



2019
ANNUAL
REPORT

ELIJAH  RISING

ENDING SEX TRAFFICKING THROUGH PRAYER, AWARENESS, INTERVENTION, AND RESTORATION.

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“Man makes his plans, but the Lord directs his steps.” - Proverbs 16:9

This passage truly encompasses the whole of 2019. As I look back at all that was birthed in these few short months, I can truly say, that the Lord was incredibly faithful to lead us in paths more wonderful than we could have imagined. In one year, Elijah Rising grew exponentially through the opening of a social enterprise storefront, a new museum location, and the official launch of two homes at the Elijah Rising Restoration Campus. Not only did we witness these incredible new beginnings, but we also saw the Lord do some miraculous works of completion with an additional two homes renovated and restored in a few short weeks.

As 2019 was a year of great expansion, 2020 is a year of strengthening and deepening. Almost all of Elijah Rising's programs increased, launched new initiatives, or grew in major ways last year. Our staff has more than doubled as we have expanded services for survivors. Therefore, this year Elijah Rising is focused on strengthening, equipping, and building a stable foundation for these new fields of service.

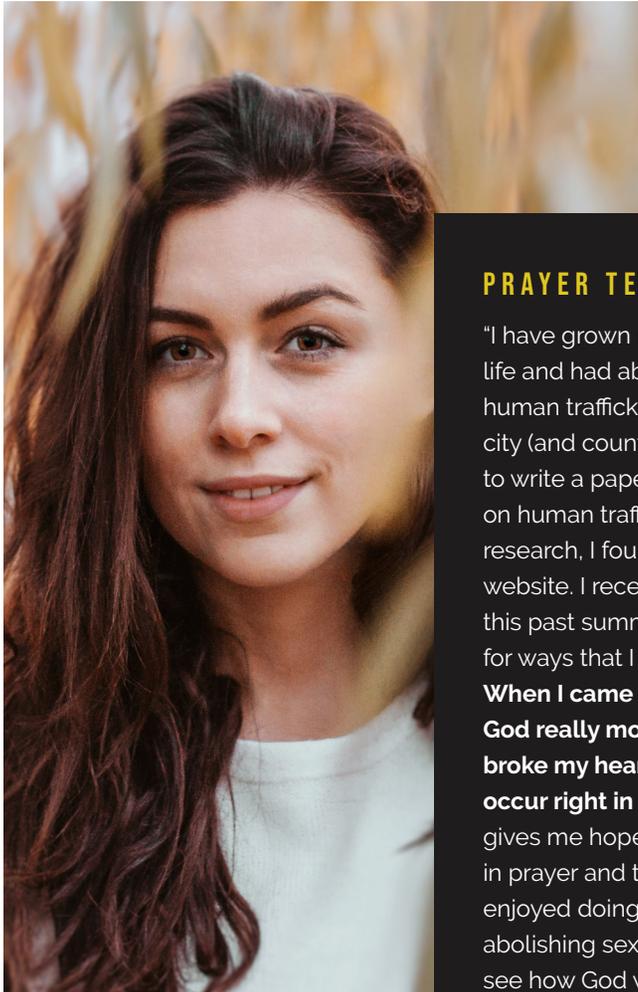
Elijah Rising is building with an eye towards long-term sustainability and generational impact. We envision a day when we far exceed the 300 annual hours of prayer. Where across this region people are petitioning heaven

for the speedy release of justice. We are working towards a day when there are few in the city who have not been on an awareness van tour, visited the museum, or been pierced in some way by the reality of this injustice. Deep in our souls is a driving desire to see the entire city blanketed with intervention efforts - men and women mobilized to get the rescue number in the hands of every single exploited person. Where, night and day men, women, and children are streaming out of the sex industry and apprehending true freedom. Together we are building a lasting legacy by creating a tangible place where survivors can find hope, healing, and community. Here, they find restitution for the wrongs committed against them, healing for their wounds, practical help for their future, restoration of their sense of dignity, and find the beauty of their original design.

We are building prayer, awareness, intervention, and restoration programs for the day when justice rolls down like a river and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Thank you for building with us.

Until all are free,

Micah Gamboa
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PRAYER TESTIMONY

"I have grown up in Houston my whole life and had absolutely no idea how human trafficking runs rampant in our city (and country). This past fall, I had to write a paper for one of my classes on human trafficking. When I did some research, I found your organization's website. I recently gave my life to Christ this past summer and have been looking for ways that I could grow in prayer.

When I came across your organization, God really moved in my heart and broke my heart for the injustices that occur right in our city. Your organization gives me hope because it is rooted in prayer and the Gospel. I really enjoyed doing the 31 days of prayer for abolishing sex trafficking. I cannot wait to see how God will work in 2019, and I am inspired to encourage others to pray for issues that only God can help solve."

PRAYER

Prayer has always been the heartbeat of Elijah Rising

Elijah Rising was founded in prayer. **We continue to value prayer as the most essential piece of our work to not just fight sex trafficking, but to minister healing and restoration to people.** In 2019, we shifted our weekly prayer meeting to occur daily, Monday-Friday at 9:00 AM. We also made this time of prayer open to the public so anyone in the city can join us in interceding for the issue of human trafficking and those affected by it.

Elijah Rising's commitment to prayer has also influenced other churches to develop prayer teams to intercede for the issue of human trafficking. **One of the more significant prayers answered was when an organization called Eight Days of Hope gutted and renovated 2 homes in 2 weeks at our Restoration Campus.** This was a milestone that would have taken years to accomplish.

In 2019, **370 hours of prayer** were dedicated to intercession for the issue of human trafficking and those affected by it.

AWARENESS

Raising the outcry against the injustice of sex trafficking

Thousands of people have been educated about sex trafficking through Elijah Rising's Awareness Van Tours and the Museum of Modern-Day Slavery.

Elijah Rising also educates the community through presentations to churches, businesses, and media. We have so many testimonies about the power of awareness. One day we received a phone call from a woman who stated: **"I heard one of your staff members on the radio station, 104 KRBE, and she helped me realize that my daughter was being groomed by a trafficker. I could cry just talking about it. I sat with my daughter and played her the recording and we were able to prevent her from being trafficked."**



1,085 people educated about the problem of sex trafficking through Awareness Van Tours.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are critical to the mission to end sex trafficking. From leading Van Tours to launching Interventions in new regions across the city; their heart for justice is inspiring. In 2020 we look forward to increasing volunteer opportunities to help further the mission to end sex trafficking and provide healing and restoration to women who have survived the sex industry.



3,018
VOLUNTEER HOURS

AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF
\$233,747
IN VOLUNTEER TIME

INTERVENTION

Reaching women trapped in commercial sexual exploitation

Elijah Rising has 5 Intervention sites across Houston. We love being able to train and equip people to reach out to those trapped in commercial sexual exploitation. We reach out with gifts, prayer, a hotline number, and a way to exit the sex industry. This year we experienced numerous testimonies, we have included two stories on the following page.

Also we would like to thank the church partners who gladly open their doors to host our Intervention nights every month across Houston.

The Woodlands Church (Spring Intervention)

Real Life Church (NW Houston Intervention)

Rollingbrook Fellowship (Baytown Intervention)

Lighthouse Christian Ministries (League City Intervention)

Launch Houston (Houston Intervention)

2,242

WOMEN REACHED WITH HOPE THROUGH THE RESCUE AMERICA HOTLINE NUMBER

479

VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZED TO REACH MEN & WOMEN THROUGH INTERVENTION

898

ESTABLISHMENTS SUCH AS BROTHELS, CANTINAS, STRIP CLUBS, AND HOTELS REACHED



CANTINA INTERVENTION TESTIMONY

At a cantina we met a woman who told us about her journey from Honduras to the United States. She was working at the cantina to be able to pay off her debts, but she wanted out.

She said when we walked into the bar she had a headache and when we walked up to her the headache left. She was in tears because God touched her. Because of that encounter, she had faith that God was going to provide for her outside of working at a cantina.

The manager at the cantina came out to talk to her and asked, "When are you going to come back to work?"

She said, "Never, I'm never coming back here to work, I don't want to do this anymore." We stayed with her on the steps of the cantina until she was able to safely exit.

STREET INTERVENTION TESTIMONY

Before leaving the church, the team huddled to pray. Then they drove 20 minutes to Bissonnet Street. During the drive, Christina prayed silently to God asking for boldness, and praying for an encounter. "Lord, reach these women with your love. Tonight, show them you care for them."

That night, Christina met two sisters on the street and gave them the exit hotline number. Later, we found out that when their pimp was not looking they made a call to the hotline. That night the two sisters made the courageous decision to leave and were able to be exited safely.

RESTORATIVE CARE

Providing Restoration And Healing to Survivors

This past year was a landmark year for Elijah Rising as we officially opened our restoration campus and welcomed several women who have survived sex trafficking. **These beds doubled the available long-term care for adult survivors in the greater Houston area.** Even though this brought incredible joy for our entire team we continue to press forward to the day when the entire 80+ acres is filled with restoration life!

One of the most thrilling moments of the year was walking through two homes at the campus which had been fully remodeled by a generous organization called Eight Days of Hope. These are in addition to the two homes which were launched in the fall of the year, bringing the total number of available single-family homes to 4. **Now, with renovations completely out of the way, we can focus solely on expanding services and offering these additional spaces to survivors, including women with disabilities.**

SINCE OCTOBER 2019



HOURS OF THERAPY PROVIDED

38 HOURS



NUMBER OF MEALS PROVIDED

630 MEALS



NIGHTS OF SAFE HOUSING

217 NIGHTS



HOURS OF MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED

22 HOURS

THE BOOTH HOME AT THE ELIJAH RISING RESTORATION CAMPUS



RESTORING LIVES

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

**OPENED NEW STOREFRONT
IN THE HEIGHTS**

\$115K IN SALES

**HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT PROVIDED
2,000 HOURS**



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

2019 was a pivotal year for the Elijah Rising Social Enterprise Program. Our small online store has grown into a storefront in the Heights and we doubled our sales from 2018. This program is crucial to provide women in our Restorative Care program with income for savings and resume building job skills to help them transition into independent living.

2019 FINANCIALS

We are so grateful for the gift of finishing the year strong financially. These funds are critical to supporting the newly-launched Restoration program and enabling even more women to receive life-saving services.

INCOME

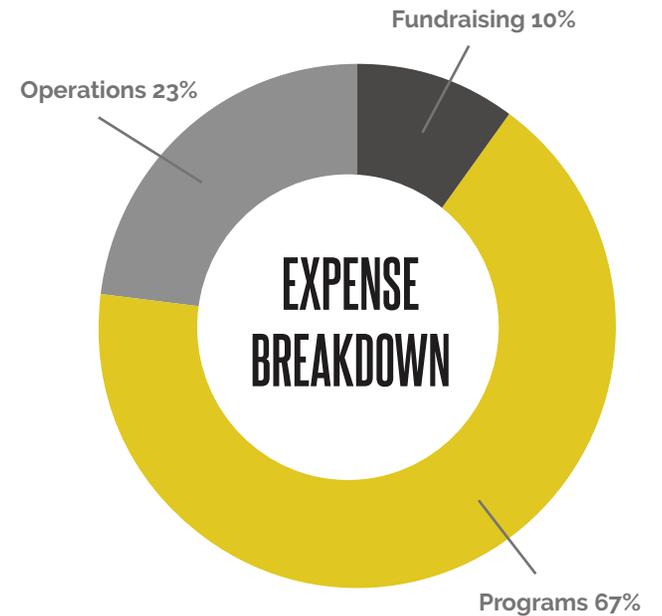
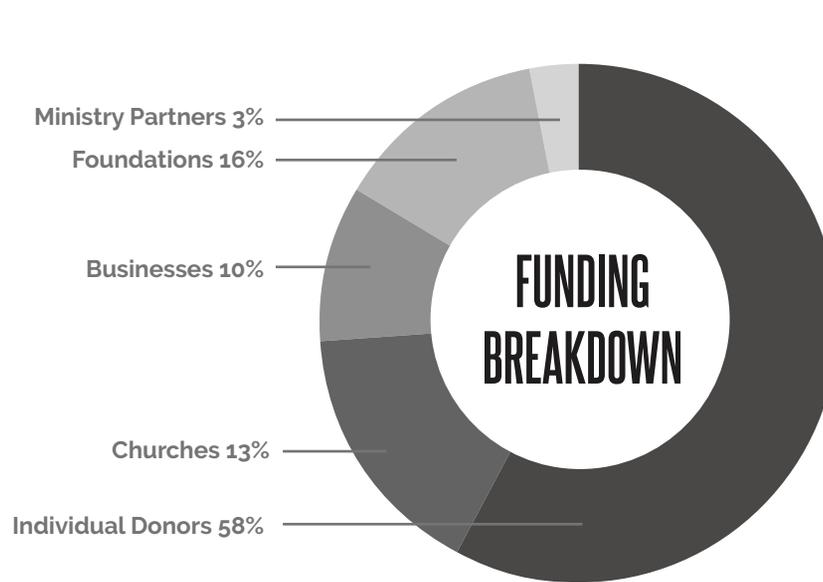
\$1,551,553.96

EXPENSES

\$1,000,291.38

NET

\$499,023.05



"Elijah Rising is shining a much-needed light on the crisis of human trafficking in our city. They're also freeing women from the commercial sex trade; providing for their physical, spiritual and emotional needs; and helping those women develop marketable skills for the future. **We are proud to help fund this important work, because the return on investment is literally freedom regained and hope restored.** If you want to end human trafficking, and if you want new life for some of our most vulnerable neighbors, then please join us in supporting Elijah Rising's efforts."

CHARLTON & LAURA WIMBERLY

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