

Hello all,

2019 was a busy year for LIFT International. We continue to be encouraged by the great progress being made both within our organisation and within the sector as a whole.

Some key highlights for LIFT include:

- One of our cases receiving international coverage by CNN, BBC, and other news agencies around the world. This was a high impact case that will have long lasting benefits.
- LIFT lawyer receiving an 'Outstanding Persons Award' from the Prime Minister of Thailand for LIFT's work on a case.
- LIFT International celebrating it's 8th birthday!
- LIFT International hit two milestones 250 arrests and over 1,500 years of jail time sentenced since our founding.

We are excited by all that has been achieved and look forward to further progress in 2020.

JUSTIN & CAROLYN BOSWELL

CO-FOUNDERS

Freedom through Justice for survivors of human trafficking since our founding in 2011.

We hold traffickers accountable & advocate for the rights of victims.

We assist Law Enforcement, Public Prosecutors & NGOS by offering our services ranging from legal support, field intelligence, forensics to victim and survivor care.

2019 AT A GLANCE

We assist public prosecutors to ensure offenders are brought to justice and that survivors of trafficking receive the best care, the best resources and the best guidance to regain control of their lives.

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We LIFT survivors.
We LIFT standards.
We LIFT justice.

VICTIMS REMOVED FROM HARM

From karaoke bars to online sexual exploitation, "removed from harm" refers to physical safety as well as protection from online predators. As we see more cases of online sexual exploitation, sometimes we'll use the term "victims assisted." In both senses, LIFT helped the victims find safety.

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SURVIVOR VISITS

LIFT social workers schedule regular Aftercare visits to follow up with survivors, in order to facilitate a smooth transition back with their families and in their hometowns.

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LOVE PACKS GIVEN

Love Packs contain a combination of hygiene essentials and thoughtful treats, and always accompany LIFT social workers on survivor visits.



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ARRESTS

We assist local and international police to identify trafficking offenders and remove victims from harm.

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CONVICTIONS

Court proceedings take time to bring offenders to justice, which is why the number of convictions doesn't always match the number of arrests. It just means some cases are still in process.

USD **1**10K

COMPENSATION ORDERED

We go after the money because money matters to traffickers, but we also go after money because it is important to the victims. A court order for a trafficker to pay compensation to a victim is an important part of victims feeling like they have been heard, and equips them to start a new life.

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YEARS SENTENCED

Offenders often serve jail time in addition to paying compensation to the victims.

We IDENTIFY.
We PROTECT.
We PROSECUTE.



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INFO REPORTS GATHERED

A case begins with an information report, which often comes to us via one of our valued partners, both within the government and NGOs. From there, we work with local police to identify victims and target offenders.

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FORENSIC EXTRACTIONS

Our intelligence team specializes in forensic extractions of technical devices such as cell phones and tablets. We can use the gathered information to target criminal networks.

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PEOPLE TRAINED

LIFT team members are often invited to train NGO staff and Law Enforcement regarding topics such as victim identification and survivor care.

We are lawyers, criminal investigators & social workers all united by our desire to be strategic and focused on long-term impact.



WHIY PARTNERSHIPS MATTER

A 6-year old girl removed from harm waits in a government children's shelter. Smaller than most girls her age, she looks like a tiny grasshopper swaddled in uniform, complete with an orange polo tucked into baggy black pants. Her hair is cropped short in the local custom for a school girl. Her gummy smile confirms her actual age with two rows of missing front teeth. She chats willingly and easily, telling us her favorite colors, foods, and obediently recites the entire 44 letters of the Thai alphabet. With little prompting, she waves a perfect English "hello" to the westerner in the room.

This isn't a formally registered case that we get to count for the books. This isn't a success story that we log into our numbers. This is a story of government and non-profit organizations working together for a six-year-old girl who has suffered atrocities beyond imagination, and the open-hearted, optimistic social workers doing their best to give her the positive future she deserves.

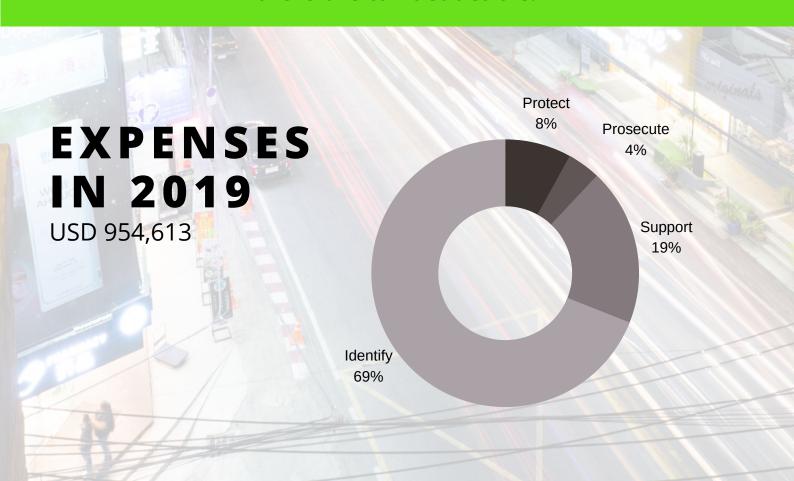
The government shelter is a pleasant surprise, with a well-trimmed lawn and recently painted buildings in playful, child-friendly colours. Two government social workers, one government psychologist, and three non-profit social workers from two different organizations come together to discern the optimal outcome for this one little girl. The combined experience in the room reaches well over 75 years, all hearts soft with hope that this child can find a loving home and a bright future.

We won't know how her story ends.*
In this case, LIFT simply acted as a conduit between two groups deeply invested in caring for this girl.
Because of LIFT's consistent and intentional focus on building and maintaining partnerships, a southern Thailand government shelter came together with a northern Thailand non-profit to bring this little one to safety. We trust in our partners to take it from there.

*Just in: The social workers found a family to adopt her. The process has begun!



Human trafficking is a global problem that demands a worldwide response. As a charitable trust, we partner with individuals and institutional funders to accomplish our work. Our fiscal partners in the UK, US and NZ ensure that donations there are tax deductible.

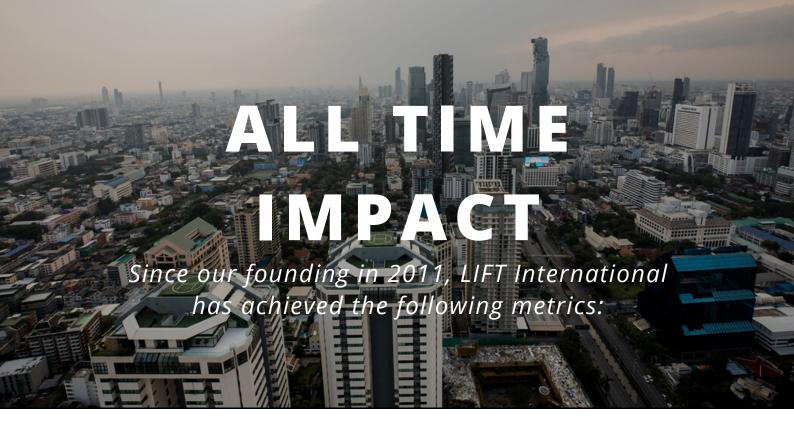




Results stemming from Operation Blackwrist* will likely be seen for a number of years, as officers comb through devices, chat groups and known associates of website users and offenders... it sends a clear message to those abusing children, producing child sexual exploitation material and sharing the images online: We see you, and you will be brought to justice.

*case LIFT was heavily involved in

- INTERPOL, Secretary General Jürgen Stock, May 2019



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VICTIMS REMOVED FROM HARM

250

OFFENDERS ARRESTED

126

OFFENDERS CONVICTED

738

INFORMATION REPORTS GATHERED

USD 210K

FINES CHARGED

USD 600K

COMPENSATION ORDERED

USD 40M

ASSETS SEIZED

1,797 YRS

JAIL TIME SENTENCED



HEALING IN PROGRESS

Wearing matching pink uniform shirts and matching ponytails with ribbons, they look like a typical bunch of high school girls. They giggle, they whisper, they talk about pizza and fried chicken. One can quickly pick out the jokester, the leader, the quiet one, and a pair of sisters. They generally follow the rules, but occasionally get into mischief, most recently from making their own cards out of soap boxes and using them to gamble.

But these five girls didn't meet in high school. They met while working at a karaoke bar where they were all trafficked as sex workers. Now safe in a shelter, they have been waiting just over a year while court proceedings ensure justice. Confident in the case against their offender, they eagerly share any information that will prevent others from making the same mistakes.

Parents come to visit, and the end of court proceedings draws near. The girls anticipate going home soon, with plans to give merit at the temple, ask forgiveness from their parents, and take their parents out to eat. One girl adds, "I just want to cuddle with my mom."

The girls count the days between visits from LIFT Aftercare. The five teenagers lean in attentively as the social worker talks to them about their futures. She asks the girls what they want to be, and they readily answer: a nurse, a tour guide, a helicopter engineer, open a bakery, and own a coffee shop. The social worker also prompts them to think about details beyond the big, general ideas. She asks, "when there is a 3 month gap between school terms, it's easy to get distracted from your goal or persuaded to go in another direction. What will you do in that time to keep yourself focused and busy?" The girls don't have such ready answers but consider her questions thoughtfully.

Despite so much progress and healing, the teenage girls still have a long way to go as they re-integrate back into their hometowns and families, finish high school, and move forward as adults. They have hopes and dreams for a future no different than your average teenager. LIFT Aftercare has played a crucial role in their healing process, and will continue to ensure a smooth transition.



