

RIVER HOUSE

MONGOLIA

Like the streams winding through Mongolia's mountain ranges, poverty runs rampant across the nation. In the wake of their suffering, many turn to alcohol, hiding their fear and pain behind addiction. This wretched life creates an environment ripe with abuse and exploitation—leading women and children along the twisted path of human trafficking. Hungry and hurting people find themselves crossing China's border, hoping to make a meager living in the busy cities. But when hope runs dry, Mongolians can find a new beginning at River House. There, women live and work in safety, healing from their broken pasts and looking toward bright futures. They gather each day in the workroom, stitching headbands, scarves, and gloves from soft fabrics. When you wear the work of their hands, you shield them from risk and join us in the fight for human dignity.



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Sarnai

She hoped life would offer hope and happiness. Instead, Sarnai was mourning the loss of her husband and left to care for five children. The fear dragged her deeper into alcoholism, letting daily drinks muffle hidden pain. In hopes of supporting her hungry family, Sarnai forced herself into a life of prostitution. Her future promised only bitter survival, coupled with shame and fear. But a few years later, hope began to take shape. At River House, Sarnai became a skilled artisan and now spends her days peacefully crafting scarves and headbands, earning an income that supports her children. The

loving staff see Sarnai, not for her broken past, but for her limitless potential. Each day, they witness her pouring love and encouragement into her fellow designers, spreading light and warmth. Sarnai hopes to learn more by attending school and soon use her skills to serve the community.

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