



THE PHOENIX ALLIANCE
RISE FROM ASHES

Fall 2024

News from the Nest

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A Year of Impact and Transition at The Phoenix Alliance

Dear Friends,

As we approach the close of 2024, we wanted to share a brief update on The Phoenix Alliance and our progress in the mission to help hurting individuals “rise from ashes” and live lives of true freedom.

A few 2024 Highlights

USA Continued Impact: Despite facing some financial challenges, our dedicated Area Directors, Kimberly (North Carolina) and Shaana (Indiana), continued to make a significant impact in our communities.

- In North Carolina, Kimberly Wheeler continues her work in the Juvenile Detention Centers. This year she achieved certification as a Guardian ad Litem. Per the North Carolina Judicial Branch: *“Guardians ad Litem are appointed by the court to ensure vulnerable children in their communities are safe and protected, and that judges have objective recommendations to address their best interests. Guardian ad Litem volunteers provide an independent, unbiased voice for abused and neglected children in the courtroom.”*¹ For a story about one of Kimberly’s encounters with an at-risk young lady as her Guardian ad Litem, see the Summer 2024 newsletter on the [TPA website](#). Click on [STORIES → Newsletters](#).
- Shaana, our Indiana Area Director, has also made significant strides in the fight. In addition to her Intervention and Advocacy work, she has developed and successfully implemented a customized Trafficking Prevention program specifically for the Fort Wayne Public School System. This program adheres to stringent state standards and has been a resounding success. It is a crucial step forward in equipping educators with the knowledge and tools to identify and prevent human trafficking within Indiana’s school systems.

Thailand Alliance: we continue to partner with Kanya Musoe-Wheeler (Gunya) who is in the process of establishing a home for girls rescued from trafficking situations. Kanya named her work Arukah, an ancient Hebrew word meaning “restoration.” Kimberly Wheeler and board member Julie Cheng will be traveling to Chiang Rai to visit Kanya in January. They will report on the Arukah Project when they return. A video interview of Kanya sharing her own rescue story and her vision for Arukah House is linked on the TPA website. To view that video and others, go to the phoenixalliance.org and click [STORIES → Videos](#).

See the next page for a preview of TPA work in this new year.

¹ Source: www.nccourts.gov/programs/guardian-ad-litem

A Note about Ethan

Our co-founder and Executive Director, Ethan Wheeler, has made the difficult decision to step back from many of his duties at The Phoenix Alliance for the coming season.

This decision was not made lightly. Ethan cares deeply about the organization's mission and the individuals we serve. However, with a large family to support, he needs to prioritize building a sustainable income stream through his "side-hustle" business to ensure his family's financial security.

During this season, Ethan will continue to serve in some of the administrative tasks and consulting roles, but we on the TPA board will do our best to find ways to offload the more time-consuming tasks for him.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at ted.wheeler@thephoenixalliance.org

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Connecting the Dots. Strengthening Communities. Preventing Trafficking.

January 2025 marks Human Trafficking Prevention Month, highlighting the importance of a holistic approach to prevent trafficking.

Please consider a [donation](#) to The Phoenix Alliance in honor of this event.



Kanya with Julie Cheng

Looking ahead to 2025

- **Strong Management Team:** Kimberly and Shaana will continue to lead our programs in North Carolina and Indiana, respectively.
- **Financial Focus:** We are actively working to strengthen our financial position to ensure the long-term sustainability of The Phoenix Alliance. To that end, the board is looking to bring on an Event Coordinator who will be responsible for managing fundraising events, beginning with the popular "Egg My Yard" Easter event in April.

How You Can Help

- **Donate:** Your financial support is crucial to our continued success. Every contribution makes a difference.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our mission with friends, family, and colleagues.
- **Volunteer:** If you have skills and time to offer, please consider volunteering your time to support our work.
- **Pray for the ministry:** Please pray for wisdom and provision for the TPA team and for those who are at risk and vulnerable. Your prayers truly touch the heart of God!

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and partnership. We believe that by working together, we can impact more lives with the love of Christ and create a safer and more just world for all.

Ted R. Wheeler, TPA Board Chair

Upcoming Thailand Visit

Hi, my name is Julie Cheng and I am the newest board member with The Phoenix Alliance. However, my husband Chi and I have been supporters of this ministry from early days. We are passionate about the fight to end human trafficking and believe that TPA is making an important difference. We are particularly invested in the work that Kanya (Gunya) is doing in Thailand. Even though we live 7,475 miles away, God has knit our hearts together. Kanya and I message each other often, praying for and encouraging each other. Over the last couple of years, Kanya has allowed me to mentor her in both financial stewardship and trauma healing, equipping her with powerful tools that she is already using to mentor others. I am excited that Kimberly and I will be going to visit her in Chiang Rai this January! I look forward to providing an update on the activities there in a future newsletter.