

# DANIEL EMR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & FOUNDER



## BIO

Dan provides oversight and guidance for the different departments of Worthwhile, keeping in mind the big picture and long term trajectory of the organization. He works with staff to innovate and find ways to not only serve more women each year, but to continually evaluate and improve Worthwhile's services.

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## IN HIS OWN WORDS

I first heard of human trafficking in 2010 when a young couple visited our church. They shared about the work they were doing overseas to help young women that were caught in human trafficking. What they shared that morning took me by surprise, as I couldn't believe that slavery still existed. In my mind, slavery was a thing of the past, but as they shared about their work and the stories of the women they were helping, I felt the need to do something.

At that time, I was working in a sales and marketing role at a local engineering and manufacturing company. It was a position that afforded my young family comfort, stability, and even a few luxuries. Over the course of two years, I deliberated what my role should be to help those enslaved. I knew I needed to be a part of the solution and not sit idly by.

Growing up in Ukraine as a missionary kid, I learned from my parents what it meant to set personal comforts aside to better serve others. With God's guidance, I made the very difficult decision to leave the comfort of my sales and marketing position in an effort to fully commit myself to this cause.

Worthwhile Wear launched in India in 2012 and then launched a variety of programs in the US in 2014. Today, Worthwhile has grown to offer the most comprehensive services to survivors of trafficking in the state of PA.

I haven't once regretted the decision our family made to step away from a career job in order to better serve these brave survivors. Knowing that my days are spent helping women experience freedom and realize their true worth, has made each day a rewarding one.

I have the support and help of my wife and two children, and we've committed ourselves to provide for and support these women. At my core I believe every person on this planet is of equal value and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. It is our desire that through our actions, each woman in our programs would know that they truly are **worthwhile**.

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