



PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

Submission Checklist

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1. All Organization information under STEP 1.
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4. 501c3 Determination Letter
5. Financials for current and prior 2 fiscal years, including internal budget, audited financials (if applicable) and 990's.
6. Any other relevant documentation.

Organization Name

Naomi's House

Grant Amount Requested

\$25,000

Annual Budget

\$1,873,573

How does your organization align with Christian values?

Naomi's House programs are comprehensive services offering hope and healing to survivors of sex trafficking. To help accomplish this, our programs offer safe spaces that foster healing and faith in Christ that leads to life-changing transformation. We are:

- 1) Faith-based, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- 2) Trauma-informed, integrated with expert therapists and staff
- 3) Committed to her full healing, believing she is the best advocate for her own care

Naomi's House provides tailored support to victims and survivors wherever they are - whether that is fully ingrained in commercial sexual exploitation, preparing to leave it, or beginning a new life of their own. We want women to know that they are not alone and that they are surrounded by Christian advocates that support them,

pray for them, and encourage them to develop a deeper relationship with their strongest advocate – our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To reinforce this, our program includes daily devotions, encourages church attendance, and teaches the power of prayer. We have many graduates from the Naomi's House Residential (Reside) program who have a powerful testimony of what God has done in their lives since coming to Naomi's House. They are stories of transformation, healing, encounters with God, and life after sex trafficking.

As said by one of our most recent graduates, *"God is all over my story!"*.

How does your organization fit with our mission?

Most of the women Naomi's House works with are on the outskirts of society. We offer hope and healing to these women via 3 programs:

1. **RESIDE:** Our long term, 24-hour residential program that offers the safety, comfort, and confidentiality trafficking victims need to exit survival mode and face the trauma of their past.
2. **RISE:** Our day program is for survivors who have already done extensive work to heal from sexual exploitation and are seeking continued growth. Accountability, continued education, job-skill training/placement, and counseling are provided as they begin to live independently, pursue healthy community and relationships, and rebuild connections with family.
3. **RESET:** Our program offering respite and hope to women stuck in sexual exploitation. This outreach initiative invites victims to "come as they are"— to be known, loved, and recharge at our drop-in centers. Our team offers immediate support, a listening ear, and a care plan outlining steps to a new life free from trafficking and exploitation.

Across these 3 programs, we find that part of what draws women to Naomi's House is the love and care they receive through a loving and safe community. Sex trafficking impacts our most vulnerable communities with a high percentage of women we work with having experienced the foster care system as children and youth. Some statistics at a state and national level expect that as high as 60% of foster care youth are trafficked, with some studies showing even higher statistics. Traffickers often notice and go after these vulnerabilities when seeking their next victim.

When we think of the term "adult orphan" we can see a direct correlation between the women we serve at Naomi's House and the term orphan. Oftentimes we hear that women in our programs refer to Naomi's House as their *"family"* because of the type of support that they receive in our care and the lack of safe and supportive connection they may have with their family of origin. One of our recent graduates stated, *"When I come back to serve or volunteer, I have this feeling like I'm coming home ... and I have never had that before."*

Our estimate at Naomi's House is that at least 80% – 90% of the women we serve across all our programs have an overlap in the foster care system. Additionally, of the 250 women we plan to serve this year, we anticipate that most of these women have an overlap in the foster care or juvenile justice system ... and likely lacked the familial

support they needed as children and youth to overcome various obstacles (mental health, abuse, substance use, etc.).

Even though we anticipate that most of the women we serve were in foster care or single parented homes, others are often also abused at the hands of their care takers and lack the support they needed to thrive or overcome life obstacles, leaving them unsupported and neglected by a larger family system/family of origin.

Said simply, adult orphans are becoming more prominent in society as a result of the increase in sex trafficking activity ... and we take this on as an important part of our charter to help address it.

Project Proposal

Please tell us how grant funds would be used, if awarded. *Operating costs is an acceptable answer, but please provide more detail if you are able.*

Providing a safe and caring community at Naomi's House with a "no strings attached" approach works very effectively with the women we serve. Specifically, we would use the grant funds to support our most impactful program services that create a stronger sense of family, community, and faith:

- **Individual and Family Therapy** – this helps break the cycle of generational traumas that have been reinforced by commercial exploitation. Spanning from individual therapy and family counseling to education, job skills training/placement, and life skills, the work we do with survivors helps to reduce vulnerabilities, strengthen relationships, and break free from generational trauma. Our approach to healing is a comprehensive program that is trauma-informed, strengths-based, individualized, and Christ-centered.

As a result, we have seen our women successfully reestablish and renew relationships with family – parents, children, and extended family. Our in-house therapists often collaborate with extended family members to integrate the healing of relationships with the mothers and children of our participants, extending the therapeutic process and investing in generational change. We have seen our women positively contribute to their work environment, their school environment, their church family, and personal relationships, as well as develop leadership roles within the program itself, which leads to internal communal healing. We have also seen them develop into spiritual role models and leaders in their own families and church relationships.

All in all, we are committed to helping these women become all that God created her to be. Helping her develop and cultivate sustained healthy family and community relationships is a critical component of this.

- **Community Groups** – these help the women in our programs connect with our staff, volunteers, interns and one another – most often taking the shape of group gatherings or community meals. As mentioned above, when women come into our Reside program, they often have little to no familial support. By the time they depart our program, they are leaving with a team behind them of 50-60 of NH staff and volunteers, people from their new places of work and mentorship, churches and Bible studies, and beyond!

The community they built while with us is remarkable, and most importantly, will be there to cheer them on and support them in their next steps in life.

That said, the last piece of reinforcing community takes the shape of milestone celebrations to make participants feel a stronger sense of accomplishment around achieving their personal milestones while also helping them realize that there is a community surrounding them that is rooting them on and sharing the joy in their accomplishments.

Ultimately, the power of community in the healing of these modern-day adult orphans is absolutely critical and cannot be underestimated.