

Safe Passage: Empowering Girls to Survive Sex Trafficking

FAIR Fund EIN: 32-0041030

Annual FAIR Fund Budget: \$450,000

Project Budget: \$25,000

Recovery for Girl Survivors of Trafficking

About FAIR Fund:

FAIR Fund relies on our supporters and sponsors to ensure that we are able to reach the world's most vulnerable youth. By joining FAIR Fund, you help rebuild the lives of young people who have experienced sexual exploitation and trafficking, and you enable FAIR Fund to reach at-risk teens through our prevention programs in schools, orphanages, and foster shelters in D.C. and around the world. FAIR Fund's programs particularly invest in teen girls because our experience and research show that by providing support and services at an early age can prevent a teen girl from being exploited and abused.

In our first six years of operations, FAIR Fund has reached over 15,000 adolescents and young adults who were at high risk of or needed assistance in escaping situations of street life, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking. FAIR Fund works with teens in Washington, D.C. and well as in Russia, Serbia, Bosnia, and Uganda. In 2009, 85% of FAIR Fund's funding went directly to program support. Our 2010 budget is 450,000.

In 2009, FAIR Fund directly assisted 200 teen girls who have experienced or were at high risk of experiencing sex or labor trafficking. Our recovery program includes a comprehensive safe passage leading exploited teen girls that includes mentorship, transportation, assistance in finding housing and jobs, and chances to gain new skills that will enable them to become true survivors. Our signature JewelGirls program is an art therapy and economic empowerment program for teen women who are protecting themselves from or are survivors of human trafficking. Each week, approximately 75 girls come together to create their own unique jewelry while learning valuable skills in financial literacy and communications. Many of these teen women have experienced situations of homelessness, trafficking, and violence. Their time as "jewel girls" gives them a chance for a safer, brighter, and healthier future. We assist girls in Serbia, Russia, Uganda, and Washington, D.C..

Project Goals

FAIR Fund aims to continue our outreach and support to teen girls who are at high risk of have experienced trafficking. Our program provides:

- 1. Weekly workshops (8 hours weekly per location): for teen girls to learn skills in financial literacy and healthy lifestyles;
- 2. Access to safe housing;
- 3. A Safe Space to discuss important life issues and create a supportive bond with staff and other teen girls;
- 4. Assurance that basic needs of transportation and nutrition will be met.

Costs

The \$25,000 raised through FAIR Fund's program, Safe Passage, as part of the GlobalGiving.com challenge will go directly toward supporting the basic needs of our clients, including transportation, access to housing, job finding, and group workshop and social support. Our program depends on highly dedicated staff and volunteers who build a lasting and important relationship with the young women we work with in Washington, D.C., Serbia,

Russia, and Uganda. To support our staff and ensure consistent support to the girls we work with, we will use

\$15,000 to support our staff coordinator in Washington, D.C.