



Derek Benner
Chief Executive Officer
Our Rescue

Derek Benner serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Our Rescue, bringing leadership experience in mission operations and federal law enforcement. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Derek led Our Rescue's Mission Operations and Survivor Care teams, developing a deep understanding of the organization's work and forging strong connections with its people. He is committed to advancing Our Rescue's mission with purpose, integrity, and an unwavering focus on impact.

Before joining Our Rescue, Derek spent more than 30 years in federal law enforcement, culminating in leadership of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)—an organization of over 10,000 personnel, including 7,000 special agents across the U.S. and around the world. Under his leadership, Derek spearheaded the creation of the DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking, the first unified, inter-agency coordination center dedicated to combating human trafficking.

Derek's expertise extends into the private sector, where he has served as Managing Director for Federal Law Enforcement and Commercial at Thomson Reuters Special Services, LLC. In this role, he focused on building a safer, more secure world by empowering clients to leverage data for good.

Throughout his career, Derek has demonstrated a deep commitment to protecting vulnerable populations and supporting law enforcement efforts at every level. At Our Rescue, he brings this same resolve, working alongside the organization's leadership team to expand critical partnerships, enhance operational excellence, and drive forward the mission to rescue and support survivors of human trafficking and exploitation.