



BRIDGING *freedom*<sup>TM</sup>  
Restoring Stolen Childhoods

# A Foundational Platform For Success Is Established

FOUNDER'S PROGRESS REPORT



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The mission of Bridging Freedom is to combat domestic minor sex trafficking by bringing restoration to those who are rescued and prevention to those we reach with our message.

Bridging Freedom was conceived through prayer in 2010 “to do something” for God. Prayer and passion ignited first steps, and those steps produced success.

Your partnership helped support this God-given project in the development of a safe home community for young girls rescued from child-sex trafficking.

Your generous funds provided for:

- The development phase of the campus
- Progressive change in our State
- Awareness material and prevention tools
- Special events to educate the community about a problem targeting our vulnerable and unsuspecting children.
- Development of a safe home campus community to provide healing, hope, and purpose.

Your partnership funds have supported the goal of systemic change within the way children are holistically treated after surviving horrendous sex-slavery abuse.

Currently, most rescued children are placed back in their initial environment with few services to treat their trauma bonding and Stockholm Syndrome; therefore, victims often return to their abuser.

The successful strength-based program Bridging Freedom is replicating within our community will break her cycle of returning to the abuser by offering safety, trauma-informed therapy, health management, education, and life skills. We will help young girls recognize their potential, purpose, and dreams.

**Bridging Freedom has contributed to a systemic change in how rescued girls will receive care in the State of Florida.**

Your Awareness Support Has Helped Us Reach Over 400,000 people DIRECTLY



Over 30 community & legislative task force meetings advocating for systemic change in the State of FL.



Radio/TV documentaries, appearances, and interviews with over 300,000 viewers/listeners.



Spoke as expert panelist at conventions, rallies, forums, symposiums with over 10,000 attendees.



Over 40,000 website visits and 1,623 Facebook Followers with a reach of over 50,000.



Awareness provided to 6,000 people through direct meetings at churches, social clubs, corporations, and one-on-one meetings.



Indirectly we will reach MILLIONS as people share the awareness message.

Help share downloadable Prevention Materials found on our website's Resources Tab



# A Foundational Platform for Success Has Been Established

These key catalytic phases for success have been accomplished:

## 2015/16

- Secured legislative and community grants for site development and therapeutic program funding.
- Began site development on property.
- Developed community interest for the first 2-1/2 homes to be built.

## 2014

- Obtained land donation of nearly 100 acres.
- Continued partnering with corporations, community social clubs, churches, and individuals.
- Developed proposals for grant funding.

## 2013

- Developed processes to bring in seed funding and Freedom League Partners to grow operations.
- Developed key pro-bono partnerships.
- Educated the Governor's Cabinet and Agency Secretaries of the successful therapeutic campus model.
- Seed funding allowed full time development mid-2013

## 2012

- Developed the start-up 501c3, marketing tools, and board of directors to begin operations.
- Successful therapeutic program identified and 1-1/2 year mentorship was granted to bring the program to Florida.

## 2011

- Campaigned to bring awareness and change to the issue of child sex trafficking in the State of Florida.

## 2010

- A vision was cast into the community to build a safe and healing place for rescued girls.

# The following shows the stepwise strategic leveraging of Bridging Freedom's success.

**Because you cared** about the needs of our rescued children, you donated to make a difference.

**Because you donated**, you helped to:

Support operations and development to generate progress in building a healing campus and to transition a vision into reality.

**Because you supported operations:**

- A 501c3 was formed with a prestigious board of directors;
- Awareness was provided to the community;
- Prevention materials were created and provided to our families;
- A property donation was obtained;
- Community and legislative partnerships were formed for the advancement of solutions for our State.

**Because these partnerships were formed**, community support and grants were obtained.

**Because the community supported Bridging Freedom**, the State of Florida partnered to help with site development and direct care program funding.

**Because the State of Florida helped fund land development and program services**, Bridging Freedom is beginning to gain faith promises to build the homes. Two homes and three rooms in the third home thus far.

**Thanks to you, healing, hope and purpose will come.**



## Because you cared, you gave:

Year	Income
2013	\$70,595
2014	\$149,922
2015	\$240,176
Total Income	\$460,693

See detailed 990 Reports through Guide Star accessed at [www.bridgingfreedom.org](http://www.bridgingfreedom.org) home page, then click the icon.

The 2015 990 Report will be available September 2016.



Because you gave, your seed funds strengthened the development of Bridging Freedom's healing program goals.

Yearly Expenses	Prevention	Awareness	Development/Operations	Total
2013	\$4,752	\$10,761	\$25,839	\$41,352
2014	\$1,923	\$13,412	\$79,743	\$95,078
2015	\$4,387	\$17,654	\$159,693	\$181,734
Total Expenses	\$11,062	\$41,827	\$265,275	\$318,164

Because you gave, development of Bridging Freedom's healing program has **progressed tremendously**.

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Funds were leveraged to develop the program and gain grants:

2015/2016 Fiscal Year: \$ 1,000,000

2016/2017 Fiscal Year: \$ 1,200,000

2018 and beyond: \$ 1,200,000 Recurring

**\$460K produced  
\$2.9 million that includes  
\$1.2 million in  
recurring funds each year**





# Major Partnerships Have Produced Key Progress

## ~100 Acres Anonymous Donation Family Foundation



### Site Development Grant:

This project is funded under an Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families



Providing Networking Opportunities to:



Grant Proposals  
Championed by:  
Representative Jeanette Nuñez  
Senator Tom Lee  
Johnson and Blanton  
Jennifer Wilson, J.D., LL.M

## Project and Construction Management Partnership



## Architectural Partnership



# Financial, Pro-bono & Faith Promises Recap

With so little  
so much has  
been done!

Together, so much has been done.

With approximately **\$460,000 in community donations**, the strategic planning of Bridging Freedom, has produced:

- \$2,900,000 with \$1,200,000 recurring state grants for property site development and direct-care services
- \$500,000 value in a land donation
- \$150,000 in pro-bono project and construction management
- \$75,000 in pro-bono architectural work and reduced construction plans
- \$7,000 estimated in donated office space
- \$3,000 in office equipment
- \$15,000 in software database
- \$343,000 in Freedom League commitments
- \$861,000 in faith promises for the building of homes

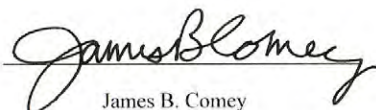
***We thank all of our Supporters!*** Together, we are building a successful program. See the Supporters page under the About tab on our website.



In a ceremony at FBI Headquarters on April 4, 2014, Director James B. Comey recognized the recipients of the 2013 Director's Community Leadership Award. These leaders have demonstrated outstanding contributions to their local communities through service.



U.S. Department of Justice  
**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
*In recognition of outstanding service to  
the local community and of enduring contributions  
to the advancement of justice, the*  
**Director's Community Leadership Award**  
*is presented to*  
**Laura Hamilton**  
**2013**

  
James B. Comey  
Director





Bridging Freedom presents Johnson & Blanton and Representative Jeanette Nuñez appreciation awards for their partnership and passion in providing healing and new hope for our children.



Governor Rick Scott with Bridging Freedom supporters at 2015 press release of four human trafficking bills ceremonially signed into law and announcement of funding for Bridging Freedom's project.







A team visits to see the vision becoming reality. Bridging Freedom is blessed with beautiful property to bring healing and renewed hope to young girls.

Site Development is underway with dedicated and passionate partners at DeBartolo Development, Arc3 Architecture, and Florida Design Consultants.

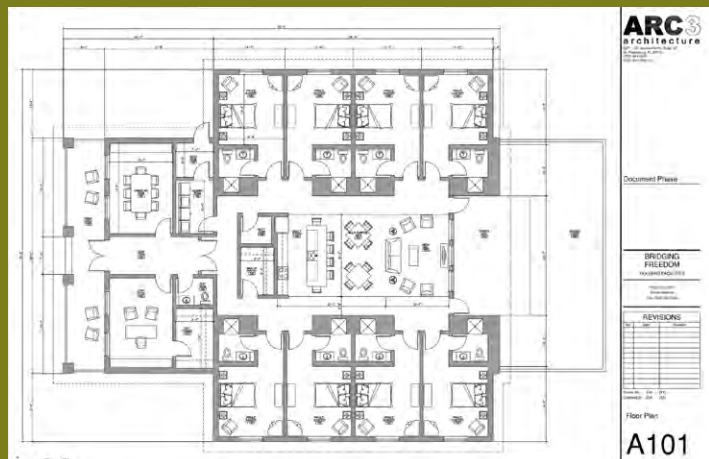




# Next Steps for Community Partnerships

With site development underway and therapeutic program funding obtained, Bridging Freedom needs your help to finish the project.

Introductions provided by you can help us network to organizations that may potentially partner to build the remaining structures.



Each home takes approximately \$450K; each room approximately \$37K.

Two corporations have reached out to begin talks of partnerships for the intake home of 4 bed/baths and one for the six larger 8 bed/baths homes.

This would allow us to begin serving 12 young girls toward the end of 2017!

Three organizations are in talks to each build a room within the third home.

Every house has a **counseling room** for private therapy and a **dedicated education room**.

Four and a half homes, a lodge, and a chapel are still needed to serve the many children being rescued.

**Kindly consider partnering today in memory or honor of someone special.**

We need your help to continue building the campus that will rebuild lives.

Please contact Laura: [Info@BridgingFreedom.org](mailto:Info@BridgingFreedom.org)

*Thank you for your help in connecting us with potential partners!*



This God-given project is an absolute Walk of Faith. We appreciate each and every one of you, our visionary champions!

The Staff and Board of Directors have leveraged each success to move this project forward. So much has been accomplished with so little: \$460,000 has been prayed over, invested, leveraged and ultimately produced a platform for success. **The vision to provide a safe, healing campus for our children is becoming a reality.**

**Thank you for joining this worthy cause.** Together, we are helping to prevent child sex trafficking and building a safe campus. Next year, when the homes are constructed, we will offer healing, hope and purpose to rescued children. Together we can Restore Stolen Childhoods!

Thank you for all you do,  
Laura Hamilton  
President

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*Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hands of the wicked.  
Psalm 82:3-4*





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