

THAI SAFEHOUSE #4

THAILAND

Neon light bathes the busy streets in a harsh glow. Here in one of Bangkok's bustling red light districts, customers gather from around the globe, feeding Thailand's growing sex industry. In the midst of the mayhem, safehouse staff members enter the bars to buy a soda for the bar girls. As they share a cool drink and a minute of respite, our



partners look into the dark eyes of the girl across the table and speak words of freedom and hope. They tell her that there is a way out and a safe place just down the street. Their safehouse, located in the heart of the red light district, offers women secure employment, educational opportunities, and counseling. When you purchase their product, you help bring healing and hope to broken lives. You empower these women to live in freedom and work with dignity.



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Wipa

Responsibility weighed heavily upon Wipa's slight shoulders. Her mother was gone, her sister was sick, her little one was hungry. Her sister's cancer robbed them both of their physical and emotional strength. The lack of jobs in town only added to Wipa's discouragement, forcing her to the city in search of something to support her family and sister's treatment. Night after night, she sold her body for the money she would send home the next morning. When safehouse staff met Wipa and offered her a way out, she left almost immediately. In this safe place, she began to make jewelry, support her family, and slowly start over. When WAR, In'tl granted Wipa a cosmetology scholarship, she truly began a new life. Wipa is now a hairdresser, attending business classes with plans to open her own salon. With a smile on her face, she says that making others feel beautiful brings her great peace and happiness. The burden upon her has lifted. Wipa now lives in freedom, looking toward a new future for her and her daughter.

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