



# 2023

Impact Report

*We are better together*



Wings of Refuge

*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:

The injustice of trafficking is a dark evil contrasted with a God who is good...the Light of the world. The mission of Wings of Refuge seems to walk that line, teetering between deep-seated disappointment and unexpected miracles, unimaginable heartbreak and unforgettable restoration. We couldn't do this hard and beautiful work without you. We couldn't do it without a community who is committed to be a part of God's redemption story.



Community is where the most potential for healing happens. It's the place where we can surround ourselves and others with the love and support needed for restoration. The Wings of Refuge community has been built alongside a host of service providers, churches, supporters, and volunteers to provide safe homes, opportunities for healing, meaningful work, and a pathway to independence.

Because of your support, Wings currently operates two residential homes and a social enterprise. After serving survivors for ten years, the ministry reached the point that it was necessary to establish a more permanent, public presence in the community to support and grow the mission. In late 2023, Wings was able to miraculously purchase a well-suited building much quicker than anticipated. This new property will provide sufficient space to accommodate ministry staff, increase community outreach, allow our social enterprise to expand and create more job opportunities, and provide our first ever storefront for you to shop survivor-made products!

Thank you for remaining committed to the mission and helping to build a community where miracles and restoration still happen.

In grace,

*Brandy Young*

**SAVE THE DATE! We're hosting an open house at our new building on Saturday afternoon, April 27th. More info coming soon!**



# 2023 IMPACT STORIES

We couldn't do it without you...

## *A Community That Partners*

In 2023, Wings of Refuge experienced incredible support and blessing from our church partners. Outstanding care and consideration were extended to the women who are joining their communities, some of them at church for the first time. It is an indescribable gift to have church partners who exemplify love, grace, and unconditional support for survivors. This year, alongside our church partners, we celebrated a survivor choosing to be baptized, symbolizing a redemption and restoration of her identity in Jesus, hope, and new life. Time and time again we see church communities introducing survivors to a new expression of hope and freedom.



## *A Community That Supports*

Survivors face daily challenges of choosing new ways of living - sobriety, expressing emotions, and asking for help in the midst of struggles. We ask them to lean into these challenges for the sake of growth and it is an arduous process. There are wins and setbacks along the way. A survivor committed to this process in great ways this past year. She was apprehensive to try new support groups, and when she chose to attend in the face of her fear, she was surprised at how much she enjoyed the group! Since then, she has been able to support her peers as they try new groups and reap the benefits of our community resources.



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## *A Community That Lasts*



The ultimate goal for community is for it to extend beyond each survivor's season at Wings and for relationships and freedom to outlast the program. Nothing showcased this lasting community better than the 10-year ministry birthday party. Graduates joined the celebration by performing poems and sharing their stories of "life after Wings." Certificates from Wings still decorate the walls of one graduate's apartment, marking

accomplishments, sobriety, and growth. These accomplishments laid the foundation for adding a five year sobriety certificate three years after graduating from the program!

## *A Community That Trusts*

The staff committed several days in robust training with a trauma expert to ensure the residential program continues to create an environment that fosters the greatest opportunity for healing. In addition, Wings became the first residential program in the state to be accredited by the National Trafficking Sheltered Alliance (NTSA). The NTSA accreditation model centers on ensuring survivors receive quality care from trusted, healthy and trauma-informed organizations. With more safe houses

opening across the country, Wings desires to build transparency and trust for survivors, survivor advocates, caring community members and donors alike.



# HEALING HAPPENS IN COMMUNITY

*together we find freedom*

8

8 women found freedom from exploitation.

685

685 hours of classes at the Learning Center resulted in understanding emotional regulation, learning new coping strategies, and practicing various life skills.

893

893 hours from volunteers provided restorative opportunities through fun activities, fundraising, home maintenance, and social enterprise support.

180

180 counseling appointments and support group sessions offered survivors opportunities to process trauma, develop social skills, and overcome addiction.

*Recorded PTSD symptoms experienced by survivors decreased an average of 23% over a three month period upon arriving at Wings of Refuge.*

38

38 speaking events reached over 1719 people to spread awareness about trafficking and increase support for survivors.

11

11 community led fundraisers were hosted Doing What They Love to Fight What They Hate.

21

21 unique market opportunities featuring survivor-made products generated over \$48,000 in sales and connected the community to her restoration journey.

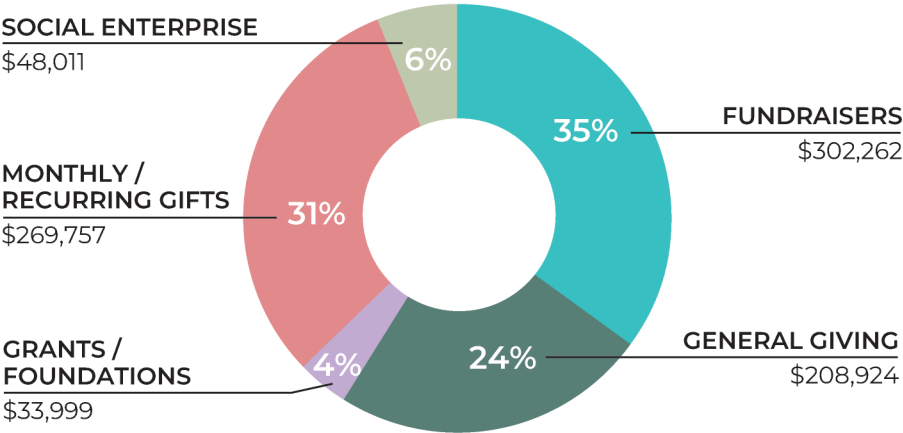




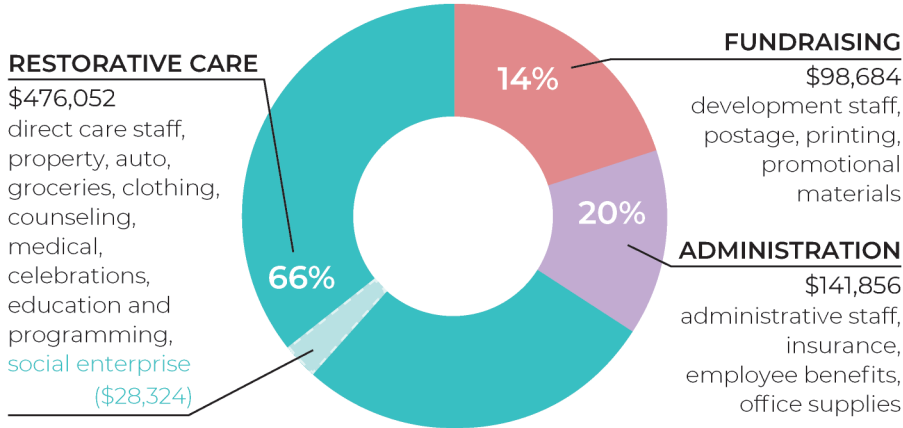
# FINANCIALS

Through your generosity, you've helped to build a community that provides the love and support needed for restoration.  
*We thank God for you!*

## 2023 REVENUE \$864,082



## 2023 EXPENSES \$716,592



Praise God! We were able to purchase the new building through the surplus funds saved from several years of generous giving. Please join us in prayer as God continues to further the mission in our community.

Would you like to consider joining the community of monthly givers who commit to provide consistent funding to sustain the mission? However you decide to give, we are grateful for you!



You can find this Impact Report on our website by clicking on "Financials" under the "About" tab.