

CHAIIM FOUNDATION

ONE LIFE AT A TIME

NGO FOR SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND VULNERABLE WOMEN.

OUR MISSION

... is to Rehabilitate and Restore Survivors of Human Trafficking
– One life at a Time

Chaiim Foundation is registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 – E29881 and is a NGO rehabilitating survivors of human trafficking and promoting the welfare of the marginalized, the poor, disadvantaged and exploited irrespective of religion, caste or gender.



Founders Desk

With nostalgic memories and with a bunchful of excited, over the moon girls since it is soon going to be Christmas, my life seems to be erupting with joy and happiness this season of thanksgiving and more giving. We at Chaiim Foundation seem eager to take hold of what has been given to us and turn these precious lives into women of substance. Pray that this newsletter will enrichen you to be thankful this season and bless someone who is disadvantaged, marginalized and exploited. We wish you all a great **CHRISTmas** and a powerful New Year where you and I both can be the change in this wonderful world.

Keith & Ramona Dsouza



Come December and its excitement in the air as this is the month of giving, caring, sharing and loving all those who are less fortunate than us. Our month is so well wrapped in so many daily events taking place at Chaiim Foundation and the meals shared. Goodness me the saying that when it rains...it pours is literally true in my case as we have this daily event called angelising where we are appointed angels to some other girl wherein we have to give something small in the form of gifts to her. I'm loaded with gifts and my confidence level is over brimming with love, hope and faith. We were told to write down three things that we are thankful on a daily basis and I'm so thankful to the program at Chaiim Foundation that has not only given me a job and a home but even loving parents in the form of our founder and teachers. My dream is to be an air hostess and I'm sure with Chaiim's help I will be able to complete my studies and go on to achieve what I always wanted to be...FLY.

Jaya
Beneficiary of Chaiim Foundation

Trafficked survivors have very little means or no means of sustainability, lacking in life skills and education as a result their self-confidence is at an all time low. Giving them a job and providing them with a Fair Trade wage to which education, life skills, vocational training, counseling and housing are added – turns out to be a perfect solution.

Chaiim Foundation offers these survivors a second chance where they can start their lives and regain their dignity in their communities and begin a journey towards restoration and wholeness.



My life has totally changed, I now believe its never too late to start again. - Aasha

Facts on Human Trafficking in India

Recent reports estimate that the number of children involved in forced prostitution is increasing at 15 to 20% per annum.

About 15% of the prostitutes in Mumbai (Bombay), Delhi, Madras, Calcutta, Hyderabad and Bangalore are children. It is estimated that 30% of the prostitutes in these six cities are under 20 years of age. Nearly half of them became commercial sex workers when they were minors.

The average age of girls supplied to the brothels in the last two years has decreased from 14 and 16 years to 10 and 14 years. A girl between 10 and 12 years fetches the highest price.

About 7,000 sex workers cross over from Nepal into India every year. 66% of the girls are from families

December Award Winners



Baking Class in progress



Testimonials

This is my first Christmas being free. I was tricked into a life of being a sexual slave due to no fault of my own. My only fault was that I trusted someone who promised me a better way of life. I was only 14 then. I never knew I would one day be free but I thank a social worker who chanced upon my life and I was rescued from wicked and evil men. I came to know about the wonderful programs at Chaiim Foundation and since I had just turned 18 could make a choice of my own and decided to join Chaiim Foundation. Every since I've joined, I began to feel loved and am achieving a sense of belonging and hope rising into me to becoming a woman of substance.



I have now learnt to read, write and am appearing for my Grade 10. This is my first Christmas being free and I'm so happy to receive so many gifts and a nice home to stay.

Retold by Program Director on behalf of Namrata

AN ESTIMATED 1.2 MILLION CHILDREN ARE IN FORCED PROSTITUTION IN INDIA RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE ESTIMATED TO BE OVER 900 000 SEX WORKERS IN INDIA. 30% ARE BELIEVED TO BE CHILDREN.

where the annual income is about Rs 5,000.

They may be sold by their parents, deceived with promises of marriage or a lucrative job or kidnapped and sold to brothel owners. Between 40 – 50% are believed to be under 18, the age of consent in India, some are as young as 9 or 10 years old.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_trafficking_in_India

Donate :

- Local donations can be made in the name of "Chaiim Foundation"
- Contact us for any further information on ways to donate or partnerships or any other queries at : contact@chaiimfoundation.org

Please pray for

- Volunteers,
- Donors
- Self-sustainability
- 15 more survivors waiting to enter the program

