LIFE for the INNOCENT



2017 Annual Report: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

THE MOST CHILDREN RESCUED IN LFTI HISTORY...

Because of You.



# "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

- John 1:5

## LIFE FOR THE INNOCENT (LFTI)

partners with communities to rescue, restore and renew children affected by human trafficking.

#### – GLOBALLY,

LFTI provides housing, education and adoptive Forever Families for trafficked and atrisk abandoned children in South Asia. Locally, LFTI offers faith-based

training to equip communities and churches across the U.S. to fight trafficking in South Asia and their own backyard.

Dear Life for the Innocent family,

As I look back on LFTI's last fiscal year, I am humbled by God's amazing provision through your generosity.

Your impact this year was bigger than ever before. Three new children's homes were funded during the annual Christmas campaign which allowed LFTI to receive more children. **A total of 1,361 children came through the doors this year** and received care from the amazing home staff and got matched with adoptive families. **It was because YOU went above and beyond** to fund the new homes for all of these additional children. Thank you so much for your sacrificial giving.

We have seen God's faithfulness as our home staff share the love of Christ with the children. All of the kids received a picture Bible this year, and many new parents began teaching Bible stories during their visits to the homes before adoption was finalized.

While the children experienced a lot of spiritual growth this year, the LFTI family experienced significant growth. Revenue increased 65% from the previous year, resulting in over \$1 million in annual contributions. With this momentum, we also celebrated the first ever **Light Up the Lantern Gala** with over 350 supporters in attendance. I witnessed many miracles that evening as friends and strangers raised their auction paddles to rescue children on the other side of the globe. In fact, with all of your support, numerous invitations to speak at churches, and record attendance at events, **over 10,000 people learned about LFTI's response to human trafficking this year!** 

My heart has always been for communities to stand together to care for exploited children. This year, you proved that is possible: 1,144 individuals, businesses, and churches donated to the mission - a 65% growth from the previous year! This is *because of you* - your support, your shares on social media, your personal fundraising, and your contagious desire to free children from slavery. **Together, the LFTI family shed light on the epidemic of human trafficking and brought joy into dark places.** 

**On behalf of the LFTI kids, Forever Families, staff and volunteers, thank you!** I invite you to read the following pages for a glimpse of how your support has transformed lives. You are Life for the Innocent!

Gratefully,

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Chris Semmens LFTI Executive Director **2017 ANNUAL REPORT** 



Accomplishments This Year:

- You rescued 1,361 children from sex, labor and organ trafficking in South Asia, the most in LFTI history. This brings us to over 5,000 kids rescued since Life for the Innocent began!
- You funded **housing, medical care**, **counseling, education, and adoption** into South Asian families for these children.
- You built 3 new homes for the kids, bringing LFTI's total number of homes to more than two dozen.
- You introduced children to **the love of Jesus Christ** through the daily care of our **indigenous home staff** and the gift of a picture Bible for each child.
- You and more than 350 other supporters attended LFTI's first annual Light Up the Lantern Gala.
- You helped over 10,000 people learn about LFTI's response to human trafficking through events, trainings, and church visits.

Financials

# THE INNO **TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS** LIFE FOR , \$1,193,654 **65%** and the **FIRST** year LFTI received over \$1 million increase in contributions from in contributions previous year **TOTAL DONATIONS 65%** 2,818 gifts given by 1,144 increase in number of individuals, churches and businesses donors from previous year **FUNDING SOURCES EXPENSE BREAKDOWN Fundraising** 10% Individuals **Businesses** 16% 44% Program Admin 13% 77% Churches 40% **Life for the Innocent** is a registered 501(c)(3) with the IRS. 3

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#### JULY

Over 1,100 runners at the fifth annual **Loveland Liberty 5k** on July 4

#### AUGUST

**Lauren Daigle benefit concert** at Foundations Church with 1,500 supporters

#### **OCTOBER**

LFTI hosted sex trafficking survivor Jen Spry for **3** community education events

#### DECEMBER

Through the annual Christmas campaign, the LFTI family funded the building of **3 new children's homes** in South Asia



LAUREN DAIGLE

**LIFE** for the **INNOCENT** 

FOUNDATIONS CHURCH

LOVELAND, CO









Thank you for being part of the LFTI family this year to rescue, restore and renew children affected by human trafficking!

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Year In Review

#### **JANUARY**

LFTI's first thankathon to call and thank supporters during Human Trafficking Awareness Month

#### MARCH

More than 500 attended a worship and prayer night at Vintage City Church benefiting LFTI

#### **APRIL**

Life Church of Fort Collins launched LFTI's **One Day to Rescue a Child church campaign** 

#### MAY

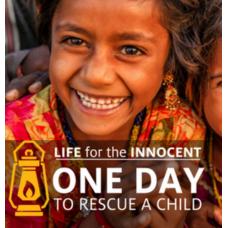
First annual **Light Up the Lantern Gala**, where over 350 supporters gave enough to rescue 131 children

#### JUNE

LFTI ended the fiscal year on June 30, **surpassing \$1 million in annual contributions** for the first time in our history

















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Here's to the next fiscal year!

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# With special thanks to LFTI's Business and Church Partners for their support in the next year:

- 8z Real Estate
- Alpha Milling
- Bath Garden & Nursery
- Bene-Fit Solutions, LLC
- City Church
- Distinctive Welding
- Elevations Real Estate
- Elite Cabins & RV
- Fairway Mortgage
- Genghis Communications

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- Good Shepherd Church
- Greenhouse Church
- Grimm Brothers Brewhouse
- Heart & Skin Tattoo Studio
- Integrated Wealth Management
- Inview Realty
- Life Church of Fort Collins
- Mill City Church
- Mosaic Gospel Community
- PFS Insurance Group

- Perennial Joys
- Redemption Church
- Rex Oil
- SouthGate Church
- StraightLine Fitness
- The American Dream Realty
- Thrift Rite
- Vintage City Church
- William Oliver's Publick House
- Windermere Real Estate

# SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S SECOND ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE LANTERN GALA

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

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