



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

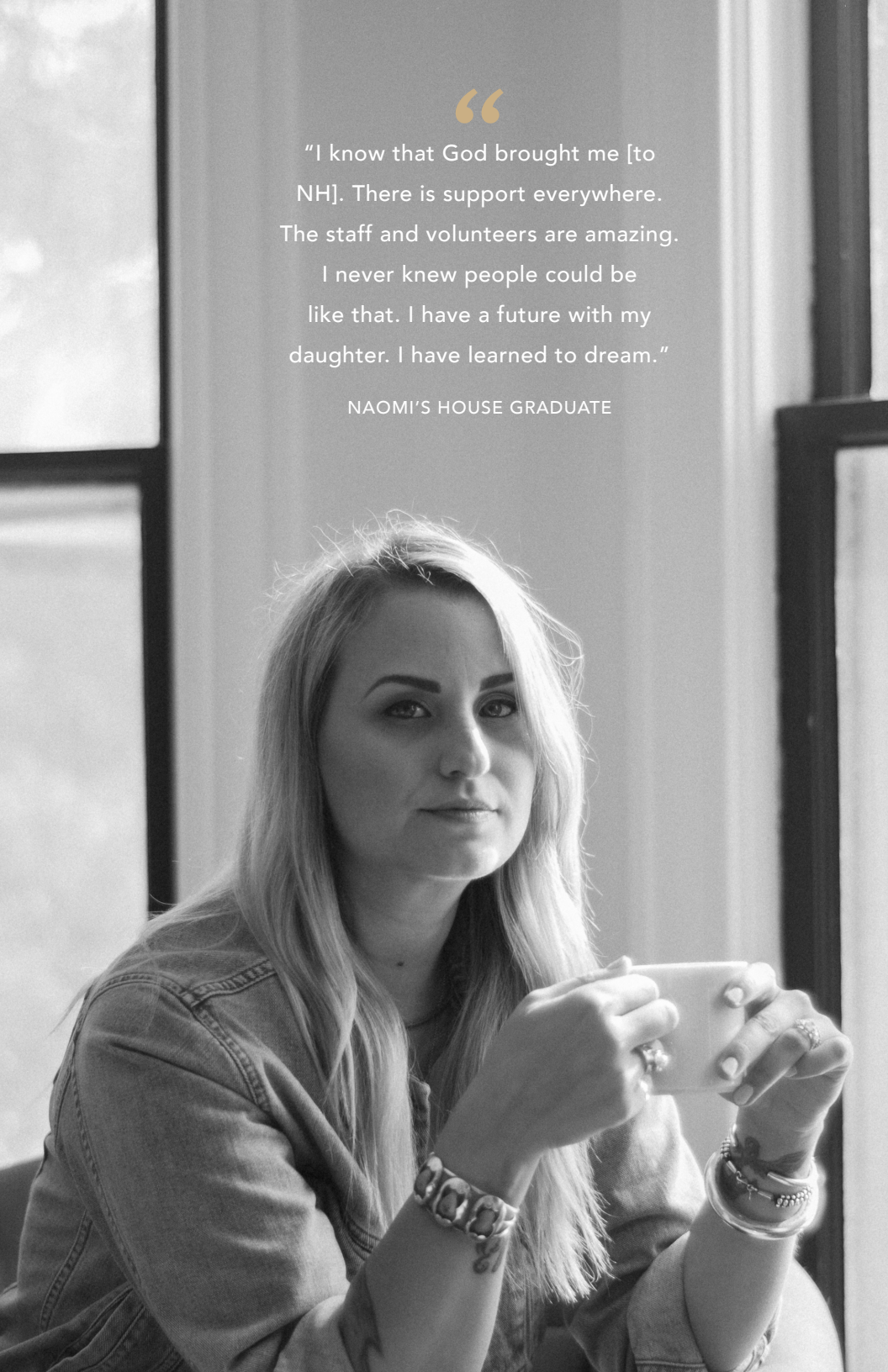
hope lives here 

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“I know that God brought me [to NH]. There is support everywhere. The staff and volunteers are amazing.

I never knew people could be like that. I have a future with my daughter. I have learned to dream.”

NAOMI'S HOUSE GRADUATE



A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After three years of serving, learning, and walking alongside victims of trafficking, we started 2019 positioned to grow. We served more women this past year than ever before, launched more graduates back into independence than ever before, interviewed and referred more women applying to our program than ever before. Naomi's House went from the infancy stage to a full-fledged organization, serving, hiring, training, and launching leaders.

Our vision has not wavered: we exist because every woman who suffers from commercial sexual exploitation deserves a new start. Now more than ever, we know what it takes to provide that new start, and as we reflect once again on God's goodness to the women in our program, we have thankful hearts for His unending love for them.

One woman said, "Since being at Naomi's House, I have grown in ways I never imagined possible. I was angry and filled with hatred. [They] taught me about grace and compassion...the thing I'm most grateful for is that [NH] taught me about Jesus. I wouldn't be where I am now in my faith if it weren't for Naomi's House."

As we enter into 2020, growth continues to be our theme, and I'm thankful for the strategic way our team thinks and plans. We are thrilled to launch our newest program: NH4. This program is for our graduates who have successfully completed our Residential Program and are looking for a continued partnership. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by January, which would allow us to fully implement NH4 for six women in 2020. Would you consider giving this year-end to help us launch this new program?

Our continued prayer as we move into 2020 is inspired by Colossians 2:6-7.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Our fervent prayer for the women of NH is that we would see their growth continue as they live with their lives rooted in Christ, built up in Him, strengthened by faith, overflowing with thankfulness.

Merry Christmas and New Year blessings to you from all of us at Naomi's House!

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Simone Halpin

# hope for today

## 2019 recap

- 1 We served 10 women this year in our Residential Program.
- 2 A total of six women have graduated from Naomi's House, and all six are currently utilizing Graduate Services from NH.
- 3 We launched Phase 3 – a program that allows a graduate to stay at NH for an additional three to six months, giving her a combination of independence and support while she transitions back into the community.
- 4 Two women were baptized at a local church. One woman said, "I used to think there wasn't a God because of how horrible my childhood and life was and all the bad things I witnessed. But now I realize He had an army of His strongest angels surrounding me because I made it out alive."
- 5 Five NH women are enrolled in college.
- 6 Seven NH women have interviewed for and earned jobs in the community.
- 7 We provided over 200 hours of trauma-informed therapy, group therapy, and life-skills training to equip women with the resources they need to heal. These are tools they've never had before.
- 8 57 volunteers served directly with our women in the past year. And over 50 churches and volunteer advocates provided group service projects, NH showers, or awareness events.

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Thank you for giving me  
my daughter back.

This was said by a mom who watched her daughter graduate from Naomi's House. This graduate entered NH shy, skeptical, and unsure of herself. Although she was liked by everyone from day one, she did not like herself. Over time, however, that slowly and beautifully changed. I was particularly struck during her graduation speech by how funny she is! The sparkle in her eye, the wit in her voice, the confidence in her walk—all signs of healing and overcoming.

As we were wrapping up the celebration, our graduate sat with her mom and tween-age daughter, laughing and sharing stories of what the last 12 months had been like. They were dreaming about what is next and celebrating that they were a family again.

**This family is repaired, and three generations of women have been impacted because of God's redemptive heart and the power of the gospel.**

# graduates living with hope

## BERONICA

Graduated in Spring 2019



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My life before Naomi’s House was dark and full of pain. Nothing could fill the emptiness that I had. I felt like I was a pawn in life, like I wasn’t important. I didn’t feel loved. But with God’s help and with the help of NH, I have learned that Jesus will walk with me through my trials.

I now know that I am important, and I am worthy. I can breathe again. My chains are finally gone. I am free.

## ALEX

Graduated in Spring 2019



**W**hen Alex came to NH, she said that this was the first place she had ever lived where she wasn’t afraid someone was going to come in her room at night and demand sex. She was slow to embrace our program because she was chained in fear. For 30 years she lived in an unstable environment, never knowing what her next housing situation would look like or lead to. She lacked almost every basic life skill when she first arrived at NH. One of our favorite memories of Alex at NH was the day she shared her

testimony with her church and was baptized. God met her in her dark places and brought her into the light!

Alex has been out of our program for nearly a year and has been living independently ever since. She’s working and keeping in touch with us for case management and other resources. There was a time where we wondered how she would do on her own; we even encouraged additional programming, but she has surpassed our expectations. She’s making healthy decisions for her future.

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I grew at NH more than anywhere else I’ve ever been. When I was at NH, I learned how strong I really am. [Sexual exploitation] happens everywhere, and girls can actually die from this life. I received unconditional love in a healthy way while at NH. It was the only safe place I’ve ever lived and that helped me [prepare] to live safely on my own.



## GABY

Graduated in Summer 2018

“ While at NH, I learned so many different things about myself, but what stands out the most is that for so long I went through life thinking that all the loud, bold, eccentric parts of me needed to be washed away. But it’s this boldness that has given me my confidence back. It’s the loud parts of me that were silenced and forced to become quiet that are now leading me down the road of survivor leadership and allowing me to be heard. I was once punished for the eccentric parts of me and now they are celebrated. Because these are all things that make me...me.



**G**aby was the second graduate of Naomi’s House. When she first moved in, she could not stop crying. She was full of fear and doubt and had unbridled emotions. She wanted to be known for her attitude and anger. But we saw through it. Behind her fear lay a leader.

But before Gaby was ready to lead, she worked hard to heal and deal with her own trauma. Afraid to sleep in a bed for weeks when she first moved in because of her memories, Gaby expressed that the resources she received while at NH provided her with a new life. She recently said, “At Naomi’s House, I was able to really define who I want to be. I was so used to being told who I was. I was given the value of being able to speak for myself...but most importantly, I walked away with a new life. And there is nothing more valuable than that.” Gaby shared her testimony with the NH staff after she graduated and recalled when and where she fully surrendered her life to Christ. Following that moment of surrendering, Gaby went on to be baptized at her local church.

**Today Gaby is not only living on her own, going to school, and working at a job she loves, she has been selected as a Fellow for the 2019 Survivor Alliance Capacity Building Initiative. During this two-year fellowship program, survivors who are passionate about leading their communities to create social change will receive professional development and leadership training needed to become leaders in local anti-trafficking efforts.**

# hope for the future

## the ministry of perseverance

In Greek, to persevere means to remain under—to wait, to endure, to stand one's ground. As our residents face the many trials and challenges of healing and rebuilding their lives, they are living out biblical perseverance. They are pushing through and standing firm even though the temptation to quit faces them every day. They can stand strong because of their hope that Jesus will bring them through their healing journey. NH mirrors this perseverance because walking with someone as they heal and grow is also difficult. Together we learn to remain while under these burdens and difficulties. The setbacks and disappointments we as an organization feel challenge us to stand firm on the hope that Jesus is enough—and they remind us that if we commit to long-term care with our residents, we will see great fruit. Healing is not an overnight process, so it is our privilege to be a ministry committed to this type of staying power.

When we asked our graduates what more they need from NH as they transition back into the community, 100% identified their need for continued support.

As we expand and strengthen our partnership with these courageous women, their futures are bright and filled with abundant choices.

## overview of our services

### CURRENT

#### Residential Programming

Comprehensive, trauma-informed, gospel-centered living

#### Grad Services

Community support and case management for women living independently of NH

### FUTURE

#### NH4

Designed to allow NH graduates who live on their own and work and/or go to school to still engage in programming that compliments their progress

INTRODUCING

# nh4

**NH4 represents a new fourth phase to our program, as well as the four corners of accountability and support.**

Our vision for NH4 is to equip more women with independence while also providing resources that eliminate potential vulnerabilities to relapse.

### THE FOUR CORNERS

#### 1. Independent Living

The long-term vision of NH is for women to live independently of our residential program. We believe that for a woman to start a new life after commercial sexual exploitation, she should be empowered to live on her own and use her strengths to live out the life God intends for her.

#### 3. Spiritual Discipleship

Our hope is to build on the foundation laid while in NH Residential Programming, and to walk alongside participants on their spiritual journey. Through mentors, church involvement, Bible studies, and community, each participant in NH4 will be equipped to strengthen and deepen her relationship with Christ.

#### 2. Educational Acceleration

Each woman in NH4 will have the opportunity to continue her educational pathway and accomplish the goals she has set out for herself whether this is a college education, a trade school, or personal development. Education will also include resources around addiction and family reunification, as well as continued trauma-informed therapy.

#### 4. Leadership Development

As a trauma-informed program, NH4 seeks to provide each participant the tools she needs to implement her best care. Through storytelling, speaking engagements, volunteering, or other forms of leadership, NH will guide each participant to live out her unique leadership giftedness.



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Together, we can offer hope and healing to survivors and bring an end to human trafficking. There are many ways you can join this fight on behalf of women who deserve a chance to start a new life.

## Volunteer

Partner with Naomi's House as a program volunteer or an advocate

## Give

Consider making a financial donation that will help provide care

## Partner

Join our prayer team and receive monthly newsletters and prayer requests

To get involved, please visit [naomishouse.org](http://naomishouse.org)

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## hero campaign

Our **hero campaign** is for donors who commit to monthly giving. We believe it takes a hero to embrace her past and work through it to gain a new life, and it takes a hero to stand with her every step of the way while she does so.

When you commit to monthly giving, you are telling each woman that you believe in her, honor her, and have hope for her future.

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I am so blessed to be at Naomi's House. Because of Naomi's House I look forward to a future where I feel so confident, a future filled with love and no more pain, a future with abundant choices—a future that I now see, whereas before I didn't.

NAOMI'S HOUSE RESIDENT



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