

**WE EXIST  
TO RESCUE  
CHILDREN  
FROM SEX  
TRAFFICKING**



OPERATION UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

**2016  
ANNUAL REPORT**



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## MESSAGE FROM O.U.R. Founder & CEO

Dear Friends,

We are excited to report our successes in 2016. This report provides updates and information regarding our most pressing successes and exceptional growth. We are truly grateful for the support our Donors continue to give, and would like to use this report as an opportunity to be transparent in how each contribution is helping the children we are rescuing as well as building worldwide partnerships for the scalability of eradicating sex trafficking. We also would like to shine a light onto those who are stepping into the fight as a partner of O.U.R., and are emphasizing along with us that we will not tolerate our children to be sold for sex exploitation. Let's start with our gratitude for the increase in giving this year. We cannot do this alone, and the number of people eager to help us rescue children is humbling. We have added 7,000 new donors so far this year; every single donation helps us reach more children in need. We are also grateful to the many companies, foundations and civic groups that have recognized O.U.R. as an organization worthy of their support. We are happy to report that we have increased our corporate and foundation contributions by 60%. Thank you for recognizing the strength and structure built over these past 3 years. While funding has increased this quarter, so has the demand, and with that, the successes. We have completed an unsurpassed 26 rescues in just the first 6 months of this year. While we rely on financial contributions and measure our immediate impact by the number of arrested traffickers and rescued victims, these numbers do not even begin to describe what the donations and O.U.R. provide to the children rescued.



**Tim Ballard**  
*Founder/CEO*

A handwritten signature of the name "Tim Ballard" in black ink.

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

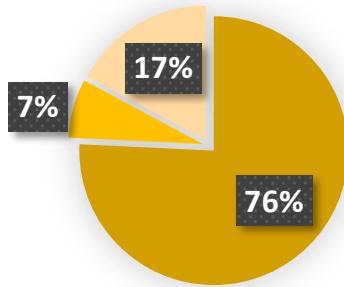


- We have forged new and successful relationships with the government of Thailand, and also received a plaque of recognition and partnership.
- Multiple major media outlets have covered O.U.R. this year to help increase awareness.
- The Mexican Government invited O.U.R. to work multiple operations that resulted in a total of 40 trafficking victims rescued and 14 suspected traffickers apprehended. They are now leading regional partners in this fight.
- We have made great strides in our Aftercare efforts as we have partnered with rehab facilities and shelters in over a dozen countries around the world.
- Our volunteer program has increased tremendously with over 1,723 registered volunteers across the country.
- Rescue Operations have taken place in the following countries: Nepal, Thailand, Dominican Republic, Mexico, India, Uganda, U.S.A.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### EXPENSES

■ Program Services ■ Management ■ Fundraising



### O.U.R. VISION

We see a world free from child trafficking by the year 2035, where no perpetrator dares to enter the trade because the consequences are so profound that the risk outweighs any possible benefit, and every responsible government and person seeks to protect the most vulnerable.

### O.U.R. MISSION

To shine a light to the world on the global epidemic of child sex trafficking, and in so doing to rescue children from slavery and assist law enforcement in the prosecution of trafficking offenders.

We place rescued children in safe havens providing appropriate recovery aftercare.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

O.U.R. is led by a deeply caring, enthusiastic and active Board of Directors who share their insights and expertise to help advance our mission.

**Kelly Wilson**

*President*

**Stephen Fairbanks**

*Treasurer*

**Marc Reynolds**

*Secretary*

**Julianne Blake**

*Board Member*

**Todd Reynolds**

*Board Member*

**John Moreland**

*Board Member*

## OFFICERS

**Tim Ballard**

*Chief Executive Officer*

**Jerry Gowen**

*Chief Operating Officer*

**Jonathan Lines**

*Vice President of Operations*

**Tevya Ware**

*Vice President of Finance*

**ab•o•li•tion•ist**

*noun*

a person who helps put an end to the practice of slavery

## **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*See attached financial statement*

## **EMANCIPATE | EMPOWER | ENLIGHTEN**

### **EMANCIPATE CHILD VICTIMS**

We are freeing child victims around the world from sex trafficking and dismantling the criminal networks. Once rescued, we place children with safe havens that provide recovery care.

### **EMPOWER LAW ENFORCEMENT**

We are bolstering law enforcement and governments around the world by creating and providing them with technology, tools and training to eliminate trafficking.

### **ENLIGHTEN THE PUBLIC**

We are educating stakeholders around the world about the prominence and travesty of child sex slavery and driving them to actionable steps.



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