

2022 Impact Report

STEPPING STONES OF RESTORATION



we are:

A CHRIST-CENTERED
ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES
OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALING
AND RESTORATION TO SURVIVORS
OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

our mission:

SO EXPLOITATION ENDS
FOR ONE MORE GIRL.

our vision:

THAT EVERY SURVIVOR
WILL KNOW SHE IS VALUED,
HAS HOPE, AND IS
LOVED BY JESUS.



**RESTORATION
HOME**

She begins her
healing journey.



**SOCIAL
ENTERPRISE**

She works and saves
for her future.



**TRANSITIONAL
LIVING CENTER**

She practices her
independence.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Before I joined Wings of Refuge, I knew about the big picture problem of human trafficking, but didn't understand the complexity of the issue. Many of the topics I now share with the community for awareness and education, I first had to learn myself. The injustice can feel overwhelming and our natural reaction can be the desire to step away. But you didn't. You took a step forward to support survivors at Wings of Refuge. That takes courage.



Recently I had a past hurt bubble up that I thought I had resolved. As it surfaced, my immediate reaction was to stuff it back down. To heal from it meant I would have to face it again, and I didn't want to. As I noticed my own resistance, I thought about the women who come to Wings. They are often invited to face their hurts and trauma in order to process through it, experience healing, and take a step forward. God invites us to revisit the painful parts of our stories, not to relive them, but to be freed from them. That takes courage.

As a ministry and community, there are a lot of ways we support survivors on their journey of restoration, but none are greater than the love and power of Jesus. One woman had tried a few other programs but when she came to Wings, she said "This program is different, I think it's Jesus." We couldn't agree more. When so many people and systems have let them down, they are invited to put their trust in a God who will always prove faithful. Believing that takes courage.

As you read about all the steps taken toward restoration in this report, we invite you to see the courage in each story and statistic. Courage is contagious: thank you for stepping forward so others can do the same. You're an amazing gift to this community!

In grace,

Brandy Young

2022 Impact Stories...

taking steps toward independence

IT STARTS WITH SAFE COMMUNITY...

A survivor's brain and body cannot begin to heal until she feels safe, which is why creating a calm atmosphere with safe people is so important for restoration. One evening, all of the women enjoyed sitting around the firepit on a beautiful summer night. They made s'mores, shared life stories, and reflected on their time at Wings of Refuge as their hearts began to trust again in that sacred space.



“ ***I should have come here sooner.
I feel 100% safe here.*** – Wings Participant ”

... WHICH LEADS TO BELONGING AND NEW MEMORIES.

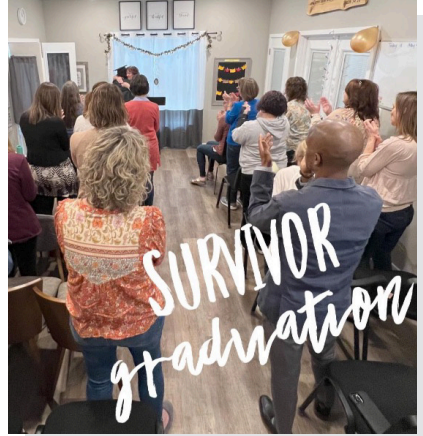
While at equine therapy this past year, it wasn't uncommon to hear the women call out to our life coach and exclaim: “Emma! Take my picture!” Not only did they desire to capture that moment of bonding with the horses together, but they were given an experience that they actually wanted to remember. One of the women even achieved something called ‘joining’ with her horse. This showed a sign of great trust between herself and her horse and was the fruit of weeks' worth of work in communication!



“ ***Emma! Take my picture!*** – Wings Participant ”

FROM HERE, HEALING COMES SLOWLY BUT SURELY...

Healing is made tangible when women dare to dream and hope for a better future. One woman accomplished a major goal by passing her HiSET (high school equivalency test) and we celebrated with a graduation party, complete with a processional in her cap and gown and a brave speech by the graduate. Her words brought everyone to their feet as we celebrated her transformation.



“ I have heard time and time again I'm not the same girl who walked through those doors a year ago...I'm the girl who faced difficult times and decided not to give up and graduated from HiSET classes...I am a survivor. Hear Me Roar! – Wings Graduate ”

...AND FINALLY, SHE TAKES MEANINGFUL STEPS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE.

We welcomed our first resident into the Transitional Living Center! The TLC provides a stepping stone to independent living and this woman's newfound confidence in her ability to thrive is inspirational. Not only did she continue working at the ONE MORE Social Enterprise with all her heart, but she was quickly promoted to Product Team Leader where she trained and mentored new employees.



“ To work in the social enterprise for me has meant the world. It has taken me off of the streets into doing something positively, giving back. It has taken me from being broke to having a new life! – Wings Graduate ”

TOGETHER WE STEP TO FREEDOM

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10 women found freedom from exploitation

820.5

820.5 hours of classes at the Learning Center that resulted in understanding the effects of trauma, a deeper relationship with God and others, and improved life skills

550.5

550.5 volunteer hours devoted to supporting survivors through fun outings and activities, fundraising, home maintenance, and social enterprise

168

168 counseling appointments and support groups that helped survivors process trauma and overcome addiction

43

43 awareness events informed over 2,065 attendees about the issue of sex trafficking to build a stronger network to support survivors

13

13 unique "Do What You Love to Fight What You Hate" events that showcased the passion and creativity of our giving community

30

30 different market opportunities that featured survivor-made products, generating over \$30,000 in sales and connecting the community to her restoration journey

FINANCIALS

Through your generosity and contributions, you have formed the stepping stones that support each survivor as she pursues healing and independence at Wings of Refuge. Thank you!

2022 REVENUE \$830,362

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

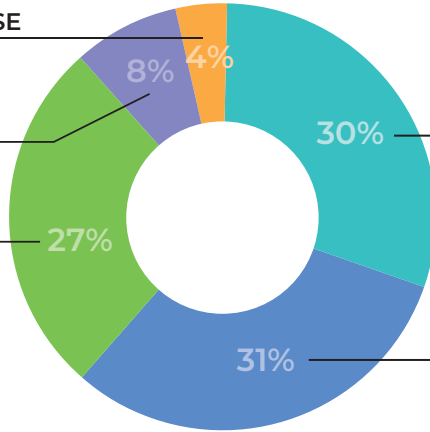
\$30,065

GRANTS / FOUNDATIONS

\$67,806

GENERAL GIVING

\$221,078



FUNDRAISERS

\$253,920

MONTHLY / RECURRING GIFTS

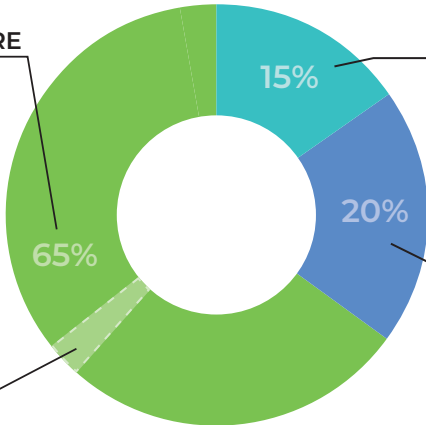
\$257,493

2022 EXPENSES \$715,913

RESTORATIVE CARE

\$463,971

direct care staff, property expenses, auto expenses, groceries, clothing, counseling, medical, celebrations, education and programming, social enterprise (\$18,400)



FUNDRAISING

\$109,637

development staff, marketing supplies, postage, printing expenses

ADMINISTRATION

\$142,305

administrative staff, staff travel expenses, company insurance, employee benefits, office supplies

Have you considered Wings of Refuge in your will?

Platinum
Transparency
2023

Candid.



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Wings of Refuge

tenth birthday party!

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

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