

Restoration REPORT 2017 - 2018

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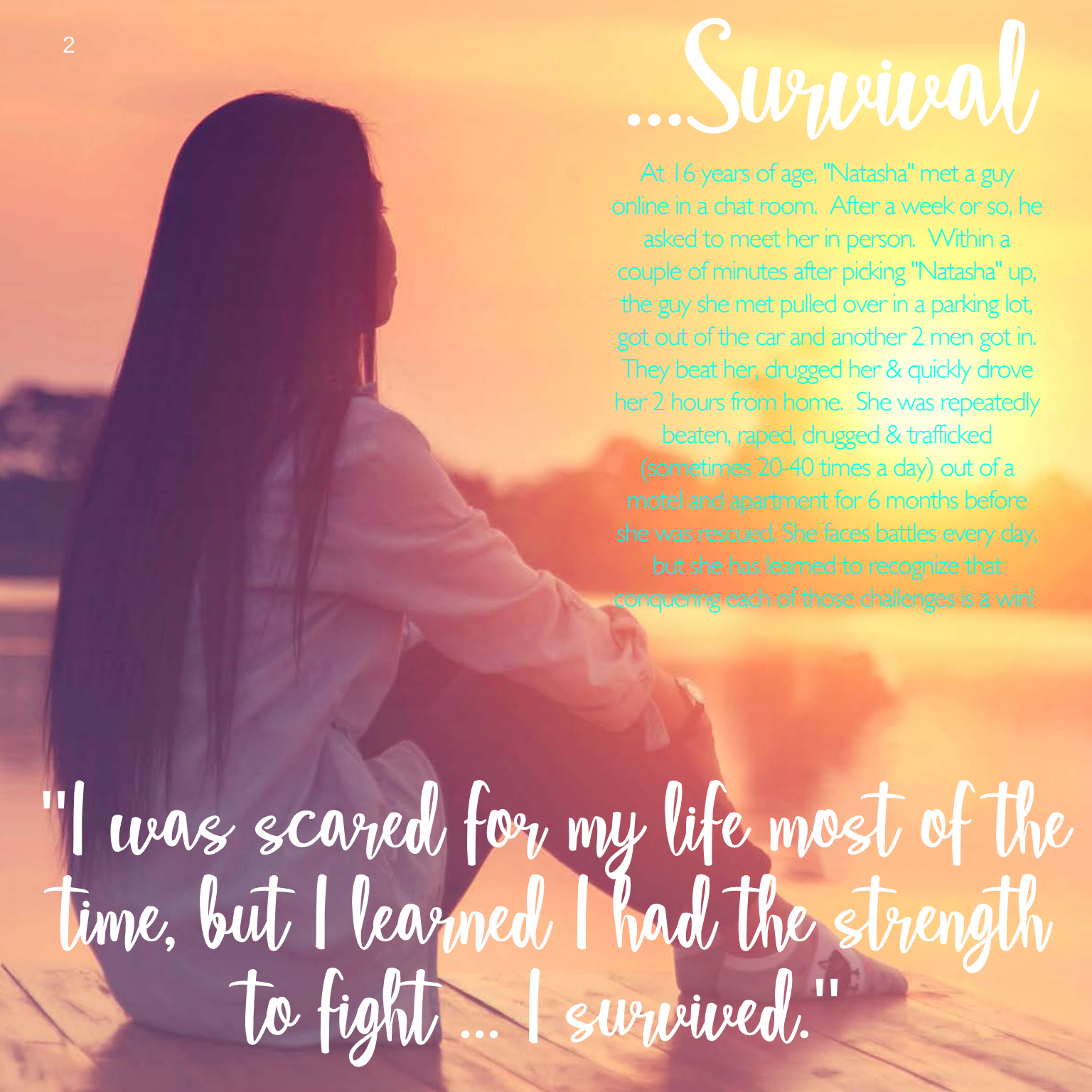


...Survival

At 16 years of age, "Natasha" met a guy online in a chat room. After a week or so, he asked to meet her in person. Within a couple of minutes after picking "Natasha" up, the guy she met pulled over in a parking lot, got out of the car and another 2 men got in. They beat her, drugged her & quickly drove her 2 hours from home. She was repeatedly beaten, raped, drugged & trafficked (sometimes 20-40 times a day) out of a motel and apartment for 6 months before she was rescued. She faces battles every day, but she has learned to recognize that conquering each of those challenges is a win!

"I was scared for my life most of the time, but I learned I had the strength to fight ... I survived."

... Courage

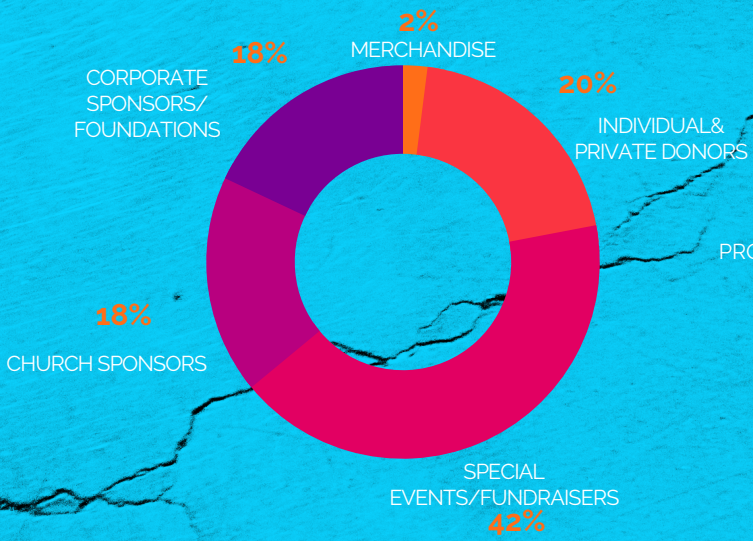
"Dana" was in middle school when her nightmare started. A chronic runaway, "Dana's" parents had pretty much given up on her. Instead of getting on the bus after school to head home, her trafficker would pick her up in the school carpool lane. He would take her to a nearby motel, apartment or strip club and sell her all night long before dropping her back off at school the following day. This continued without the knowledge of any of her peers, teachers or administrators. Since her rescue and involvement in The Key2Free's Path2Freedom Aftercare Program, "Dana" has shared her story to help The Key2Free's prevention efforts. She wants her testimony to help the community understand the dangers & manipulation tactics traffickers use to lure and groom their potential victims.



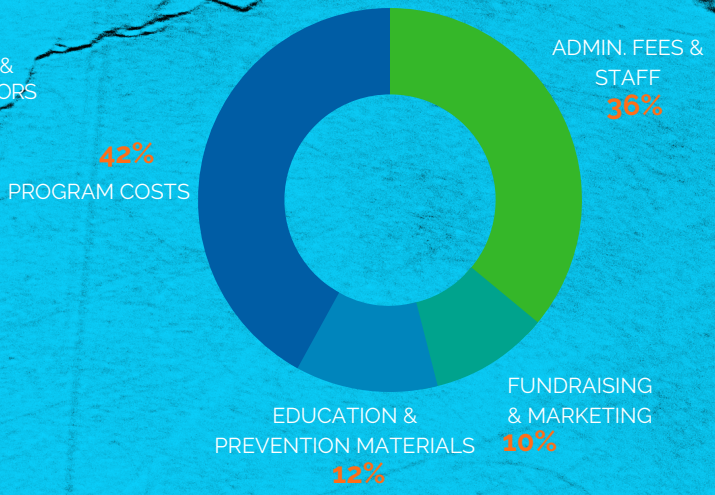
"The Key2Free helps me feel good about myself so I don't have to look for approval from other people."

How we get it done :

INCOME: **$113,000**



EXPENSES: **$103,000**



Where the money goes ...

OUR MISSION: The Key2Free is working to abolish sex trafficking through education, awareness & aftercare solutions for survivors, both domestic & abroad.

EDUCATION & PREVENTION

Through public seminars, community trainings and involvement with at-risk youth, The Key2Free educates the public about the realities of human trafficking in Central Texas.

AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

Policy is an important aspect of this cause, and it is our desire to remain informed on new laws of trafficking implemented each year so we can continue to advocate for survivors & their rights.

AFTERCARE

The Path2Freedom helps survivors of human trafficking reintegrate into society. We provide case management, mentoring, life skills development, counseling, job training, continuing education & housing assistance.

How we've served :

630
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE HOURS DONATED

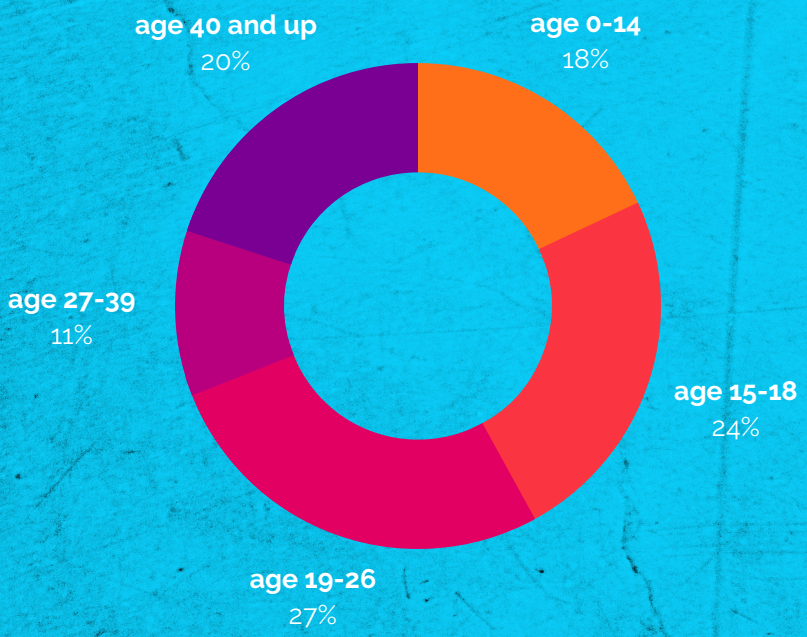
75
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

6,050
VOLUNTEER HOURS

2,650
PEOPLE EDUCATED

267%
PARTICIPATION INCREASE SINCE LAUNCHING PATH2FREEDOM

Who we've served :



Human trafficking is defined as "modern-day slavery. It is the exploitation of men, women and children for forced labor or sex by a third party for profit or gain."*

Vulnerable populations include runaways, children in foster care, impoverished people who are hungry, poor, in debt, physical or sexual abuse victims and people with a criminal history. *

*Source: Texas Attorney General's office



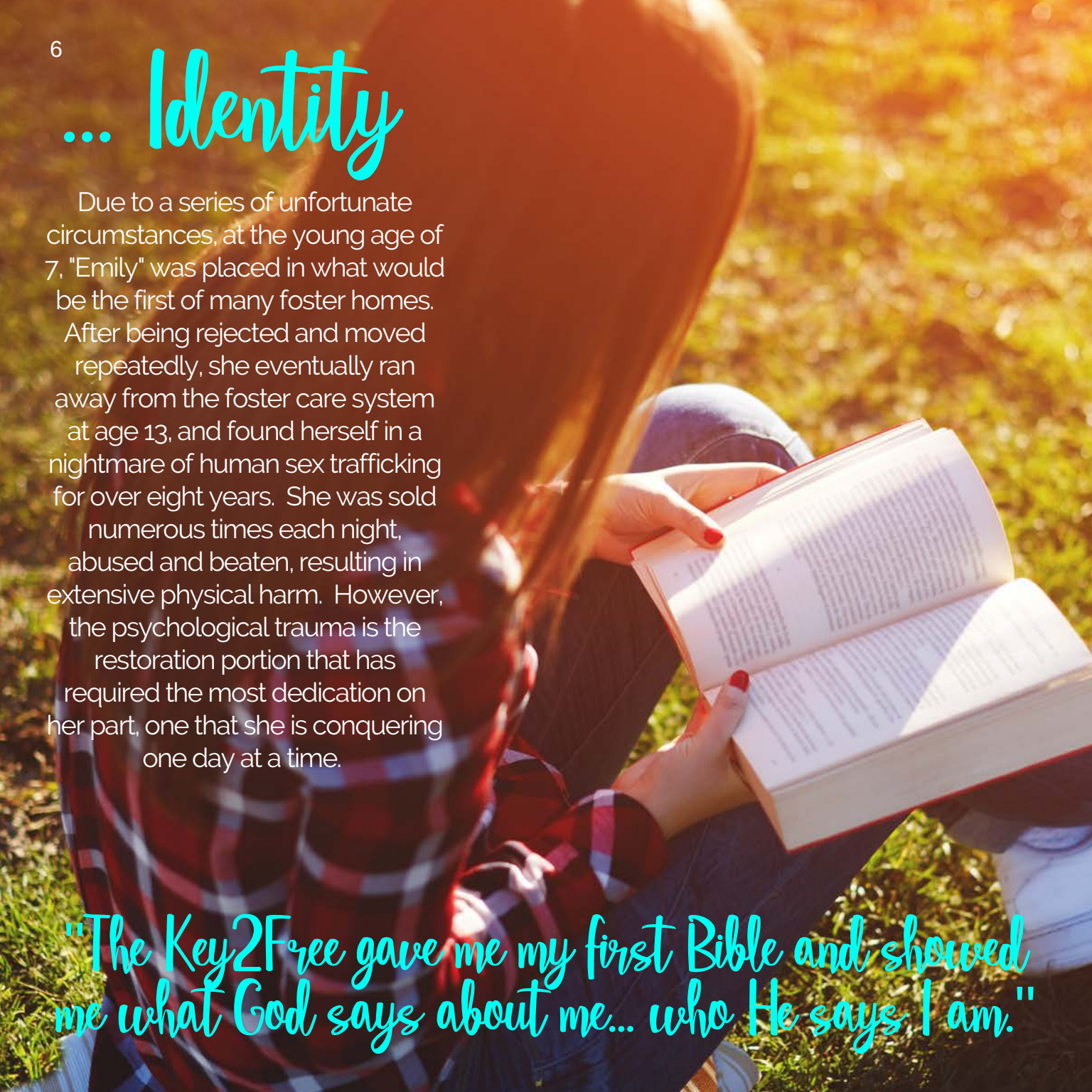
...Confidence

"Taryn" was the first survivor The Key2Free had the opportunity to work with. Though there were plenty of battle scars that required healing, it was almost immediately evident that she had a distinct, artistic gift. She loved Art Therapy (drawing & painting to express her emotions), and through that process, had significant transformation results. She enjoyed shopping for nail polish & supplies, and would take every opportunity to do our team members' and volunteers' nails as we spent time with her at our safe house. Now, a few years later, "Taryn" is excited about the opportunity to return to The Key2Free for continuing education opportunities through our partnership with the Adamo Nail Tech certification program, so she can plan for a bright and fruitful future.

"I found something REAL that I'm actually good at... something I can do that I LIKE to do!"

... Identity

Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances, at the young age of 7, "Emily" was placed in what would be the first of many foster homes. After being rejected and moved repeatedly, she eventually ran away from the foster care system at age 13, and found herself in a nightmare of human sex trafficking for over eight years. She was sold numerous times each night, abused and beaten, resulting in extensive physical harm. However, the psychological trauma is the restoration portion that has required the most dedication on her part, one that she is conquering one day at a time.



"The Key2Free gave me my first Bible and showed me what God says about me... who He says I am."



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