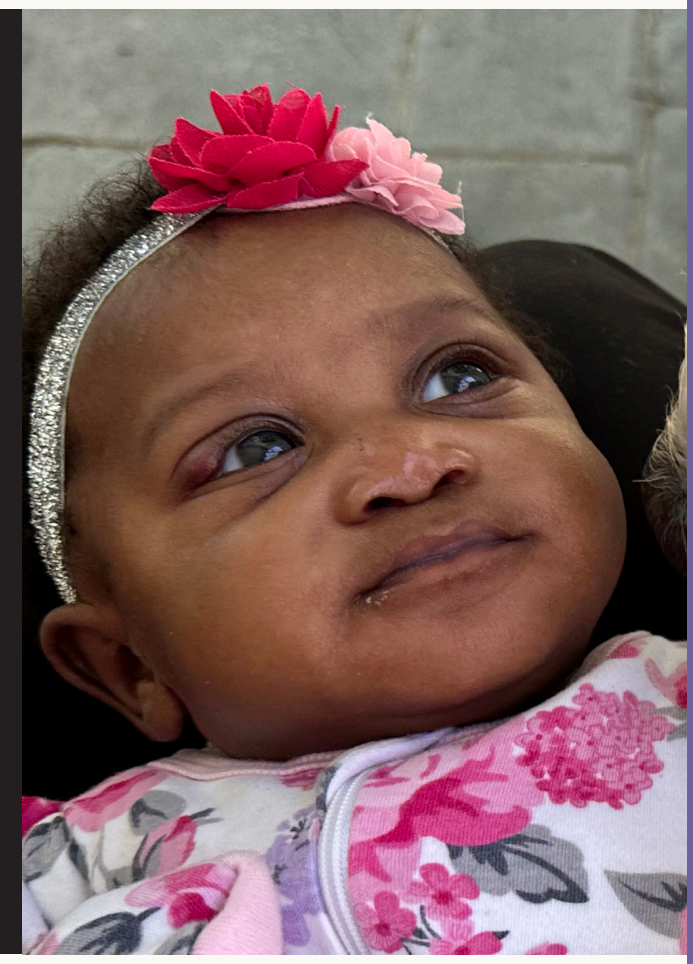
Your open doors and hearts have not only provided vital educational opportunities to raise awareness about trafficking, but your donations of items and resources have made a profound impact on the girls we support. The lives of hundreds of girls have been forever changed by your sacrifice. Thank you for standing with us in order to Rebuild Trust, Restore Hope, and Redefine Love!



Shalawn Avery-Glover,
Education & Training Director



Angie Lassiter,
Program Services Director



GENERATIONS OF IMPACT

Our team has the privilege of walking alongside minor victims of exploitation who discover they are pregnant and choose life for their baby. This is a profound journey marked by resilience, hope, and immense courage.

We offer unwavering support and compassion as they navigate their complex emotions and decisions. Sometimes this has included being in the delivery room, providing childcare for a much-needed break for mom, as well as throwing baby showers to supply basic needs.

By providing a safe and empowering environment, we can help them access the resources and care they need to make informed choices and build a future for themselves and their child. This path is not just about survival, but about reclaiming dignity and creating opportunities for a new beginning, free from the shadows of their past.

We are so grateful for our partnerships with resource pregnancy centers that help us in these times. We couldn't do it without a village of support.

We celebrate each precious life and pray for their God-ordained purpose to be fulfilled.



22 BABIES *& COUNTING*







LETTERS FROM THE MEN OF PAM

VOICES OF MEN & *THEIR AUTHORITY*





"I felt called to serve with Present Age Ministries because these young female victims needed someone to show them the love of Jesus.

They've experienced hurt and abuse from worldly men and Godly men were needed to step up on their behalf. I continued to serve because of the leadership was amazing and the ministry was effective.

Not only are girls being rescued from the horrors of trafficking, but they were also rescued from the bondage of sin!"

- Eric Pruitt, Board Chair 2009

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For the past 15 years, our family has been called and dedicated to serve teenage girls who have experienced horrific sexual abuse and/or human trafficking.

The trauma these victims have endured both physically and mentally is hard to describe. As a father of two daughters, I can testify that Godly fathers and families can help redefine what healthy male and family relationships look like for these girls!

Over the years, I have witnessed many testimonies of healing and freedom within the life of the girls at PAM just as a result of being present and available to help, give advice, or answer questions.

A community continually willing to get involved ensures each girl can rebuild trust, restore hope, and redefine love!

- Jeff Arrowood



SURVIVOR POEM

STREETS

Runnin' away, Feelin' pain
Wantin' to escape the game but sittin' in a room with chains
Being forced to make plays
Snortin' lines just to get by
Smokin' weed to feel at ease but still hurtin' inside
Streets is the name of the pain behind my eyes
Wantin' to escape the life that is mines
Feelin' scared, don't know what he has in mind
Little girl taken by a lie to sell her life day after day
Piece by piece her childhood was took
Left on these streets
With nothing to eat
Sleepin' on concrete with men between her feet
Bowing at their knees for a little piece of meat
Money stole my life, this isn't a dream
Feelin' mad inside I let those guys take what was mine
Forget these streets,
I'm a QUEEN in God's eyes!
no more sellin' for some lies



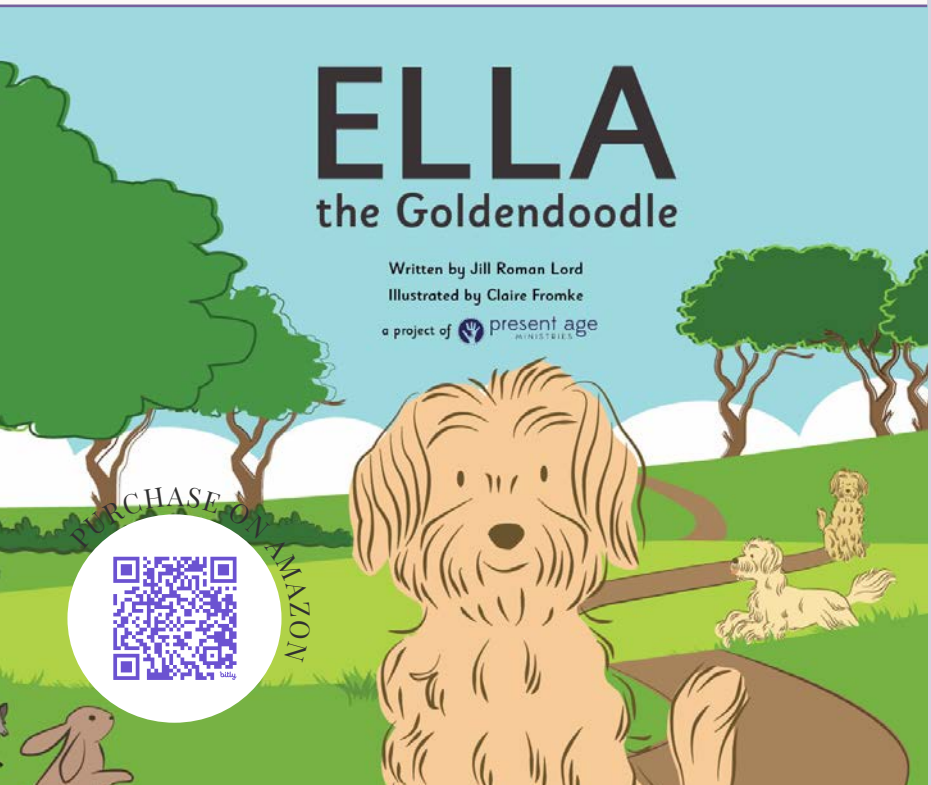
PAM PROGRAMS

A CHILD'S CHOICE

With the average age of victims that we serve sitting at 13 years old, we knew that we had to get ahead of that through elementary education.

A Child's Choice is an age-appropriate child abuse prevention curriculum for K-5th grade students. The content is interactive and builds upon the skills learned in previous years. The content includes stories, group and individual activities, and discussions that focus on teaching a child what boundaries are, how to establish them, and healthy responses when boundaries have been crossed.

Having Ella be the face of the curriculum is intentional and is a way to bridge the conversation and create safety and security. Whether in the classroom, camps, or out in the community – kids LOVE to see Ella, which provides an incredible opportunity to have conversations.





"Being a licensed therapy dog and working with minors, I've learned that sometimes, the softest paws and gentlest presence can provide the strongest comfort. It's an honor to offer silent, unwavering support that helps them find a little peace and a lot of hope."

- Love, Ella

"Before I found my home, I lived outside on a short wire leash, never touched or played with. I was scared, dirty, and alone. Then, my pawrents took me in. It was overwhelming. My first house, first bath, first good meal. It took me a long time to learn what it means to be part of a family, but I still get nervous, especially around new people and situations.

I don't like being touched or stared at, and I get anxious around strangers. When I'm scared, I might growl or bark to keep people away. That's why I wear a muzzle and vest—it keeps everyone safe and helps me feel calm.

Despite my rough start, I've found a way to turn my fear into healing. In serving PAM, I've become a symbol of hope and recovery. My journey from victim to healer shows how powerful support and understanding can be. I still have challenges, but each day I grow a little braver, proving that with patience and kindness, even the most wounded can find strength and transformation."

- Love, Roxie

ELLA & ROXIE

THE DOGS OF *PRESENT AGE*











After overcoming significant trauma in her own life, this resilient dog served at Present Age for years. Roxie's journey from victim to healer symbolizes hope, which offers a powerful testament to the transformation and strength found in support and understanding.


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WAYS TO GIVE

YOUR IMPACT

These methods help Present Age continue our efforts in preventing sex trafficking and supporting affected minors.

- ✓ Direct Donations: Contribute financially to support Present Age's operations, survivor services, and advocacy efforts.
- ✓ Monthly Giving: Set up a recurring donation to provide stable funding, and help us expand our programs more effectively.
- ✓ Corporate Sponsorships: If you own a business, consider sponsorship opportunities or partnerships. If you work for a company, ask your employer about employee donation match initiatives and corporate giving programs.
- ✓ In-Kind Donations: Provide goods such as clothes, hygiene products, and educational materials, or professional services like counseling or legal assistance.
- ✓ Volunteer: Offer your time and skills to support with various tasks, from admin work to direct support for survivors.
- ✓ Advocacy & Awareness: Use your platform to raise awareness about sex trafficking and our efforts. Share our mission on socials, organize events, or engage in community outreach.
- ✓ Educational Support: Host workshops on sex trafficking awareness and prevention through school, church, clubs, etc.
- ✓ Support Policy Initiatives: Get involved in advocacy efforts aimed at policy changes to combat and prevent sex trafficking.
- ✓ Prayer: This is a vital life-line for the work we do, staff, clients, and community partners. Included in our monthly Newsletter.
- ✓ Newsletter: Sign up to stay connected to all that is happening.

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SIGN UP FOR UPDATES



10 YEARS IN THE MAKING: *SHOP WITH US.*

Our mission is to operate a thrift store that not only provides restored goods to the community but also serves as a financial cornerstone for our nonprofit programs that restore lives.

The market for thrift stores is robust and driven by consumers seeking affordable options, the environmentally conscious individuals, and those wanting to support charitable causes. Additionally, the trend of sustainable and ethical shopping further amplifies the demand for thrift stores. By strategically locating our thrift store in an area with high foot traffic and engaging in targeted marketing campaigns, we aim to capture a significant share of this market.

@restoration.market / therestorationmarket.com

2014

Conversations and research about the opportunity for a thrift store as a revenue generating arm of ministry. The name Restoration Market was formed.

2015

As part of research efforts, different teams visited similar models (thrift stores connected to ministry).

2016

Initial donation collection in hopes of launching. Timing was not conducive, but the dream persisted.

2019

A PAM college intern was utilized to research the surrounding area for up-to-date information for market analysis and projections.

2020

Restoration Market was committed to the 10 -Year Strategic Plan by the PAM Board of Directors.

2023

Discussion around opportunities, locations, and planning resurfaced.

2024

Building located and secured, flood gates of support are provided, and the store is preparing to open.



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The healing pathway for trauma victims starts by providing a safe space and place for them to land. Present Age provides a “home” and a “haven” for young girls all by a simple and purposeful measure: creating an environment inundated with love, personal attention, careful details to therapeutic spaces and unrelenting labor that thunders a powerful message; “You are home, and You matter.”

Claudine Hamilton,
Licensed Mental Health Counselor
Hope Community Clinic (Partner)



THE CHURCH'S IMPACT

SHINING A *LIGHT* IN THE DARKNESS

"The church plays a crucial role in combating human trafficking. We're positioned to be a beacon of light amid darkness. As we embody Christ's love through action, advocacy, and community support, we are advancing the Kingdom of God, just like Jesus did. In serving those who have experienced this horrific abuse, we restore dignity and fulfill the call to love the marginalized. Yes, it's messy and complicated, but if not us, then who?"

– Hannah Arrowood

HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAN BE UNDERSTOOD THROUGH SEVERAL BIBLICAL THEMES:

Dignity of the Individual:
Genesis 1:27 emphasizes that all people are created in the image of God, underscoring their inherent worth and dignity.

Justice and Advocacy:
Micah 6:8 calls believers to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, highlighting the responsibility to protect the vulnerable.

Compassion for the Oppressed:
Proverbs 31:8-9 encourages speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves; advocating for the rights of the oppressed.

Freedom and Redemption:
In Galatians 5:1, Paul speaks of the freedom Christ brings, which can be extended to those trapped in bondage, reflecting the call to support liberation efforts; physical, emotional, and spiritual.

Community Responsibility:
The Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, illustrates the importance of caring for those in need, regardless of societal boundaries. These threads weave a compelling narrative that compels believers to actively fight against human trafficking and support those affected by it.



5 PRACTICAL WAYS FOR CHURCHES *TO RESPOND.*



1

Host Education Sessions for your church members and community. Talk about it, regularly.

2

Give financially to agencies that support victims and prevention efforts to reduce the impact of trauma.

3

Share about volunteer opportunities with partners to ensure laborers are ready for the work.

4

Stand for justice and righteousness: Teach on cultural issues that fuel trafficking (pornography, adultery, abuse, online access/technology, etc.).

5

Handle church discipline when needed. Abuse can happen within the church and must be dealt with according to scripture, not swept under the rug and avoided.



**Staff Not Pictured: Brianna Arrowood, Kami Biastes, Maggie Gachira*

As we conclude our 15-year impact report, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you—our donors, churches, partners, and volunteers. Your unwavering support and dedication have been the foundation of our incredible journey. Together, we have achieved remarkable results that have transformed lives and strengthened communities. Your generosity has provided vital resources and inspired hope and change. It's through your commitment that we have been able to reach our goals and dream bigger for the future.

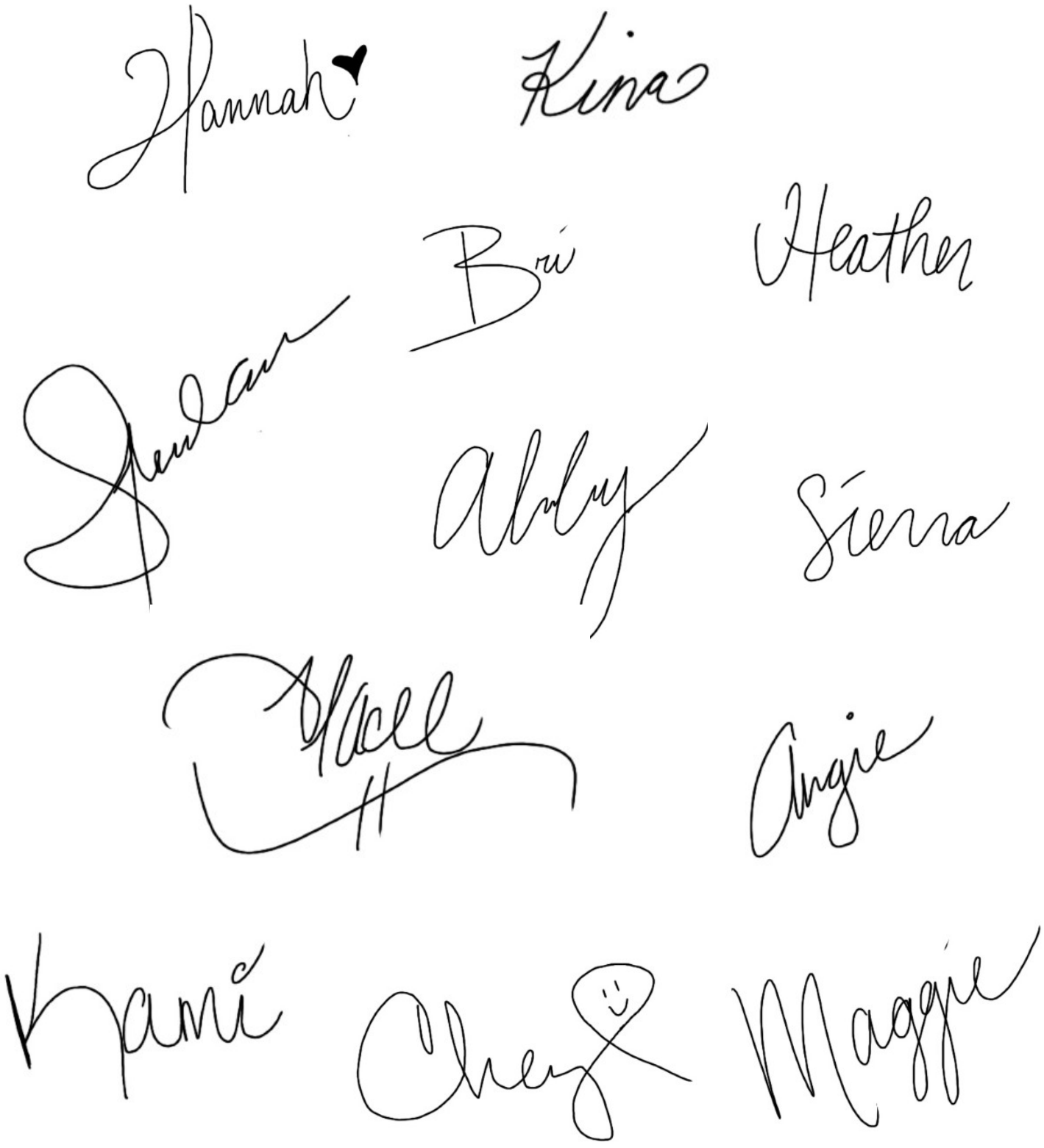
Thank you for believing in our mission and for standing alongside us every step of the way. We look forward to continuing this journey with you, united in purpose and passion. Together, we can accomplish even more in the years to come.

– With deepest gratitude, *Present Age Board & Staff*



**Board Not Pictured: Janet Maiburu and Joyce Kabaki*

FROM ALL OF US,
INCLUDING THE GIRLS,
THANK YOU.



F	R	E	E	D
Attend a Volunteer Training	Give a One-Time Donation	Tell a Friend About Present Age Ministries	Attend a Serve Day	Sponsor a Girl
Host a Donor Dinner	Become a Recurring Giver	Attend the Freedom Breakfast	Donate a Bag of Clothes to Restoration Market	Post About Present Age on Social Media and Tag Us
Connect us With Your Local Church	Connect us With Your Employer or Business	Host an Educational Event (Parent Night, HT 101)	Ask 3 Friends to Give a One-Time Gift to Present Age	PRAY!

Bring your completed FREED board to us at Restoration Market for a free t-shirt and 10% off your total order.

CELEBRATED *ACHIEVEMENTS*

Outstanding Citizen Award, Presented by US Attorney; 2023

This award celebrates those who go above and beyond in their efforts to uphold the values that strengthen our society. Hannah Arrowood's achievements reflect the highest standards of excellence and serve as an inspiring model for others to follow. This prestigious accolade, bestowed by the US Attorney, recognizes exceptional contributions to our community and unwavering commitment to justice service.

Non-Profit of the year by the Cabarrus Chamber; 2021

Each year, the Chamber presents awards in the categories, including Nonprofit of the Year. Present Age Ministries was honored with this award, being recognized by the community for the continued efforts and impact of programs.

Congressional Record Honoring Present Age & OUR Work; 2022

This distinct honor is a true testament to the significance and impact of our work. This prestigious acknowledgment celebrates our tireless efforts in combating human trafficking.

Selected by International House; Citizen Diplomacy Program

Hosted groups learning about Human Trafficking across the United States (Charlotte being one of the 5 cities visited) and Present Age was the service provider representative for the visit.

Representatives from South Korea, Russia, Canada, and across Africa came to learn about our efforts to combat trafficking through education as well as our services to minor victims of trafficking.

National Crime Victims' Rights Agency Award; 2023

This distinguished award recognizes the dedication and unwavering commitment to supporting and empowering the individuals affected by human trafficking. The impact of Present Age's work extends beyond immediate assistance. Their efforts contribute to a broader movement toward systemic change, ensuring that victims are treated with the respect and care they deserve. Their dedication exemplifies the essence of this award, championing the rights and needs of victims and working to build a safer, more equitable society.



Established Relationship; National Crime Research Center in Nairobi, Kenya

For ongoing work to understand and reduce crime in the nation. a safer, more equitable society.

Published Children's Book; Ella The Goldendoodle Goes to the Park.

Ella, a beloved figure in our child abuse prevention curriculum, takes center stage to help young readers learn about safety and boundaries in a way that is engaging and accessible. Her adventures open the door to important conversations about protection and empowerment. This book is a testament to our commitment to making learning interactive and impactful for children everywhere.

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