

Slavery-Free,  
Slavery-Resistant  
Communities

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

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*Gregory A. Haile*

Gregory Haile  
Board Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Free the Slaves strategy boils down to just one word: **community**. We work to create slavery-free, slavery-resistant communities through innovative grassroots field programs. We connect anti-slavery groups into a coordinated community of organizations, institutions, human rights professionals and activists tackling one of the world's greatest human rights challenges. We unite a robust community of foundations, businesses,

individuals and government agencies to support the collective work of freedom. This report outlines how Free the Slaves brings these communities together into an effective anti-slavery movement.

It has been a great honor to serve on the Free the Slaves board of directors. I am term limited and thus preparing to step off of the board, and as I reflect on the organization's remarkable record of accomplishment, I am reminded that your ongoing support is essential to safeguarding communities from slavery.

Many thanks for choosing to be a part of the Free the Slaves community. Working together we will spread freedom to everyone, everywhere.

**Our Mission:**

**Liberating  
slaves and  
changing the  
conditions that  
allow slavery  
to persist**

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## FieldProgram

# RESULTS

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### Education & Mobilization

In Senegal, rural parents send children to boarding schools in distant cities to receive religious education. Fake teachers often enslave the children instead in forced begging gangs. We helped parents build a village school so children can learn safely at home.

### Rescue, Rehabilitation, Reintegration

When they first arrived at the rescue shelter, you could see in their eyes that these children had endured the unimaginable as child fishing slaves. "We were tied with ropes and beaten, with no food for the day," they said. "We slept on the bare floor with no blankets."

Now, after support from doctors, teachers and social workers, these Ghanaian children can dream once again. Dziwonya wants to become a police officer, Esenam wants to become a nurse, Christopher wants to be a teacher.

With freedom, it's possible.

**657,737**  
people trained to protect  
their communities from  
human trafficking

**6,255**  
people received  
socioeconomic services  
to build slavery resistance

**692**  
government officials trained  
to track down traffickers and  
help victims

**23**  
traffickers arrested and  
brought to justice

another person freed every  
**20**  
hours





# 2018 Frontline FREEDOM STRATEGIES

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## Protecting Women and Girls

We empower women by providing education about women's rights, self-help groups, vocational training, and formal schooling.

## Safeguarding Children

We teach parents and children about children's rights and establish systems of rescue, shelter and rehabilitation.

## Building Socioeconomic Security

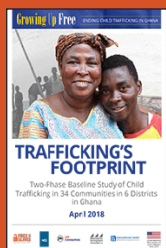
We increase access to education, health care, vocational training and savings clubs to improve physical and social well-being.

## Strengthening Community Advocacy

We help community leaders advocate for better police protection and increased social services to reduce vulnerability.



## 2018 Thought Leadership Publications



### Trafficking's Footprint

Our baseline project research in Ghana uncovered more than 600 cases of child trafficking in 34 communities. The report recommended

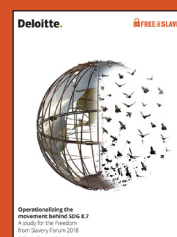
increasing the number of victims receiving comprehensive trauma-informed care, ensuring at-risk families can provide for basic needs, and increasing public awareness of child trafficking. **MORE...**



### Catalyzing a Civil Society Movement

Our Community Liberation Initiative formalizes our

frontline causal model's basic pillars: educate and mobilize vulnerable communities; facilitate rescue, care and reintegration of survivors; strengthen the rule of law; and increase household socioeconomic security. Entire communities break free and stay free. **MORE...**



### Operationalizing SDG 8.7

Civil society plays a critical role in raising awareness, advocating with governments to take robust action and

developing new interventions to disrupt slavery and aid its survivors. This study, co-authored by Deloitte and Free the Slaves, explored the goals, norms and policy priorities for civil society coalitions within the anti-slavery movement. **MORE...**

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## MovementBuilding **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



Read the Bangkok Statement: [freedomfromslaveryforum.org/cso-platform-of-action](https://freedomfromslaveryforum.org/cso-platform-of-action)

### 2018 Freedom from Slavery Forum

More than 80 global anti-slavery leaders mapped a future of coordination and cooperation in Thailand at the 2018 Freedom from Slavery Forum, managed by Free the Slaves. As signatories of the Bangkok Statement of Principles, delegates set standards for action by governments, businesses, civil society, and labor organizations.



### Alliance to End Slavery & Trafficking

A major 2018 advocacy victory: Congress adopted ATEST coalition recommendations to strengthen the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Free the Slaves serves as ATEST secretariat and co-chair. The renewed trafficking act improves protections for victims and tightens standards for country rankings in the annual Trafficking in Persons Report.

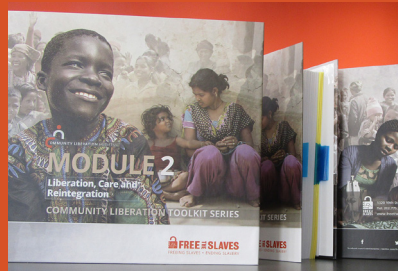
### Alliance 8.7

Free the Slaves serves on the Global Coordinating Group of Alliance 8.7, acting as a voice for civil society in the movement to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 8.7, the end of modern slavery, human trafficking and child labor.



### Community Liberation Initiative

Our Community Liberation Initiative trains frontline activists and international development field workers to safeguard communities from slavery. In 2018 we integrated our strategies into the literacy programs of READ Nepal, educating 2,500 people about their rights. In Ghana, we beta tested our new manual on rescues and survivor care.





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## Fashion for Freedom 2018

New Yorkers learned how modern slavery taints the garment industry, and what they can do about it. Our gathering was a fantastic success, bringing together 46 ethical fashion brands and leaders in the ethical fashion movement. Activist Flor Molina, a sewing factory slavery survivor, received our Fashion for Freedom Award.



Evelyn Chumbow  
Slavery Survivor  
Free the Slaves Board Member

**"I dream of a world without slavery. I hope to see that world one day. I keep fighting because I know I can advocate for the people who are still enslaved. Please join the fight."**

*Read Evelyn's story from  
**December 2018 in the  
FTS Blog***

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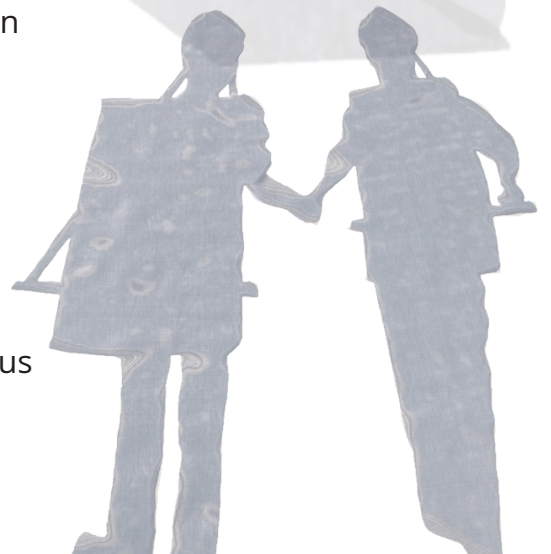
## Slavery OUT OF THE SHADOWS



Thousands of Californians became aware of slavery's existence in 2018 because Artist Sandra Relyea found a powerful way to bring slavery out of the shadows. Many of the images in her museum exhibition are based on Free the Slaves photographs and films.

The images encourage you to read your own emotions into the figures. Your interpretation insists you see them, and will not forget.

The figures connect slavery to the world, to what we look at, and to ourselves. Even in shadows, Relyea's work gives us slaves we can see.





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