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.
THE PROBLEM

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.

THE SOLUTION

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.
2019
Success Data

RECOGNIZED AS TOP SAFE HOME OUT OF 72 OTHER HOMES IN NEPAL BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL.

WELCOMED 3 NEW KIDS IN OUR SAFE HOME, INCREASING OUR FAMILY TO 28 CHILDREN.
SUPPORTED 58 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN IN THE HETAUDA COMMUNITY.

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

TAUGHT 108 WOMEN HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND AVOID POTENTIAL TRAFFICKERS.
COUNSELED 815 MEN AND WOMEN ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND AVOID ILLEGITIMATE JOB OFFERS ABROAD.

OPENED 1 NEW VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN A NEIGHBORING RURAL MUNICIPALITY.

HIRED 1 MONIKA PARIYAR AS A COUNSELOR FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE SAFE HOME.
A GROWING FAMILY

Saaya is only five years old, but has already endured terrible abuse from her father. Before Sayaa was rescued, he beat her so badly that he left her for dead in the street. But she lived. When some neighbors found her, they called the authorities and the father is now in jail. Saaya cannot return home of course, so the Nepali authorities recommended she move into the WPC safe home.

Saaya now receives daily meals, health care, education, and other basic needs. Critically, she also receives trauma counseling from the Safe Home’s recently certified psycho-social counselor, Monika Pariyar.

Alina is 15 years old and wants to become a teacher when she grows up. Before coming to live at the WPC safe home, there were two things that were holding her back from achieving her dream: first, she comes from the Praja caste, one of the lowest indigenous castes in Nepal where members are often subject to terrible discrimination and violence. Second, Alina’s dad died when she was nine and her older sister became the breadwinner, but it wasn’t enough to keep her family out of poverty. A man saw Alina’s vulnerable situation and tried to convince her to come to Kathmandu to study. Thankfully, the WPC human trafficking awareness program visited her school and taught her the signs of human trafficking. Alina suspected this man was lying to her, so she turned him down.

Friends of WPC Nepal stops human trafficking in its tracks by helping girls like Alina recognize the warning signs and refuse to take the bait. Now Alina is excited to be living safely in the WPC safe home, where she’s able to pursue her education and career goals in safety.
AN EMERGING BUSINESSWOMAN

Nisha Tamang is from a poor, remote farming community where girls are encouraged to get married as young as 12 years old instead of going to school. However, Nisha wanted a better life for herself and managed to complete school through grade 10 (the highest grade in Nepal's version of high school). She enrolled in college, but she was unable to complete her first term. She took jobs working in farm fields, but the pay was so low that it wasn’t enough to live on.

Many Nepalis work in Persian Gulf countries as it pays well and there are many opportunities. Feeling like it was her last option, Nisha obtained her passport and prepared to leave. But then she started hearing stories about human trafficking, violence, and exploitation by employers and made the wise choice not to go.

Nisha eventually moved to Hetauda to help take care of her older sister's newborn son. Her sister, Ganga and her husband Jerome both work at Women Protection Center (WPC) Nepal and they told her about WPC’s sewing and tailoring vocational training program. Within six months, she could have the employable job skills she was looking for.

Nisha flew through the program and mastered the basics of sewing and tailoring. Upon completion, she took and passed her Level 1 certification exam from the government and received a new sewing machine from WPC. Nisha started her own tailoring business and started earning a livable wage. But she didn't stop there. She enrolled in a three month advanced tailoring course and earned her Level 2 certification, allowing her to be a certified trainer. Now she teaches other women how to sew, in addition to running her own shop and earns a great living.

To this day, Nisha is the only WPC graduate to earn a Level 2 tailoring certification. And now Nisha is training 10 women at the second vocational training center in the Raksirang Municipality. One day she hopes to start a training center where she can teach up to 50 women at once so she can help other women break out of the cycle of poverty.
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.

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2019 VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who help out in Seattle as well as at the WPC safe home in Hetauda, Nepal. We would like to recognize one family who travelled to Hetauda, Nepal to volunteer at the WPC safe home for nine days. Catherine Terrill, her husband Jack and their two teenage daughters, Victoria and Sophia, talk about their experience in Nepal.

Namaste! We journeyed to Kathmandu and drove 6 hours to the safe home. For nine activity and adventure-filled days we lived in a fifth floor two-bedroom apartment overlooking the city of Hetauda, only a 15 minute tuk-tuk drive to the colorful local markets. We helped the girls in the safe home with homework. We cooked meals. We developed and taught a First Aid course for 40 adults and children.

We also participated in a graduation ceremony for 20 women who completed the vocational course and visited the home of one to see her tailoring business. We brought 225 lbs of donations to 32 children and 7 staff, attended church, sang, played games, sponsored Nepali dance lessons for 8 nights at a nearby dance studio.

We left richly blessed and committed to this life-changing and life-saving project.
Join us for our Virtual 10th annual Hope for Freedom Gala! September 6 - 12.

Visit https://friendsofwpcnepal.ejoinme.org/2020 for more information.