



# HAGAR

The whole journey

**Leave a legacy of hope**

*How you can support survivors of abuse  
for years to come*



**“After the abuse... happened to them, they are feeling empty. Their value and dreams are all destroyed. When they come to us, the thing that they need is love. So we don’t give up. We don’t give up on them so that they can be changed...our plan is that they are not broken anymore.”**

**- Hagar Cambodia Counsellor**

## **We do whatever it takes, for as long as it takes, to *transform lives.***

Hagar exists for the purpose of transforming the lives of women and children who have survived human trafficking, slavery and abuse.

When women and children that we journey with first come to Hagar, they are often traumatised from their experiences and are struggling.

They frequently report feeling depressed and empty. Some experience nightmares, while others talk about feeling numb, or wanting to end their lives. Some have physical wounds from suicide attempts and many think they no longer have value.

Any dreams they used to have are destroyed. The trauma from their experiences of abuse is like a darkness overwhelming them.

But Hagar, and our donors, bring light into the lives of these women and children.



## Linh's story

**Linh's father died when she was young, and her mother had to work hard to support the family.**

Knowing Linh's family's struggles, their neighbour promised Linh a part-time job close to home with a high salary. Eager to decrease her mother's burden, Linh accepted this offer.

Linh was secretly taken off in a car. In a dark space, Linh did not know where she was going. When she could see the sun again, she found herself in China, where she was then forced to work as a prostitute. Linh's neighbour had made a deal with a trafficker and tricked her. In the years that followed, Linh was forced to serve customers. When she said she felt too tired, she was beaten as punishment.

One time when she was caught trying to escape, the trafficker used a hammer to break her knee cap so that she could not run away.

Linh could hardly walk for 3 months. Linh remained determined to escape and finally managed to trek through the forest and get back to Vietnam.

**Linh was then referred to Hagar.**

With Hagar, Linh received medical support and counselling to help with her trauma. Linh was also reunited with her mother.

Through Hagar's Economic Empowerment program, both Linh and her mother received husbandry support to raise chickens. Linh now has hope for the future. Together with our donors, we have been able to transform her life.

**"I just want to send my sincere thanks to Hagar. I and Linh are so lucky to have Hagar's support. I can never thank you enough."**

**- Linh's mother**



**“I am touched that a lot of people from over the world still take their time and donate for us whom they don’t even know... With their support, we feel healed, be consoled and know that we never be left behind.”**

**- Former Hagar Vietnam client**



## **You have been a light in the darkness**

Linh’s story illustrates the transforming difference you have already made in the lives of survivors of abuse by generously supporting this work. Your partnership enables Hagar staff to provide expert recovery services and walk the journey with those like Linh. By giving, you weave yourself into the transformation journeys of many and help bring light and hope into lives previously overwhelmed by darkness.

## **Together, we can continue the journey of hope**

As a Hagar donor, you are part of our Hagar family. Our bond is a shared desire to tackle the global issues of human trafficking, slavery and abuse, doing what we can to bring light to the lives of survivors. It is only together that we have been able to transform thousands of lives so far!

While your support of Hagar is changing lives now, you can also do something today to make sure that women and children have access to Hagar’s transforming recovery services well into the future.

## **Would you leave Hagar a gift in your will?**

Your legacy will ensure that traumatised women and children can receive the same love and recovery.





## Isobel's story

**Isobel first learnt about human trafficking and Hagar's work when a Hagar staff member came and shared at her church in 2013.**

Confronted by the issues and drawn to the incredible and deep impact Hagar was having, Isobel knew that she wanted to participate in this work however she could! After many years of dedicated support through monthly donations, volunteering and prayer, Isobel has decided to also leave a gift to Hagar in her will.

When she was asked why she had made this decision, she explained:

**“I've spent my whole adult life giving a portion of my earnings to charity and I wanted to maintain this in my will. I have a real heart for Hagar's work and it was important to me to continue to be part of it.”**

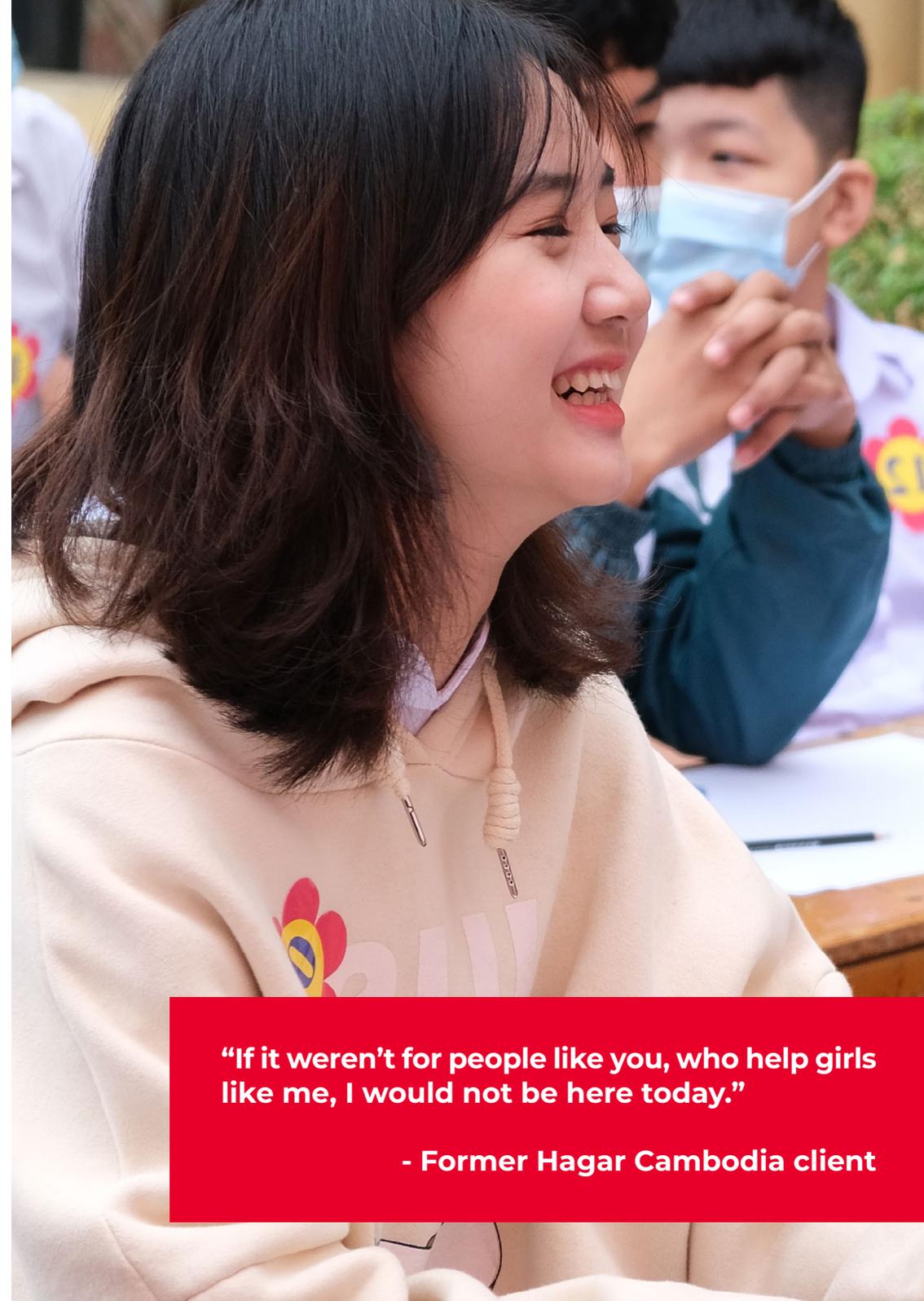
**Leaving a gift in your will is easy.  
If this resonates with you, we  
recommend the following:**

- Discuss your wishes with your immediate family and those close to you.
- Seek independent legal advice about creating a will and/or adding a gift in your Will to Hagar. Your Lawyer can find Hagar's legal details here: [www.hagar.org.nz/Legacy](http://www.hagar.org.nz/Legacy)
- If you would like to discuss more about the process of leaving a legacy gift or about Hagar's work, we would love the opportunity to chat with you further.

A gift in your Will to Hagar becomes a legacy of hope to survivors like Linh in the future. Together we can continue to shine light in the darkness.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy gift, but have any questions, concerns or just need support with the admin side of things, we are here to help. Contact us by emailing [legacy.giving@hagar.org.nz](mailto:legacy.giving@hagar.org.nz) or getting in touch with Joanne directly.

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**“If it weren't for people like you, who help girls like me, I would not be here today.”**

**- Former Hagar Cambodia client**



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