



SAFE HOUSE PROJECT

**SAFE HOUSE PROJECT "HAVANA NIGHTS" GALA
NOVEMBER 6, 2021
MARRIOTT VIRGINIA BEACH OCEANFRONT
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A LETTER FROM HOPE

Dear Friend,

My name is Hope, and I am a survivor of child sex trafficking. My childhood is not marked by trips to the beach, my parents attending my recitals, or family game nights. My innocence was stolen at the tender age of 6 by my uncle. He trafficked me through the night for 5 years, until he was finally arrested.

I know it isn't always easy to step into someone else's pain. I know our stories are traumatizing, shocking, and downright terrifying.

But by listening to our stories you are choosing to acknowledge that we never asked to endure the darkest parts of humanity. We don't share our stories because it is easy, we share our stories because it is necessary to protect the next generation.

I hope you will consider using your voice and influence to lead the Hampton Roads community to be part of ending child trafficking. You have the opportunity to change the life of a child, like little girl Hope because sadly trafficking doesn't stop when the rest of the world does.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Your friend,

Hope



WHO WE ARE

HAMPTON ROADS, VA - When Safe House Project was founded in 2018, Health & Human Services was reporting that 300K American children were being trafficked in the United States each year, but tragically victim identification is at 1%.

This begged the question, what was happening to the approximately 3K children identified each year? That's when our team realized that there were less than 100 beds that offered these children safe housing and holistic care.

100 beds. That was it. That was not good enough. Since its launch, Safe House Project has provided an additional 90 opportunities for children to receive the necessary safe housing and care they need to heal from the trauma they have endured.

With your help, we can do more

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

90 New Beds for Survivors of Child Sex Trafficking in 15 Safe Houses across America (14 of which are in Hampton Roads, serving those who have just aged out of a minor's program)

OnWatch powered by Safe House Project & the Malouf Foundation launched in 2020 to help empower community members to spot, report, and prevent trafficking. With everyone OnWatch we can increase victim identification above 1%.

The "Freedom Requires Action" summit in January 2020 at the United States Capitol brought together Congressional members, business executives, and community leaders to hear from survivors and industry experts on how we can eradicate child trafficking in America by 2030.



2019 "Age of Innocence" Gala at the Cavalier Hotel

Dear Friend of Safe House Project,

Safe House Project is working to end child trafficking. Through educating communities on how to spot, report, and prevent domestic trafficking, as well as ensuring that a survivor's story does not end at escape by providing safe housing, the Safe House Project team and its volunteers work to ensure that every survivor has safe housing and holistic care.

To date, Safe House Project has added 90 beds in safe houses across America, but there are still only around 200 beds available throughout the entire country. Without a safe place to go, 80% of children will end up being re-victimized. Our area is 15th in the nation for trafficking, and amidst COVID the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has seen an increase in reporting to their tip line of 90%.

As an influential business in Hampton Roads, you have the unique ability to be part of giving hope, freedom, and a future to survivors, as well as support efforts to increase [November 6, 2021](#) at the new Marriott Oceanfront in Virginia Beach and would greatly appreciate you contributing to the auction by donating goods and services.

We recognize that you receive countless requests of this type each year, and we appreciate any support that you can extend. In return, your company will be featured in the event program and your company name displayed at the auction. We will gladly exhibit any business cards or other advertising material you supply with the auction item. If you would like to join the movement, please email Lora Trent at Lora@SafeHouseProject.org. Your tax-deductible donation to our 501(c)(3) organization (EIN 82-3487081) will empower a survivor's path to freedom through safe housing, education, medical, therapy, and life skill training. You can read more about the work of the Safe House Project on our website www.safehouseproject.org.

If you are interested in donating, please email Lora Trent at Lora@SafeHouseProject.org or mail your donation to Safe House Project Attn: Gala Chair at 1480 Shoveller | Ave .Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

Best Regards,
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