



Bridging Freedom's mission is to combat minor sex trafficking by bringing restoration to those who are rescued and prevention to those we reach with our message.

Bridging Freedom is working to build Florida's first therapeutic safe home to provide long-term, comprehensive care to these victims in a secure environment.

Child sex trafficking is a horrific crime that robs its victims of their innocence; causing significant physical, mental, and emotional trauma.

- One local FBI agent alone rescues 25-30 girls each year in the Tampa Bay area, which has resulted in over 90 children in the past three years.
- In Tampa Bay, 75% of the rescued child victims were runaways, while 25% were recruited or taken.
- Florida has 30,000-40,000 teen runaways and throwaways each year. 1 in 3 will be lured into trafficking within 48 hours of being on their own.
- Florida ranks at the top in the nation for these crimes, and our state currently spends millions to address the issues of these un-rehabilitated children.
- Each year in the U.S., nearly 300,000 children as young as 12 years old are held against their will and forced to provide sexual acts for an average of 15-30 men a night, 7 days a week.
- Human trafficking is a \$32 billion dollar industry.

Bridging Freedom is working in collaboration with the Clearwater/Tampa Bay Task Force on Human Trafficking, and FBI's Innocence Lost Initiative to address one of the greatest needs within Florida; a long-term therapeutic safe home for victims of child trafficking. Bridging Freedom's rehabilitation program will be located within a secure campus, featuring several homes and outdoor space for therapeutic activities. Nurturing residential caretakers will create a positive, healthy, stable environment conducive to healing. Through the program, lasting 1-2 years depending on their level of trauma, we will help these children learn to trust again and restore the innocence of childhood. Survivors will receive a holistic continuum of care:

- Trauma-Informed Care Therapy and comprehensive medical care
- Therapeutic recreation, such as equine therapy, art and gardening to restore her personal power
- Education, career development, and life-skills training
- Transitional mentorship to provide support for survivors after becoming healthy enough to leave the home

**Bridging Freedom relies on the generosity of individuals, corporations,
and faith-based communities to achieve its mission.**

Help us restore stolen childhoods to victims of sex trafficking.



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