

Our Impact 2020



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A look at 2020

Dear RISE community,

Thank you so much for your continued support this year! It has obviously been a very difficult year because of covid-19 and its impact around the world. However, we are grateful that we have been able to continue our work during these difficult times. In some programs, we even experienced growth!

This year, RISE provided microloans to four survivors in Uganda. We also expanded our inventory available for purchase on the RISE Artisan Marketplace and sold products from all 11 artisans represented there.

Though not typically part of our mission, RISE sent money to our partner centers to purchase food and supplies for survivors during covid-related lockdowns in their countries.

We were very pleased to have four university students intern with RISE this year, including a new student, Priyanka Subrahmanyam, from Purdue University.

The area where we experienced the most growth this year was in our Student Services Program. We now have four student chapters across the US and students at additional schools are interested in starting chapters. We are very proud of the results these students have achieved.

THANK YOU for all the ways that you have helped support our work.

Sincerely,
Dr. Angie Vredevelde
Founder & Director, RISE



Microloans

This year, RISE provided microloans to four survivors in Uganda.

Our microloans are typically provided as part of a business skills training program. However, given that an in-person business skills training was not possible this year, we provided microloans to survivors who have already proven to be successful businesswomen.

Recipients of the loans included Shina (restaurant run out of her home), Hawa (second-hand clothing business), Edith (second-hand clothing business), and Julie (board game business).

4 survivors

Read more about our
Microloans Program





Artisan Marketplace

In response to covid and the lack of in-person sales, RISE expanded our inventory online. We now have over 170 products available for purchase online! We also interviewed survivor artisans in more depth and added this information to their artisan profiles on the www.riseartisans.com site.

We are so pleased that despite covid, we sold over \$1700 of survivor products through in-person sales and our online store this year! Thank you to all of you who have purchased items from our store!

\$1700

Shop the RISE Artisan Marketplace



Food donations

\$3500

RISE does not typically cover the costs of food or supplies for survivors. However, given the unique challenges survivors faced during lockdowns in Uganda and Nepal, RISE decided to fund distributions of food and medical supplies in 2020. We are very proud that our first student chapter, RISE UC, raised over \$1500 to support these efforts! In total, RISE and RISE UC sent \$3500 for food and supplies during covid lockdowns to 30 survivors in Uganda and Nepal.

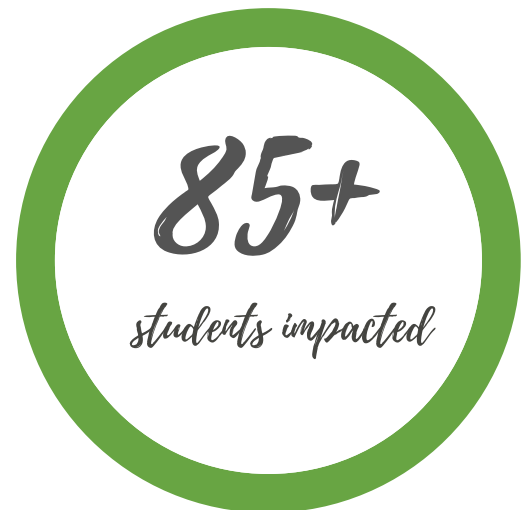


Student chapters

The area where RISE experienced most growth this year was in student services. We added two new chapters: RISE Montrose (high school in Medfield, Massachusetts) and RISE UCLA.

Together with RISE University of Cincinnati and RISE Ursuline Academy, there are now 45 university and high school students across the US who are involved in RISE chapters.

Because each chapter hosts meetings, events, and fundraisers, student chapters reach many more people through their advocacy efforts. Also, each student member gains mindsets and skills that we hope will lead to a lifetime of human rights advocacy.



New student chapter leaders

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We were very pleased to welcome the following student leaders to the RISE team:



Ridhi Thotakura
RISE Montrose



Ava Russo
RISE Montrose



Sophie Cronin
RISE Montrose



Ashna Khare
RISE UCLA



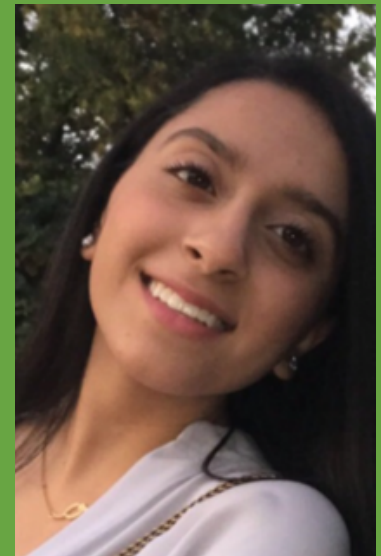
Shreya Nannapuraju
RISE UC



Anna Warshak
RISE UC



Maud Sonzogni
RISE UC



Noor Amir
RISE UC

New student chapter leaders



Aubrey Schofield
RISE UC



Maryam Farouqi
RISE UC



Muskaan Kaur
RISE UC



Sreya Kandarpa
RISE UC



Mandy Phan
RISE UA



Sarah Herrington
RISE UA



Mackenize Singer
RISE UA

Director of Student Services

Because of the growth in our student services program this year, we hired Fatima Khan to serve as Interim Director of Student Services. Fatima has done an excellent job in her role as President of RISE UC and we have been so impressed with her leadership skills.

RISE intends to hire a permanent Director of Student Services in 2021. This will be a part-time paid employee who will direct our current chapters and help expand the program. We anticipate that we will be able to mentor three to five additional student chapters in 2021.



+3-5
student chapters

RISE Interns

RISE has continued to mentor university students who intern with RISE. This year, we were pleased to work with four interns, including a new intern, Priyanka Subrahmanyam, from Purdue University.



Brooke Allnutt
University of Cincinnati



Priyanka Subrahmanyam
Purdue University



Nadia Alam
University of Cincinnati



Anshul Tyagi
University of Cincinnati

*Thank you
for your
support!*

"Whether you liked a post on social media, purchased products from the Artisan Marketplace, or donated money to RISE this year, you helped us make this work possible. Thank you! We hope that you continue to be part of our community of advocates making a real difference for survivors and students around the world."

--Ellen Galloway, President, RISE Board of Directors

