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Letter From The National Director

“Our presence is critical, not only in crucial moments in their lives like rescue, medical crisis and court testimony but also the ongoing counselling and instruction on wise and safe living for their futures.”

My journey with Freedom Firm started 5 years ago. I felt humbled and privileged as I got to know each survivor. A survivor of sex trafficking is a hero not just a victim. She has overcome a justice system that isn't interested in giving her justice, a society that perpetuates her slavery, taints her future, and rejects her identity, and finally, a welfare system that ignores her. She has to reject the predominant message of being unwanted and believe that she is worthy of love and a normal life. This realisation also means that I need to put aside my ideas of an empowered woman and start seeing what empowerment is for her.

Her safety is the pre-eminent starting point that we share with each survivor, both before and after her rescue. When she realizes that our social worker and investigators have hearts that desire her safety, she begins to trust them. When our liaison officers begin to advocate on her behalf in the courts and welfare bodies to ensure she is safe, she begins to trust. In the Freedom camps for survivors we ensure safety when we chose campsites, equipments and people who support us. Yet, we find ourselves continuing to ask the question, “Is she really safe?”

She is rescued, begins the journey of recovery, begins to trust again and then, as she experiences greater internal and external freedom, she often makes unwise decisions that put her at great risk, again. After rescue, the courts often give custody to the very people who perpetrated the crimes against her in the first place. Often we

have been frustrated, unable to see the change we desire. Often, circumstances spin out of control and we are unable to keep her safe.

In light of Nazma's cruel death, and Rani's release from court to her trafficker, we are evaluating what further steps Freedom Firm can initiate to achieve greater levels of safety for the women we serve. As you read Nazma's story, you will see that the young women live dangerous lives even after rescue. Our presence is critical, not only in crucial moments in their lives like rescue, medical crisis and court testimony but also the ongoing counselling and instruction on wise and safe living for their futures.

Our emphasis on imparting life skills to survivors when they are still in safe homes, finding greater number of safe homes, networking with local advocates, local organisations, linking survivors to government programs and schemes, providing employment through Ruhamah Designs, creating camps in safe locations, carefully establishing our team and presence in new states, (like our new office in Madhya Pradesh) well before initiating rescues are some measures we have taken towards ensuring greater safety of survivors.

5 years ago following my interview with Greg Malstead and Mala Malstead, I was at the annual staff retreat as an observer. I saw a committed, passionate team rejoicing over achievements big and small. Today, I still see a committed and passionate team rejoicing over



Catherine Raja
National Director

achievement big and small and for that I am grateful. 5 years ago they celebrated receiving the FCRA registration a requirement to receive foreign funds. Today, we celebrate the renewal of our FCRA. 5 years ago, they rejoiced that they had the opportunity to offer adventure camps and Leg Up therapy to many young women. Today, while we are saddened at the loss of our equine friends and the end of Leg up, we still rejoice that we continue to provide four Freedom Camps to over 60 young women a year. 5 years ago they rejoiced at starting work in Kolkata. Today, we rejoice having started work in Madhya Pradesh. 5 years ago, I stood amazed at the cost paid by the founders of Freedom Firm. Today, I am humbled by the trust placed by them and the trustees in me. I thank God for His grace poured over each one of us, for the staff's dedication and sacrifice, for donors and well wishers in their continued support and encouragement. God be with us as we keep on keeping on.



The Mission

Freedom Firm seeks to eliminate child prostitution in India by rescuing minor girls, providing effective rehabilitation and prosecuting the perpetrators of sex trafficking.

Rescue

Freedom Firm undercover operatives locate minor girls in brothels and document the crime. This information is then reported to the police. The Freedom Firm team, along with the police, raid the brothels, rescue the girls and arrest the brothel keepers and traffickers. The rescued girls are then placed in government remand homes and Freedom Firm files criminal complaints against their oppressors.

Restoration

Freedom Firm's social workers partner with shelter homes across the country to provide rescued girls with counselling, therapy, job training, education and health care. The creative program includes a summer camp and employment with business Ruhamah Designs to help the girls grow in confidence and independence.

Justice

Freedom Firm actively pursues the conviction of those responsible for trafficking minor girls. Freedom Firm lawyers assist public prosecutors at each stage of the criminal trial. Rescued girls are empowered to testify against their abusers and to help bring them to justice. Every trial and every conviction creates a deterrent and raises the cost of sex trafficking in India.

Brothel Keeper Convicted

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Rumi was studying in a school in Bangladesh when she was trafficked to India by one of her relatives. She thought she was going for a good job but instead was taken to Sangli, Maharashtra and sold to Maya, a brothel keeper. Maya promised Rumi that if she worked for a few months, she would be sent home. Rumi realised that she had no other option and hoped that it would only be for a short time. Maya didn't fulfill her promise but in February 2015 Freedom Firm operatives found Rumi, and she was rescued from Sangli's red-light district when she was still only 15 years old. Rumi was placed in a government shelter home in Sangli soon after her rescue. She was then transferred to a home in Mumbai to protect her from the proximity of her brothel keeper in Sangli. The Sangli Child Welfare Committee regularly sends minor girls to the government home in Mumbai to get them out of Sangli.

Before Rumi could testify in April 2016, Freedom Firm discovered that she was scheduled for repatriation to Bangladesh. With very little time to make sure that her testimony could be recorded before she left India the Freedom Firm team worked alongside the Sangli police and the court, communicating the urgency to finish the trial. A special public prosecutor was appointed. The District Government Pleader put the case on priority and ensured that all other legal arrangements were made.



Outside the courthouse in Pune

Continuous coordination between the legal team, the police and the public prosecutor enabled the prosecution to summon Rumi to testify.

It was a blow to our efforts when we heard that the judge was being transferred and another judge was to take his place. Fortunately, the new judge took up the case and called Rumi to testify within 48 hours. She testified well and narrated the story of her trafficking. Unfortunately, there were discrepancies between her testimony in court and the statement taken by the police after her rescue. The defence seemed to have the edge, but after the testimony, the Public Prosecutor who was present for the in-camera proceeding assured our legal team that the case would probably result in a conviction.

On 21st September, 2017 while we waited for the judgement to be pronounced, our Regional Director in Pune, Ashwin Rathod wrote this update: *“The initial part of the judgement went well. The Public Prosecutor fought well during the final argument. The accused, her supporters and her lawyers who were present in court looked very troubled. The judge has convicted one accused in a trafficking case about two months ago, and so we are hoping for a conviction”*. On 22nd September the judgement was pronounced. Maya was sentenced to three years of rigorous imprisonment! We rejoiced alongside Rumi as we heard the news. A post-reintegration follow up on Rumi revealed that she is safe at home but is hoping to learn some vocational skills to make a living and help support her family.

Rani: Will She Ever Be Safe?

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While her future remains uncertain, we are glad we have the chance to meet Rani in a place other than the brothel.

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Rani was rescued in Kabadi Bazar red light area, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on 17th May, 2017 with three other girls. During a conversation with Freedom Firm social workers in the police station she revealed that she is from Jharkhand. On 23rd May, 2017 a person named Lata from Dhoulpur, Rajasthan, claiming to be her legal guardian, filed an application for the custody of Rani. A village head from Dhoulpur certified the documents produced by Lata to the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) court, Meerut. Our liaison officer personally met the Investigating Officer and shared the fact that Rani is from Jharkhand not Rajasthan. She pointed out that the person who came to claim her custody is probably fake and requested him to submit an application to the court to not release Rani until proper investigations were done. Freedom Firm also filed an application at the CJM court petitioning for rejection of the custody application on these grounds. In spite of our application the CJM court gave Rani's custody to Lata on 6th June, 2017.

Freedom Firm social workers conducted a home inquiry on 13th June and 20th July at Dholpur,

Rajashtan, on both occasions Rani was not found with the custodians. Our social workers then traced her family in Jharkhand in August and retrieved documents that revealed that she is a minor. While interacting with her parents they discovered that Rani was trafficked by a man named Gajendra, three years before, who promised to provide work so she could support her family. He took her to Delhi and then to Meerut where she was sold to Lata. Since her parents were poor and illiterate they were forced to depend on the trafficker for any information about Rani.

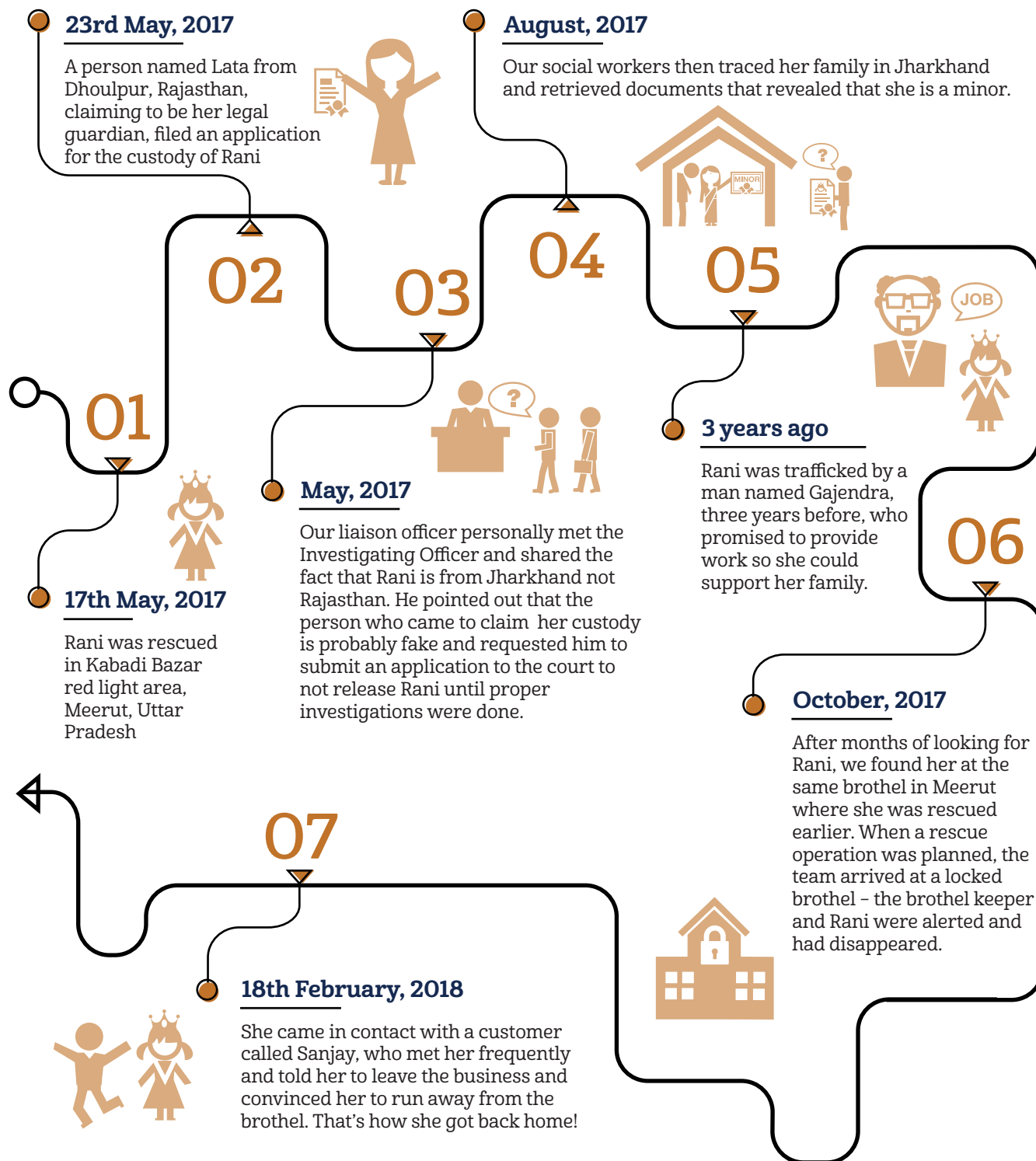
In October 2017 after months of looking for Rani, we found her at the same brothel in Meerut where she was rescued earlier. When a rescue operation was planned, the team arrived at a locked brothel – the brothel keeper and Rani were alerted and had disappeared.

Surprisingly, Freedom Firm social workers again found Rani in the month of February 2018 at her parent's home! Rani explained that after the court released her to Lata in Meerut she was taken to Madhya Pradesh and then back to the brothel in

Meerut. She also shared how she came in contact with a customer called Sanjay, who met her frequently and told her to leave the business and convinced her to run away from the brothel. That's how she got back home! The fact that her trafficker, Gajendra was arrested and that the Anti Human Trafficking Unit in Meerut is continuously searching for Lata may have a lot to do with Rani's opportunity to return home. In a recent follow up we met Rani in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh with Sanjay. He has promised to take care of her and marry her when she turns 18 in a couple of months.

Is she safe with Sanjay? Is Sanjay somehow connected to Lata or Gajendra? These are concerns that will keep Freedom Firm involved in Rani's life. While her future remains uncertain, we are glad we have the chance to meet Rani in a place other than the brothel.

*Rani pictured in the background
name changed



Nazma's pursuit of justice: A matter of life and death

“ *As I process her death, I am shocked and broken hearted. The entire staff of Freedom Firm grieve the tragic loss of Nazma. She paid the ultimate price for pursuing justice.* ”

I met Nazma for the first time in the peak of the Indian monsoon in July 2017. I had just joined Freedom Firm's Kolkata office as a social worker and was getting to know the nitty-gritty of the job. Part of my job profile was to travel to distant villages within West Bengal to visit the homes and families of girls we had rescued previously and to encourage them. The day I visited Nazma, it was pouring with rain and by the time I reached her village I was drenched.

From previous records in the office I knew that she had been rescued by Freedom Firm in 2010 in Pune, almost 2000 kilometres from Kolkata. In our subsequent follow-up visits, I learned that she came from a poor family in West Bengal. Her father, a tailor, wanted to educate his children, but that dream never became a reality. Instead, Nazma was trafficked. After her rescue and subsequent

release from the shelter home, Nazma came back to Kolkata and began working with Ruhamah Designs in May 2013.



Quiet, sensitive but strong she was an ardent worker picking up intricacies involved in creating jewellery using Aari embroidery. While she was

working at Ruhamah, she decided to marry a man, Raihan Molla, in May 2014. Only after her marriage, she discovered that Raihan was already married and she was his second wife. She shared with social workers that she was having difficulties in her marriage. In March 2015, she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl and rejoined Ruhamah after maternity leave. Unfortunately, in July 2016, Raihan refused to allow Nazma to continue working at Ruhamah so she reluctantly left her job.

On one occasion, in 2016, Nazma went to the market along with Raihan who was meeting a friend, a trafficker who had 20 cases against him. Feeling uncomfortable, Nazma decided to return home. Meanwhile the police apprehended the trafficker, who they had been looking for, and caught Raihan at the same time. He was put in jail for one month and eventually released and sent home.





A year after Nazma left Ruhamah I visited her in her parents home on that rainy monsoon day. There was pain and sadness in Nazma's eyes. She had decided to separate from Raihan. Nazma was often treated badly by his first wife and Raihan had been physically abusive and was unfaithful.

I kept in touch with Nazma and she called me on 23rd January 2018 overjoyed because one of her traffickers had been arrested. The police explained to her that if she wanted to testify they would accompany her and her husband and child to Pune. On the other hand she could withdraw the case and it would end there. The people in her

village encouraged her to withdraw the case since the trafficker was from her village. Nazma refused saying that she had suffered at the hands of this man and wanted to see justice done. Raihan, however, didn't seem too pleased. He pressured her to withdraw the case but Nazma would not give in.

When I called her on the 25th of January there was no response. On the 26th I received several calls from an unknown number. It was Nazma's brother-in-law calling to inform me that Nazma had been murdered by Raihan the previous night. He had taken her to the outskirts of the village and slit her throat with a sharp weapon. I think it's possible that

Raihan was involved in her trafficking or that the traffickers had bribed him to kill Nazma. He was arrested the next day and remains in jail.

As I process her death, I am shocked and broken hearted. The entire staff of Freedom Firm grieve the tragic loss of Nazma. She paid the ultimate price for pursuing justice.

(Nazma's little girl is now in the care of her parents)

The contributor of this article is Swarnalatha. Swarnalatha, Freedom Firm's social worker travels to homes of rescued girls to provide counselling and moral support.



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Freedom Camps

Continuing our efforts to enable more girls and shelter homes to participate in regional Freedom Camps in India, in 2017 Freedom Firm hosted three camps in Kodaikanal and Pune with a total of 70 girls engaging in activities such as archery, kayaking, rope course, swimming, rapelling, slack line and rope climbing.



Trying to pin the tail on the elephant



Coordinating their efforts at walking the plank



Getting ready for blind-man's bluff



Listening to instructions before kayaking



Enjoying a craft time activity



Trying her hands on archery



Jumping over a rope



Attempting an exhilarating rope-based activity

Expansion

In 2015 Freedom Firm began focusing on new areas to investigate and rescue girls. The investigation team explored three districts in the state of Madhya Pradesh in 2015-16. Initial investigations revealed a significant presence of minor girls in prostitution in three districts -Neemuch, Mandsaur, and Ratlam. Secondary data retrieved from government sources claimed that the three districts had up to 68 villages where prostitution was practiced, many of these villages located along the National Highway.

From June 2015 to June 2016 Freedom Firm initiated 5 rescue operations that resulted in the rescue of 21 girls and young women and the arrest of 8 brothel keepers and customers. Our experience demonstrated that the prostitution of minor girls in this area was rampant.

Our desire from the outset was to set the level of accountability within the area - including that of local police, the judicial system and the government Child Welfare Committee (CWC). We found early on that the local police were often uncooperative when our investigative team presented evidence of minors in prostitution. This lack of cooperation was often linked to corruption in the police force. At times, the local police allowed prostitution activities to continue and flourish in return for financial benefit. In these situations, Freedom Firm was compelled to alert higher authorities in order to gain cooperation at the local level.

What happened to the girls after their rescue? The Child Welfare Committee which is responsible for ensuring the safety and welfare of the girls after their rescue was unfortunately

releasing rescued girls quickly to the same people who trafficked them in the first place. These people posed as parents or legal guardians and the CWC released the girls without carefully verifying documents for authenticity, or doing any background-checks on the claimants. The rescued girls were easily re-trafficked only to be found by our investigative team in brothels within a short time.

Our efforts so far have been accomplished by short-term trips by the interventions and aftercare teams. These visits only allowed for a very limited follow up. Since, there is a tremendous need for sustained intervention, Freedom Firm has decided to start an office in Madhya Pradesh to follow up on old cases and initiate newer rescue operations

MAHARASHTRA

New Areas Investigated -

Bhusawal, Latur, Beed, Telgaon, Mazalgaon, Rajgurunagar, Chakan, Wagholi, Saswad, Vadki, Jejuri, Lonand, Phaltan, Ratnagiri, Malvan, Sindhudurg, Shevgaon, Igatpuri, Ashti, Jamkhed, Shirur, Supa, Shrirampur, Bableshwar, Guha, Newasa, Gangapur, Soni, Shani Shingapur, Ambejogai, Bhor, Velhe, Nira, Rahuri, Sangamner, Loni, Musalgaon, Sinnar, Kurkumbh, Mahiji, Chalisgaon, Manmad, Erondol, Muktainagar, Raver, Udgir, Nilanga, Barshi, Karmala, Indapur, Bhigwan, Pandharpur, Tuljapur, Talegaon, Hatkangle, Aurangabad, Pandarkavda, Washim, Murtizapur, Hingoli, Risod, Khamngaon, Manwat, Parbanhi, Arni, Akot, Akola, Amravati, Achalpur, Paratwada, Chandur Bazar, Telhara, Shegaon, Arvi, Gondia, Aramori, Wardha,



Charmoarshi, Wadsa, Saonar, Jawla Bazaar, Maglegaw

Brothels Closed - Bhusawal and Amalner

Raids in New Areas - Bhusawal, Shevgaon, Hingoli

UTTAR PRADESH

New Areas Investigated -

Mirjapur, Badaun, Gonda, Shahajahanpur, Siddharth Nagar, Sravasti, Saharanpur, Bareilly, Varanasi, Chitrakoot, Banda, Basti, Baliya, Agra, Mainpuri, Firozabad, Mathura, Kaushambi, Ahari

Raids in New Areas - Banda
Brothels Closed - Banda

MADHYA PRADESH

New Areas Investigated -

Gwalior, Jabalpur, Sarni, Betul, Amla, Panduma,

Employing Women from the Sex Trade



Concentrating on wire-wrapping a piece of jewellery



Creating an Aari design

Ruhamah Designs has traditionally employed young women who are survivors of sex trafficking but in June 2017 the staff of Ruhamah Designs learnt about an organization called 'Jewels In a Crown' (JIAC) that was rehabilitating women in Kalighat red light area since 2007. They were providing them with jewelry training along with life skills. Most of these women were forced into the trade at some point in their lives and just continued to remain in it given that there was lack of respectable employment opportunities, and they had families to take care of. Over the years, since Ruhamah started, we realised that most of the young women and their families wanted them to be married therefore not very keen on working. After the interaction with JIAC and more research, Ruhamah found that there was a need for employment for women who were not rescued, but had left the trade. So, Ruhamah decided to extend the employment to survivors of the sex trade, and not just to rescued young women along with our

partner organisations. At the same time, JIAC had to close down for unexpected reasons and had to discontinue their employment program.

In order to ensure that the women were employed, Ruhamah Designs stepped in and offered employment. The women were thus employed and it didn't take them long to pick up the various intricacies in creating the jewellery since they already had the skill. Our first batch of women who had left the sex trade joined Ruhamah in October 2017. Ruhamah family now includes women between the ages 18 to 50+. Below are the stories of the women who joined Ruhamah Designs.

Kaya Dasi, 42

Forty-year-old Kaya Dasi quit the trade four years ago, to find respectable employment. 'I met good social workers who guided me to a good life, and here I am enjoying making jewels for the world market,' grins Kaya.

Vishaka, 38, Chhattisgarh

Thirty-eight-year-old Vishaka

hails from Chhattisgarh, and was married off when she was just 12. 'I went with my husband to Kalighat, and thought life would be good there, only to realise that he was sleeping with so many women, "marrying many girls" as she explained. I tried telling my husband to stop, but to no avail,' she sighs. 'Over the years, we had three children, and when I turned 25, I was fed up with my husband's involvement with other women, and decided that I too, will enter the trade of sex work. I continued to pursue the trade until I met social workers who taught me jewellery training in Ruhamah where I earn a respectable living.'

Shakuntala Devi, 45, Chhattisgarh

Forty-five-year-old Shakuntala Devi also hails from Chhattisgarh, and entered the trade out of desperation. 'My father had tuberculosis, my brothers were all younger than me, and my mother wasn't employed. I wanted to help the family, and so a friend advised me to come away to Kolkata, and



Girls interacting with their peers and enjoying creating new designs

engage in sex work. I did not tell my family what I did for a living, but sent money home for their upkeep. Now, I have chosen to earn a respectable income here at Ruhamah,' she explains.

Champa

Champa led a respectable life with her husband and son until

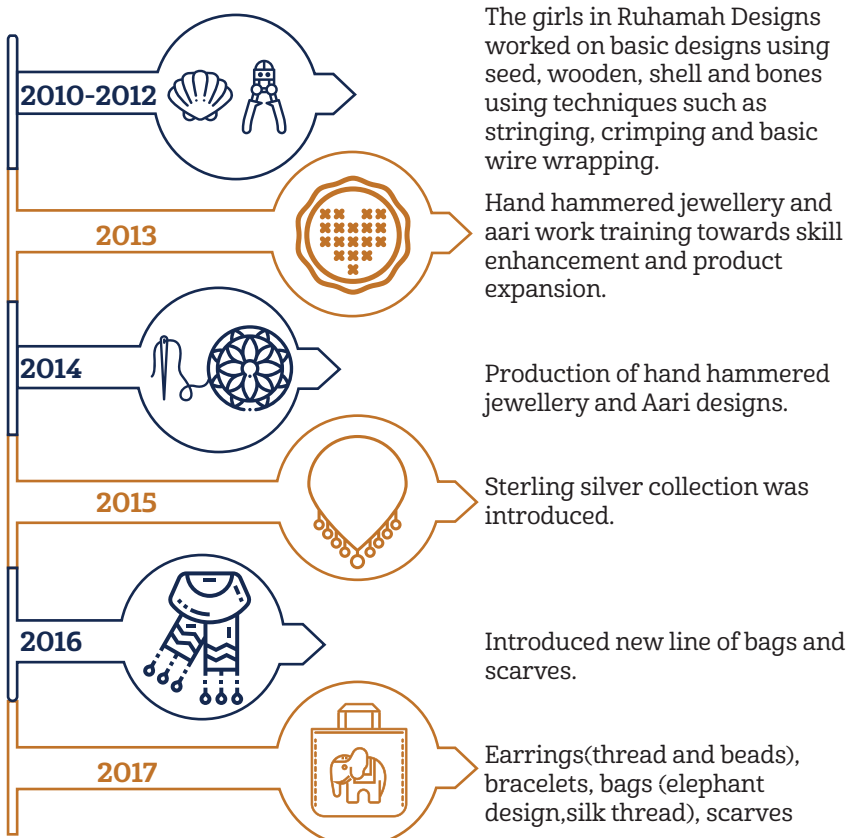
her infant daughter suddenly fell ill and died. Her husband was heartbroken - he blamed Champa for the child's death, and sent her and their son back to her parents' home. With no income to bring up her child, Champa went to Pune looking for work because a girl she knew told her she could get a tailoring

job which would fetch her a lot of money. 'I trusted her, and went along. She took me to a brothel, and I was beaten up until I conceded. I stayed on for five years, until I was rescued, and now I have found Ruhamah,' she smiles. 'My son lives in a hostel, and I want to educate him with the help of my respectable earnings.'

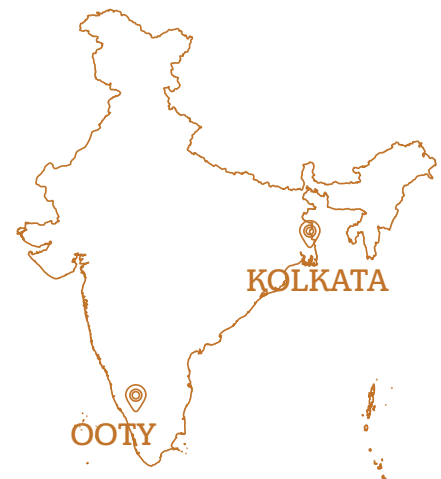
Divya, 37, Kolkata

Thirty-seven-year-old Divya too, has a son, he is twenty. 'I come from Canning, and due to our difficult circumstances, took up domestic work when I was 12 years old... then my employers sold me,' she recalls. 'I continued to be in the trade for 25 years - no one paid me, they just took care of my food and clothing. It's been six years since I have given up the trade, and I am very happy to learn this work. In the future, I want to teach jewellery making to little children in Kalighat.'

Timeline of Products made at Ruhamah Designs



Workshops



Ooty - Training centre and sourcing materials

Kolkata - Workshop where women create elegant hand embroidered designs and hand-hammered jewelry.

Goodbye Leg Up India

The face of the Freedom Firm office in Ooty, Tamil Nadu is changing. At one time the Ooty office was the percolating hub of multiple programs including a residential aftercare home for rescued girls, the nucleus of Ruhamah Designs, a business that employed girls, and Leg Up, a therapeutic horse program that helped meet their emotional needs. Today the office has morphed into primarily an administrative hub to meet the needs of a growing organization with 4 regional offices and work in a total of 8 states.

In 2017 we closed our production center in Ooty with the strategy of reaching far more girls by concentrating our efforts in large cities like Kolkata and Mumbai. This meant that the girls in Ooty relocated to new areas and jobs. The girls who participated in Leg Up over the years moved on.

At the same time, the primary

partner of our Leg Up program, that brought the disabled children each week, stopped participating in our program. Without children and young women, Leg Up, the Saturday therapy program, was no longer necessary.

The Malsteads, who founded the program, still had 3 horses and dreams of developing horse therapy camps in the future. However, recently all three horses tragically died of unrelated causes. For the last two years the Malsteads have had ongoing legal battles to regain the right to live in India without harassment. Without riders, horses or a leader, the writing is on the wall for all to see.

Leg Up, the inspiration for the documentary *'Horse and Rider: A Journey to Freedom'*, and catalyst for change in lives of many rescued girls and disabled children over the last 11 years

has come to an end. We are so grateful for the hundreds of volunteers who participated over the years, making the program a reality. We are thankful for all of you who supported through notes of encouragement, prayers and finances.

Saturday mornings at the Malsteads were times of great joy and learning, a time to play with horses, to grow in confidence and to practice gentleness and practical love. We celebrate the years of goodness and beauty that Leg Up brought for so many. We celebrate the children. We celebrate the young women. We celebrate students, Freedom Firm volunteers and staff, community helpers and teams from the US and my own four children, who were the backbone of the therapy days over all the years. We pray that whatever was done to the "least of these" was done to the Lord.



Shadow



Firefly



Summer

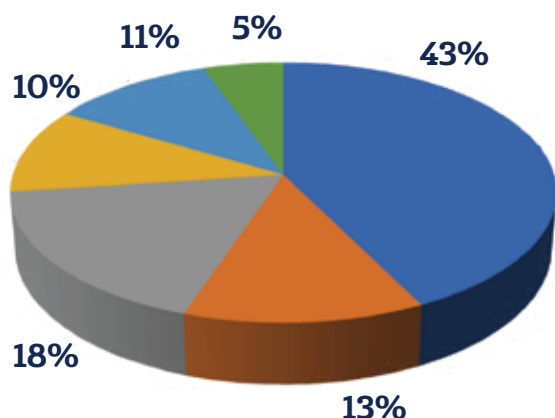


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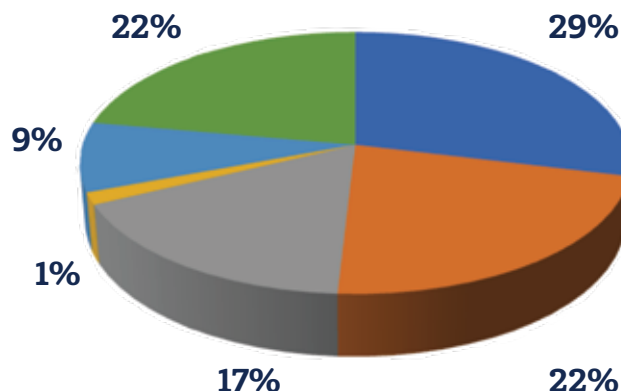
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Freedom Firm's total income for the year was Rs. 11964097 (\$199402). Our sources of income have been grants given through Freedom Firm USA, direct grants from donors in Europe and USA, and individual donors in India. We simply could not have achieved all that we did without the generous support of individuals, foundations and churches from across the world. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Freedom Firm and allowed us to expand our work of rescue, restoration and justice for victims of sex trafficking in India!

Income in INR:1,19,64,097



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- HC Maclellan
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- Operation Blessings International
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Front Cover photo: A survivor of sex trafficking embracing a volunteer in a Freedom Camp conducted at a campsite in Pune

Back Cover photo: A rope course at the Kodaikanal campsite