

AYEAR IN REVIEW:

2018 Annual Report

Changing lives through business.

LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER & CEO



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Dear Advocates,

2018 was a year to be thankful for. It was a season of true growth for Rethreaded. This was a time to pause, reflect and thoughtfully build our company. In 2018, we hired some amazing individuals. We had some hard decisions to make in faith that if we just kept moving forward we could push ourselves past the challenging time of growth and make it to the next level.

We can all relate to the feeling of being in the midst of challenging times and finding out more about yourself and learning what you are really made of. 2018 was the year we found out what we are made of.

The Rethreaded team is full of grit, strong character, courage and abundant faith.

In 2018, we took a big leap of faith. We weren't that strong financially. We didn't know really how we were going to generate income. And we had four survivors who needed jobs. After a generous donor stepped up to provide a way for them to join Rethreaded for their first six months, we hired four new women. Yes, this was risky; and yes we didn't know exactly how it would all work together. However, we would never take back our yes.

We knew that extending ourselves by faith would pay off in the end. What we gained from saying yes was worth it. We witnessed four women start their journey to a new life. We saw a first paycheck, laughter and hope restored, new found freedom, and the gift of seeing new dreams emerge. We witnessed the renewal of hope, the reigniting of dreams, and the release of potential.

I learned this past year what it means to dig deep and have faith when things don't make sense at first. I learned that by saying Yes, even when it is scary that it's always worth it in the end.

And as the year came to an end. It did work out. We wrapped up 2018 with 15 survivors employed at Rethreaded. Our outreach touched over 28 new women just from August to December. We closed the year ready to launch a national program with

Southwest Airlines® and Project Runway All Stars. We ended the year with a little bit of money in the bank and a whole new level of grit, faith and passion instilled in our hearts. And that is something money cannot buy.

I pray that as you read these pages of our report, you will be able to see the mission of Rethreaded coming to life. I hope you see that the numbers, stories, and statistics exemplify that our Yes was worth it.

With much hope,

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Kristin Keen



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our **MISSION**

Rethreaded **renews hope**, **reignites dreams & releases potential** for survivors of human trafficking through business locally and globally.

COMPANY OVERVIEW: Mission, Vision & Values



Rethreaded's vision is to have the capacity to never say no to a woman who is ready to start a new life. We dream of the day that we will be able to provide every survivor we encounter the opportunity to reclaim her life.



Rethreaded is a **conscious gift company** that uses business to benefit our community and our world. We do this through **long-term employment** coupled with life and career development for survivors of human trafficking.







Survivor Accomplishments & Milestones

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Often, people do not understand the **many barriers** there can be for women who have experienced significant trauma and are **seeking a new life.**

Access to a trauma-informed workplace with steady employment can help a woman find stability so that she can continue on her journey from **surviving to thriving.**



A story about **RENEWING HOPE:**

DIANA Respess

CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE Promoted in 2019 to Retail Sales Lead



"Push Through, Keep Fighting." Those words were my life story until one day, I just couldn't anymore. I had lost all hope for change and the wish that some miracle would happen. I thought that the way I was living was going to be my forever.

I did not want to believe it but that was my life: the streets, the pain and hurt after hurt. It took some pushing, fighting and a whole lot of faith. Then, I met some people that know love and they told me I was worth more. Can you believe they began to show me that love? Now I wake up every morning ready to go to work, happy to be alive and hopeful for a future I could have only imagined. I could cry nonstop when I think about how much my life has changed. I'm filled with uncontrollable JOY. I believe again and have hope. Rethreaded has given me the courage to challenge myself in so many ways. Who would have thought I had these skills inside of me? I am talking to customers about our products and how every product is my favorite!"

Partnered with over 160 companies like Grace, Love and Acupunture and Health Designs to provide survivor services.

Five employees moved into permanent housing out of transitional housing.

We successfully transitioned one woman into a long-term secure program outside the state of Florida.

One survivor employee bought a new home.

their children and family.



2018 SURVIVOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS & MILESTONES

One employee was the first individual in the city of Jacksonville to get her record expunged.

One employee got her right to vote reinstated.

> One employee got her driver's license. Four employees purchased reliable vehicles.

Four employees reunited with





600

hours of warm-line* crisis and support services

hours of mental health group services



185.75

hours of onthe-job care management services

hours of afterhours care management services





number of individuals served preemployment

hours of services provided preemployment

*Warm-line is a telephone line that provides assistance for people whose need is not urgent.



Organizational **Accomplishments**

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2018 ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Did you know? In 2018... 12,088 pounds

12,088 pounds of t-shirts were donated to Rethreaded.

2,681 We produced 2,681 Grace Scarves.

21,062 hours

We provided 21,062 hours of employment to survivors.

TedX

Our Founder Kristin Keen participated in TedX Jacksonville.



We partnered with 29 like-minded conscious companies around the globe to **sustain the freedom of over 4,000 women** through the purchase and sale of their products. Around 55% of our sales come from our Freedom Partner products.

Hired **eight** new survivors and employed **15** worldchanging survivors in 2018.

Created and developed a full leather jewelry and accessory line through our collaboration with Southwest Airlines®.

> Launched a new website and updated our brand colors. Check it out at rethreaded.com.



We began offering individual counseling services.

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We partnered with 333 companies, either through Gifts of Hope, Volunteering, Events, or Donations.



We have **saved taxpayers \$840,000** in recidivism costs to date.

We hired our first **survivor mentor.** A survivor mentor's expertise of lived-through experience is invaluable in this role.

One acre of land and a 5,000 square-foot building was donated.



A story about **REIGNITING DREAMS:**

JANINE Sanders

"Without struggle there is no progress." Frederick Douglass

"As a child I was head strong and determined to achieve what challenges lay before me. However, when it came to mapping my life and creating personal goals, I became discouraged easily. When I expressed my dreams with others the only thing they heard were the impossibilities. As a result, I drowned my hopes and dreams in the sea and focused on accomplishing what tasks were assigned to me.



For many years I listened to the voices that were around me, eventually I stepped down the wrong path in life. It took giving birth to my daughter for me to reevaluate my responsibilities in life. After a year of treatment, an opportunity for change came when I was offered an interview with Erin to work for Rethreaded.

Currently I am entering an opportunity of mentorship to fully explore the gifts and talents inside of me. One of the lovely attributes of Rethreaded are our values; and I have worked to bring them into my day-to-day life. With support and love from Rethreaded, I finally have a rock solid foundation to reignite my dreams and the confidence to boldly take my first steps into unfamiliar territory.

If it wasn't for the compassion, grace and love I've found at Rethreaded, there is no telling how the tables would have turned. Instead of coming to a place where it feels like "work" I have the opportunity to step into a special place where healing happens everyday. I am reignited to find success in whatever I pursue. I am truly grateful for my new family."



G Financial **Summary**

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A story about **RELEASING POTENTIAL:**

RENATA Bryan

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE LEAD



"When I was a child my home life was very unstable. We never stayed in one place for very long.

This habit followed me into my adult years making it hard for me to set goals or even follow through with any plans I made. During the years I spent in trafficking I couldn't even hold on to the same phone number for more than a month. I developed a record that hindered my stability for years as well. Coming out of trafficking, I couldn't find a job, couldn't get a license and couldn't find anyone to allow me to rent a home.

Since I've come to Rethreaded, I have been given the tools and a safe space to reframe my thinking and create a more stable lifestyle. For two years I fought for an expungement of my record. In the past, I would have given up within a few months if I encountered that timeline. The Rethreaded community surrounded me with so much love and support and for the first time in my life I pushed through, stuck with the process and completed my journey and saw my record expunged.

On November 26, 2018, I was finally able to move forward with my life. I realized during that process I had set many goals for myself and never backed down. I have now enrolled in college and am on my way to a bachelor's degree in business management.

I am more stable than I have been in my entire life. Rethreaded taught me that the fight was inside me the whole time and that I am capable of conquering the hard things. When I have my team behind me, the impossible becomes a reality."







WHERE WE ARE GOING

and why **we need you** to partner with us...

HIRE **SIX** NEW WOMEN by the end of year

EXPAND SURVIVOR SERVICES: hire full-time Program Administrator

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ADD PRE AND POST-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES with extended career readiness pilot program

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DEVELOP & IMPLEMENT A CUTTING EDGE WORK AS THERAPY PROGRAM

> 5 NEW RETHREADED BUILDING & FACILITY

How to **partner** with us...

S DONATE Every dollar goes to helping restore choice for survivors

of human trafficking.

rethreaded.com/pages/donate

ТС SHOP

Support women locally and globally through purchasing survivor-made gifts. **rethreaded.com**

> SHARE OUR STORY

Become a Rethreaded advocate by being a voice for us in your community (social media, neighborhood, business... ANYWHERE!).

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