MISSION
Women's Protection Center exists to put an end to human trafficking, one woman, one child at a time.

OVERVIEW
Our founder Lila Ghising was born in Hetauda, Nepal, near the Indian border. As Lila grew up in Hetauda, she noticed her friends started to vanish. After being spared from human trafficking, she set out to rescue and restore those who were not as fortunate as her. Women's Protection Center Nepal is Lila's dream realized. Over the last 17 years, our safe home in Nepal has grown along with our awareness and vocational training programs. We are proud to have been able to rehabilitate thousands of women and children since our inception and we plan to expand our reach in the years to come.
In Nepal, five to seven women and children are trafficked from their homes daily. Many are taken from their villages unaccounted for, while others are sold into slavery by their own family members. Some leave hoping for better jobs and have their passport stolen with no way to return home. Most victims are taken to India or nearby countries. Many are subjected to lives as sex workers, circus members, or labor slaves.

Women’s Protection Center (WPC) rescues, restores and empowers at-risk women and children. The safe home is a place of joy, safety and empowerment. The girls, boys and young women who live there receive an education and job training as well as care and support from the safe home parents. We also support the broader community through skills development, education grants, local advocacy, and awareness to combat the issue from all sides.
OUR PROGRAMS
Women’s Protection Center (WPC) rescues, restores and empowers at-risk women and children. We fight trafficking holistically through the following programs:

SAFE HOME
The girls, boys, and young women who live in the safe home receive care, an education and job training. Our safe home parents and staff raise the children as their own.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING
Our 6-month training provides the stability needed for women to learn a new skill and start their careers. Some women go on to start their own businesses, creating more jobs for other women.

JOB TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
WPC reached 16 schools and 16 women’s groups in 2018, educating Nepalese youth and women about child rights.

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS
We offer education scholarships to children in the local community whose families are unable to afford school fees and supplies.

SAFE MIGRATION COUNSELING
We provide counseling for safe migration for over 200 people a year, partnering with a local government office. Women are educated on the risks of accepting jobs abroad.
2018 Success Data

Open our new permanent safe home with capacity for 60 children.

Welcomed 5 new girls in our safe home, increasing our family to 26 children.
SUPPORTED 51 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

SENT 20 WOMEN THROUGH VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND PROVIDED THEM WITH A SEWING MACHINE.

TAUGHT 32 SCHOOLS AND WOMEN’S GROUPS ABOUT LABOR AND CHILD TRAFFICKING.
COUNSELED 208 WOMEN ON SAFE MIGRATION TO REDUCE THE RISK OF TRAFFICKING WHEN ACCEPTING A JOB.

PROVIDED 2 OF THE POOREST LOCAL SCHOOLS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CEILING FANS.

SUPPLIED 1 FAMILY WITH EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES AFTER LOSING THEIR HOME TO A FIRE.
2018 SUCCESS STORIES

A NEW SAFE HOME
The new safe home was completed and the children moved in February 2018. This would not have been possible without you. Thank you! With our bigger safe home, we hope to expand the WPC family and welcome 16 new children in the safe home in 2019.

A GROWING FAMILY
Sisters Salmee and Taini (not their real names) joined our home in October 2018 after they were abandoned by their parents. They grew up in a very poor village and were never able to attend school. When they came to the home, they could not speak Nepali, they could only speak their local language, Praja. After much tutoring, the girls are now able to understand and speak Nepali and some English and are able to communicate with the other children in the home. They are now receiving tutoring to prepare for school in the coming months. We are grateful we were able to welcome the girls into our home and provide them with an education and a supportive environment.
AN EMERGING BUSINESSWOMAN

Pramila's family was barely scraping by when she heard about a vocational training opportunity provided by the Women's Protection Center (WPC Nepal), applied, and was selected for training. Upon completing her six-month seamstress and tailoring course, WPC provided her with a sewing machine and was able to open up a tailoring business in her home. Upon seeing her hard work, WPC also provided her with an interlocking sewing machine to help her business grow. Her strong work ethic, drive and ingenuity helped her business thrive and she is now able to support her husband and three children. We hope that she is an inspiration to other women hoping to start their own business.
Friends of WPC Nepal’s priority is serving the women and children who benefit from WPC’s programs. Therefore we strive to keep administrative expenses low in order to send a majority of our revenue to fund and expand those programs.

OUR PARTNERS

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2018 VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We have some amazing and dedicated volunteers and we would like to recognize one of our volunteers who has been instrumental to our organization and Nepal team over the years:

Introducing: Brian Behnken!

In summer 2018, Brian and a team of volunteers from seven different states travelled to Hetauda, Nepal with the goal to strengthen ties between WPC and the local community to expand WPC’s reach and raise awareness of human trafficking. The volunteers, along with the WPC Safe Home staff, visited two of the poorest schools in the area and with gifts of school uniforms and ceiling fans to combat the debilitating heat.

“Growing up in the Philippines, I had seen the effects of trafficking around me, where I saw girls my age being put out to lure customers in many popular vacation sites. After hearing about a global organization called International Justice Mission, I wanted to find a way to stop what was going on a smaller, more impactful scale. I got my chance 7 years later when I met Lila. She invited me on her scouting trip to Nepal to survey the land for the new safe home, and from that moment on, my heart was captured by the country and its people. I have returned to Nepal a total of seven times to help this safe home project reach its completion, and plan to go back many more times.”

In additional Brian has donated countless hours stateside donating his artistic abilities by supporting our website, marketing materials, photography, videography... the list goes on. Thank you for everything you do to help make our organization successful Brian! We appreciate you.
OUR BOARD

We are excited to announce that we have 2 new board members: Kelley Lee and Megumi Morrill. Both have been to the WPC safe home in Nepal and have seen first-hand the work that WPC has done to change the lives of the women and children in Hetauda. We are proud to have them join our team and help drive WPC’s mission forward and fight trafficking.

“I leaned about the domestic and international issues of human trafficking eight years ago, and I felt strongly I had to do something. I met Lila one year ago and went to the Gala. Then and there, I knew I had to meet these girls in person. Nepal was a place I’ve wanted to visit since high school, so it was such an honor and privilege for me to be able to visit the place of my dreams as well as help the people of Nepal.” – Megumi Morrill

“After living in the safe home for a month earlier this year, I wholeheartedly believe in both the need and intent of this organization and I have witnessed firsthand the impact it has on the greater Hetauda community and the people who live there. I am honored to serve as a member of the WPC Board” – Kelley Lee
Join us for our Hope for Freedom Gala on Sept 28, 2019.

Contact admin@friendsofwpcnepal.org to get involved or for more info.

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