

## WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?

We are constantly expanding our reach to empower supporters. Below are a few campaigns set to launch this Fall that we hope you take advantage of.

Make sure to keep an eye out on our website and social media platforms to learn more.



### SIGNS OF TRAFFICKING - ONLINE TRAINING TOOL

We are in the process of developing an O.U.R. Signs of Trafficking training that will be available online. The training

will be hosted on our website and offered free of charge. We want to spread awareness and empower the public to know how they can identify and help victims of trafficking.

### SAVE A LIFE WITH EVERY SWIPE

We are excited to team up with MasterCard to make giving even easier. Every time you use your Operation Underground Railroad



Railroad MasterCard, a portion goes directly to rescuing victims of human trafficking.

### 4TH ANNUAL O.U.R. GALA

The 4th Annual O.U.R. Gala is scheduled for November 4th in Salt Lake City. Come support our team as we raise funds to help rescue and rehabilitate those children who need our help. To learn more or to purchase tickets, you can go to: [www.ourrescue.org/gala](http://www.ourrescue.org/gala)

We currently have many other projects, foreign and domestic, to offer. For more information, please contact us and we will put you in touch with a donor relation's specialist.

## OPERATION UNDERGROUND RAILROAD'S 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.

O.U.R.'s goal is always to return rescued children to their families or place them in safe havens providing appropriate recovery aftercare.



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OPERATION UNDERGROUND RAILROAD



# 2017 MID-YEAR REPORT

September 2017

## Collaboration to Empower the Children

There are three main pillars of aftercare that we have focused on in 2017. Those three pillars consist of **strengthening the families of survivors, empowering survivors with skills that give them a livable income when they transition from aftercare homes, and education!** Why? Through talking to survivors and directors in 16 different countries we have found that three of the leading causes of human trafficking are the breakdown of the family, poverty, and a lack of education.



Last month, we were honored to collaborate with one of our aftercare partners in Africa to support the building of a school. This school will allow survivors and vulnerable children to have a safe place to learn and gain an education.

One thing that stands out about this specific group of children and teenagers is their passion to learn. Their uniforms were spotless, their smiles were bright and their kindness was endless. All they needed was someone to treat them as if they were their own children - to fight for them so they can have every opportunity possible.

These are the types of partners we collaborate with and this home in Africa is no exception! They radiate compassion, strength and the belief in healing.

We try to save every child and one life transformed will always be worth it to us. We believe that you support us for the same reasons. Thank you for your heart, your love, and commitment to freedom for all!

Sincerely,  
Jessica Mass  
Director of Aftercare  
Operation Underground Railroad

## OUR IMPACT



739

Victims rescued



365

Traffickers arrested

On average one pedophile or trafficker will abuse anywhere from 100-200 victims in their lifetime. Prosecuting just one of them has the potential of saving 100-200 individuals from further abuse or from ever being abused in the first place.



20

Law enforcement officers trained



48

Community Teams in the United States working together in their cities to raise awareness



5

International Aftercare trainings completed



4,156

Registered volunteers worldwide

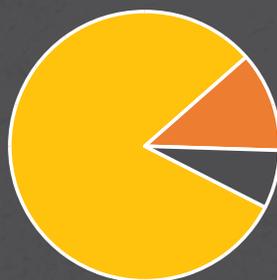


427,000

Supporters on Facebook

## 2017 YTD EXPENSES

Operations & Aftercare  
81%



Development  
12%

General & Administrative  
7%

## HIGHLIGHTS

### OPENING OF TICAC

At the beginning of 2017, the Thailand Internet Crimes Against Children (TICAC) Forensic Laboratory opened. O.U.R., along with the Royal Thai Police, teamed up with the FBI and HSI to create this one-of-a-kind lab that will train new police cadets as well as process all digital evidence in child exploitation and human trafficking cases. O.U.R. completely funded the laboratory as well as provided jump team members to conduct trainings. Because of our efforts this will result in the rescue of thousands and the arrest of their perpetrators.

### HAITI SUPER BOWL OPERATION

We had a very successful rescue operation in Haiti in February (29 rescued - 20 of whom were minors - and eight traffickers arrested) that allowed us to broaden and deepen ties with aftercare facilities in that country. The rescue happened at the same time as Super Bowl 51 in Houston, TX.

### TEACH A MAN TO FISH

One of our main initiatives at O.U.R. is providing law enforcement around the world with the proper tools and training to protect children from being sexually exploited. Because of the numerous trainings our team provided, our partners have been able to carry out several operations on their own this year and make more rescues and arrests than ever before.

### PROGRESS IN PERU

In April, our team had a very successful rescue operation in Peru (the first O.U.R. rescue operation we have led in that country, which resulted in nine victims rescued and three traffickers arrested) that allowed us to forge ties with both federal and state law enforcement officials and paved the way for further rescues later this year.

### OFFICIAL CHARITY IN MEXICO

In June, O.U.R. became an official recognized charity in Mexico. With that status, we will be able to host fundraisers to raise money and awareness for child exploitation operations in the country.

### OFFICES IN THAILAND

O.U.R. is in the process of opening up administrative offices in Thailand. With much demand in this part of the world, we are excited for the opportunities that will come from having our own space in that country.