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Annual Report of Program Impact

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“What began as a regional crime threat in Southeast Asia has become a global human trafficking crisis, with millions of victims, both in the cyber scam centers and as targets. An organized crime group can make US\$50 billion a year”

[https://globalnews.ca/news/10386694/human-trafficking-southeast-asia/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://globalnews.ca/news/10386694/human-trafficking-southeast-asia/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK \_\_\_\_\_



Looking back on the year 2024, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride in the progress we have achieved together at the New Life Center Foundation. This past year stands as a testament to the power of collective effort and the tangible results it has produced. Our dedicated team and committed partners worked side by side to overcome challenges and bring about meaningful change in the lives of those we serve. We have seen real, measurable impact through the family and community development programs, educational campaigns designed to protect and support ethnic minority children and women from exploitation, and educational scholarship and capacity-building programs as outlined in this report.

As we move forward, we are excited about emerging opportunities for innovation and growth. We are actively exploring new approaches and strategies to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of our work. Our commitment remains unwavering, we continue to pursue our vision of bringing positive transformation to communities and ethnic groups, fostering a future of resilience, equity, and lasting impact.

Thank you for walking this journey with us.

**Tiemchan Kamonklapachon (Bee)**

*Director*

New Life Center Foundation

# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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“Once trafficked, victims are deprived of their liberty and subjected to torture, ill treatment,

severe violence and abuse including beatings, electrocution, solitary confinement and sexual violence. They have limited access to food and clean water, and must endure cramped and unsanitary living conditions,” stated UN human trafficking experts Obokata, Mullally, and Muntarbhorn.

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/slavery/sr/statements/2025-05-stm-sr-slavery-southeast-asia.pdf>



# EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

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In 2024, NLCF continued to focus on creating long-lasting change through education and community development campaigns. Our educational programs reached local grassroots villagers, helping them understand the risks of human trafficking, unsafe migration, and exploitation. The curriculum included common types of exploitation, and tactics frequently used by traffickers to deceive their targets. Participants learned about how traffickers often groom vulnerable people through social media platforms, and issue online threats. Everyone was equipped with tools to protect themselves from such dangers. We also focused on raising awareness of gender equality and cultural biases which often contribute to power imbalances, leading to conflict and violence in relationships.



## IN 2024 NLCF IMPLEMENTED:

- 28 awareness raising campaigns in tribal communities (26 in northern Thailand, and 2 in Myanmar), reaching 4,187 participants with knowledge about anti-human trafficking, online crime, gender equality and women's rights, and legal status. More than 2,557 (61%) of the participants were children.
- 54 Villagers in our coffee cooperative development project received continuing education training and consultation on coffee cultivation and harvesting methods from representatives of the Doi Chang Agricultural Research Center.
- 16 participants received training in how to sew traditional tribal bags.
- 2,000 multi-lingual calendars were produced and distributed across Thailand, Lao PDR, and Myanmar. These materials were designed to raise awareness on human trafficking and exploitation, with key hotline numbers for reporting suspected trafficking cases.

The target groups were reached as planned and remain highly relevant, with a continued focus on ethnic minority communities.

We are committed to our efforts to strengthen vulnerable families and communities.



# SUSTAINING CHANGE THROUGH GRASSROOTS ACTION

In 2024, NLCF is pleased to share that the seeds planted have begun to bear fruit. Two Burmese volunteers who completed the NLCF Training of Trainers are now delivering training within their communities. Two impactful sessions were conducted in Myanmar, reaching a total of 118 participants. The topics covered were Understanding and Guarding Against Human Trafficking; and Use of Media and Technology. With guidance and financial support from NLCF, the sessions successfully empowered participants to address human trafficking by leveraging technology.



# A SURVIVOR'S VOICE: AWAKENING A COMMUNITY

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Phaya Phrai Lithu is a village of over 150 households located along the Thailand-Myanmar border, belonging to the Akha ethnic group. The NLCF collaborated with village leaders to identify issues of concern including drug addiction, lack of legal status, debt, and illegal migration abroad, creating high risk of human trafficking and exploitation. In response, NLCF organized a training on “Human Trafficking and Online Threats.” to educate on trafficking risks, online dangers, and the importance of safe and legal migration practices.

During the training, a courageous woman in her 40’s shared her personal story:

*“Three years ago, an elder I trusted recruited me to work as a housemaid in Bangkok. Desperate to support my family, I accepted. But when I arrived, I discovered the job was not housekeeping but forced prostitution. I tried to escape many times during the two years I was trapped, unpaid and exploited, but it seemed impossible. Eventually, I managed to flee and sought help from people in that area, who helped me return to my hometown.*

*I shared my experience with my family but kept it secret from others because we felt ashamed. Today, through this training, I realized that what happened to me was human trafficking for sexual exploitation. I now understand that I had rights and could have sued the offenders, but I didn’t know this at the time. No evidence was collected and I decided not to report the case. I hope my story serves as a warning so that others in our community are not victimized as I was.”* – said survivor A.

Participants reflected that this woman’s story deeply impacted them, helping them recognize human trafficking as a close and tangible threat that can occur to anyone at any time.



<https://readthecloud.co/doi-phamee/>  
(Illustration only, not the actual victim.)

# NETWORK COOPERATION

Meaningful change becomes possible when we join hands and collaborate with like-minded organizations. At New Life Center Foundation, we actively engaged with our partners from the government and NGOs to combat human trafficking, address social injustice, and support the restoration of survivors. In 2024, our dedicated team contributed to a remarkable impact through the following efforts;



- Collaborated with partners on 51 occasions to discuss policy, to address cases of human trafficking, violence against women and children, and statelessness, and to provide victim identification and assistance.



- Served on the Board of Directors of the Legal Status Network Foundation (LSNF), a collaborative network of 44 non-governmental organizations and institutes that work on issues concerning child rights, human rights, and citizenship advocacy in northern Thailand.
- The NLCF collaborated with the LSNF, resulting in the successful approval of Thai citizenship and issuance of ID cards for three ethnic minority individuals. An additional four cases are still in progress, pending interviews and the submission of supporting documents.
- Provided tribal language interpretation services on 25 occasions, supporting state and private agencies in assisting with cases related to human trafficking, domestic violence and drug offenses.
- NLCF was invited to serve as a key partner in supporting the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) in Chiang Rai Province and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), led by the provincial administration in collaboration with other organizations.

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

“When girls are educated, their countries become stronger and more prosperous. Education is the key to economic independence and protection from exploitation.” – Michelle Obama





In 2024, 87 scholarship recipients graduated from their respective programs as follows.

- 75 graduated from university
- 8 graduated from associate degrees
- 4 graduated from high school or a high school equivalency tech program
- 6 graduated from specialized vocational training
- 91% of graduates are successfully employed

We are currently supporting **304** students, who are pursuing their studies at following levels:

- University: 253
- Associate's: 24
- High School: 27

# PLANTING HOPE, HARVESTING DREAMS

Pim\*, a 23-year-old Karen woman is the eldest of three siblings. Her family are subsistence farmers with a modest income from seasonal work, barely covering daily expenses. As the eldest child, she is a role model for her younger siblings.

When Pim was a senior in high school, she was thrilled to be accepted at Maejo University, to study in the Faculty of Agro-Industry, Field Crops Department. But the excitement quickly turned to worry as she faced rising costs and uncertain student loan support. This prompted her to search for scholarships to ease the burden. Pim heard about NLCF's scholarship from an elder in her village and submitted an application. She was happy to be selected as a scholarship recipient, and she successfully graduated from the program. Now Pim works as a project officer with a Royal Thai Agricultural Initiative focused on plant genetics and crop improvement.

"As a highland girl with a dream of higher education , I aspired to use my agricultural knowledge to improve my family's quality of life. Today, I've taken the first step toward making that dream come true. Though it's just the beginning, I'm proud of how far I've come and I will continue to work hard to do even better. I am deeply grateful to the NLCF for this opportunity. Thank you so much." - Pim.

*\*a pseudonym*



# PROTECTION

## 19 CHILDREN RECEIVED COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY CARE

The New Life Center Foundation's long term residential facilities provide comprehensive care for adolescent survivors of trauma, and those at risk of trafficking and child exploitation.

- All 19 residents received education, medical care, and therapeutic services including individual and group counseling. Other rehabilitative services include handicrafts, baking, hiking, aerobics, swimming, and therapeutic art.
- Through collaboration with our network partners, all 19 residents attended life skill training on topics including CPR, Fire Safety, Social Theater for Community-Based Healing, and Citizenship/Legal Status.
- In the 2024 academic year, two of the residents successfully graduated.
- One resident graduated from grade 6 and continued her secondary education. She will still continue to be under our residence care.
- One resident graduated high school and successfully landed a job, enabling her to support herself and her family.







## SHORT TERM SHELTER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING.

The NLCF provided short-term shelter and trauma-informed care services for 5 survivors of human trafficking and exploitation who were placed at NLCF by the Thai Ministry of Human Security and Social Development. Victims received safe accommodation, nutritious meals, protection from media, essential medical care, and respectful therapeutic support.

NLCF consistently collaborates with partners to provide safe shelter and trauma-informed care for victims. However, due to severe flooding in September and October 2024 onwards we were unable to respond to Thai government requests to place human trafficking survivors at NLCF as we were focused on repairing building damage so that the facility would meet required safety standards. Our shelter resumed full operations in 2025.

# FLOOD RELIEF

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy quotes Prevention Web stating, "Many studies have shown that disasters, including tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods, disproportionately affect women and girls, who are at greater risk... in the face of uprooted housing and traditional support structures, disrupted access to services, and both structural and social obstacles to accessing food, relief, supplies, and latrines." (<https://disasterphilanthropy.org/disasters/2024-southeast-asia-floods/>).

Within the last year, this region of Southeast Asia has experienced unprecedented widespread flooding, and an earthquake. Severe economic losses such as these can lead to desperation, which directly increases the risk of exploitation and human trafficking in the region. The NLCF is well-positioned to respond to these needs, and is already active in prevention, distribution of direct relief, helping people access mental health services, and providing aftercare for victims.



# 2024 NLCF CAMP

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On December 14-15, 2024, the New Life Center Foundation hosted a Bible Camp for staff and residents in the scenic village of Doi Chang, Chiang Rai. A total of 36 participants attended the retreat, enjoying the stunning mountain views despite the chilly and drizzly weather.

The program featured interactive neighborhood exploration, team-building games, Christmas carol singing, and an inspiring evangelistic message from John 3:16. In the evening, participants gathered around warm charcoal fire-pots to share a traditional Moo Katah (Thai BBQ) dinner, followed by Christmas gift exchanges and a joyful karaoke session.

On the second day, many participants experienced seeing sheep for the first time, creating a memorable and enriching moment. The camp concluded with smiles all around, and participants left feeling refreshed, re-energized, and more deeply connected to their personal purpose and spiritual journey.



# COUNSELING AND REHABILITATION

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359 people received mental health services, and capacity-building training workshops on mental health topics. Mental health providers and community leaders were empowered with knowledge in trauma-informed care to strengthen local support systems, contributing to structural change by fostering a more informed and responsive network within communities.





- 14 workshops provided to 318 participants with training in service provider self-care; stress alleviation; spiritual formation; the use of creative arts for trauma-informed care; self-confidence; social attunement; and inner resilience.
- 19 NLCF residents received 562 individual counseling sessions, using an integrative strategy incorporating talk therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Eye-Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Trauma-Informed Expressive Arts Therapy, spiritual formation, systems theory, and neuroscience.
- 22 individuals outside of NLCF received 61 mental health counseling sessions, stress-alleviation training, and social work support to address medical and mental health needs, decrease interpersonal violence, and support human rights.
- As a result, participants shared that their lives have become noticeably happier and they have experienced symptom reduction. They are also better able to manage stress, regulate their emotions, feel more confident, and are more socially engaged.

# A NEW BEGINNING OF NADA'S HOPE AND HEALING

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Nada\*, a 24-year-old of Lahu ethnicity, faced overwhelming challenges. She, her husband, and their 4-year-old daughter didn't have Thai citizenship limiting access to basic government benefits like health care or social services. Life was especially hard because Nada's daughter was born with physical disabilities involving her arms and hands, and she needed physical therapy.



When Nada reached out to NLCF, she was very stressed and worried about her family's circumstances. In response to this need, NLCF reached out to our partners at the Friends of Children and Youth Foundation who taught Nada how to do physical therapy exercises with her daughter at home. They provided special equipment for her daughter's physical practices and paid for her daughter's medical expenses, easing the family's financial burden. The NLCF's social worker also provided mental health counseling to help Nada manage stress and enhance her coping skills. After a few months of therapy, something amazing happened. Nada's daughter started to make progress! She was soon able to hold small objects, something she had never been able to do before. For Nada, this was a moment of pure joy, hope, and a new beginning.

Nada expressed her gratitude, saying, *"Thank you so much to New Life Center Foundation for giving us hope and helping us believe in a brighter future"*

\*a pseudonym

**"By doing this creative, empowering work with the children...they will enter the world stronger, braver, and with the tools to express themselves and speak out."**

- Joanna Sherman, Founder and Artistic Director, Bond Street Theatre

<https://togetherwomenrise.org/afghanistan-presents-many-challenges-and-equal-opportunities/#more-9664>

# STAFF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

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We believe that learning never stops, and empowered staff empower others. By prioritizing staff development, we create a culture of growth, reflection, and excellence, one that amplifies our impact and ensures our beneficiaries receive informed and compassionate support. Throughout 2024, the NLCF's personnel have received continuing education in Social Theater for Community-Based Healing , Basic Counseling for Children, Empowerment for Ethnic Women, Trauma Informed Care, Team Management and Leadership, Child Rights and Protection, Positive Thinking, Strong Family, Labor Laws, Creative Arts, and Victim Identification Processes.



# HONORING FAYE'S LIFE LONG SERVICE AT NLCF!

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The NLCF is proud and blessed to have Miss Waraporn Wimonsuksuwan (also known by the nicknames “Fehle” or “P-Yai”) with us for 37 years (1987 - 2024). During her time with NLCF, Faye has played a vital role in supporting shelter residents and scholarship students. She was deeply involved in anti-trafficking campaigns, served as a Senior Administrator, and acted as liaison for partner relationships with NGOs, donors, and government agencies, including the Royal Thai Police and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. She has also been a key member of the Chiang Mai Multi-Disciplinary Team and provided language interpretation in Thai, Lahu, Burmese, Karen, Shan and English particularly in human trafficking cases. Her outstanding dedication was recognized with an “Excellent Contribution to National Social Welfare” award from the Governor of Chiang Mai.

When asked, “*What inspired you to stay with the NLCF for so long?*”, Faye replied

*“As I step into retirement, I look back with deep gratitude for the journey I have walked since beginning my very first job here. What has sustained me all these years is a strong belief in God’s calling on my life. I have been continually inspired by the founders and missionaries of this organization, whose unwavering dedication and compassion for children and women from vulnerable marginalized ethnic communities have deeply moved me. Their example became a model for my own service.*”

*As an ethnic woman myself, I have carried a deep empathy and sense of responsibility for those who share my roots. This sense of purpose motivated me to give my best, not as a duty, but as a heartfelt commitment. There has been no greater joy than seeing lives transformed as children and families moved from hardship to hope. These moments have brought me immense happiness and a deeper appreciation of God’s grace.*”

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*Thank you to everyone who has walked alongside me. I retire with a full heart, thankful for the opportunity to serve."*

"Is there a message you'd like to leave for your colleagues?"

*"My dear colleagues, I hope that all of you will continue to serve with genuine compassion and a heartfelt sense of purpose, offering love and kindness to those in need, and facing hardship, carry on the mission with dedication and unity. Let us always remember that our shared goal in serving here is to bring glory to God. Though I am retiring, if there is any way I can support the organization, I remain willing and ready to help."*



# ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

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- The New Life Center Foundation practices responsible management of all resources, including personnel, assets, finances, and positive relationships with our network organizations.
- The New Life Center Foundation is committed to excellence in all aspects of organizational management including adherence to international accounting principles, undergoing a comprehensive annual audit by an independent auditor, reporting to our foundation board, and regular monitoring and evaluation procedures.
- All New Life Center Foundation stakeholders influence the development of policies, procedures, and services at the NLCF by providing bi-annual consultative feedback and recommendations to senior staff.
- The New Life Center Foundation prioritizes and invests in staff capacity development through training, workshops, and education opportunities. In 2024, there were 18 sessions provided for staff capacity development covering a range of necessary topics.
- The New Life Center Foundation works tirelessly to identify new partners and donors, and to help the vulnerable groups. In 2024, NLCF successfully started a new partnership with Cedar Fund to contribute to long-term and sustainable change in society.

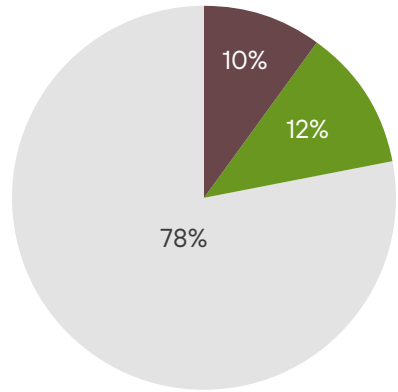


# FUNDING AND EXPENDITURE IN 2024

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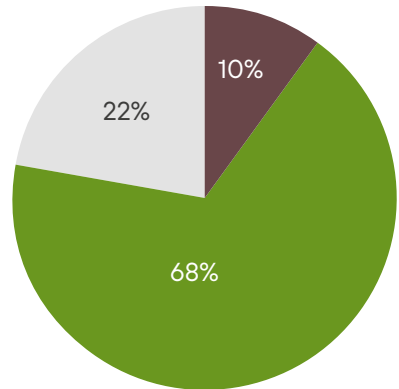
TOTAL INCOME USD 452,000

Grants	10%
Churches	12%
Individuals	78%



EXPENDITURE IN 2024

Administration	10%
Activities	68%
Residential Services	22%



# THANK YOU

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The entire team at New Life Center Foundation extends our deepest gratitude for your generous support for the NLCF throughout 2024. Your contribution has been instrumental in enabling us to deliver critical services, empower communities, and make a lasting impact in the lives of those most vulnerable to exploitation.

This year, with your support, we were able to raise awareness of anti-human trafficking, prevent young children from harm, restore hope to desperate families, improve community livelihood, and contribute to future sustainability through providing educational scholarships. We are especially grateful to the following donors for their contributions:



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