

2020

Impact Report

**CARRY
HER
STORY**



Wings of Refuge

Cover Photo by Wings Participant

we are:

A CHRIST-CENTERED
ORGANIZATION PROVIDING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SURVIVORS
OF SEX TRAFFICKING.

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.

There are over 27 million slaves in this world being bought and sold for someone else's profit.

Wings of Refuge exists to provide sex trafficking survivors a safe place to live and a path to independence.

Together, we stand up for justice.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

As I reflect on the past year at Wings of Refuge, I am in awe of how God's love has shone through in so many ways and through so many people. I am full of gratitude and hopefulness and am soaking in these verses: "Give thanks to the Lord of lords...to him who alone does great wonders." Psalm 136:3-4.

2020 opened all of our eyes to how quickly things can change. Unfortunately, sex trafficking doesn't stop during a pandemic and while many organizations began working remotely, the Wings of Refuge safe home remained open. Because of you, there was a place for women to go when life seemed most uncertain. By April, most of our scheduled speaking events and markets were cancelled, which led to us making the decision to pause the newly launched Social Enterprise. However, I am in awe of God's wonders through His love because our annual No-Show Tea Party fundraiser giving doubled and the Swing for Freedom golf event was the most impactful year yet, even in the midst of a drenching thunderstorm! The Transitional Living Center renovation remained a beacon of light throughout the year and stories of how God provided are showcased throughout this report. The support in funding and volunteers is astounding!

Lastly, I want to highlight a couple of shared moments I had with two different women from our home. Because of your impact, survivors at Wings continue to feel loved and cared for. One of our participants exclaimed with excitement that she couldn't believe people cared enough to send in donations so that she was able to have her very own pair of brand new tennis shoes. She could hardly believe it! Another girl broke down in tears when I told her that many, many people were praying for her. She had never been told that before and it changed her. Gestures that may seem so simple or unnoticed are truly making an impact on the women we are able to serve.

So, thank you for your gifts, for your support, and for your prayers. You are truly making a difference and YOU are ending exploitation for one more girl.

I hope you see God's wonder in the love that He pours out all around you.

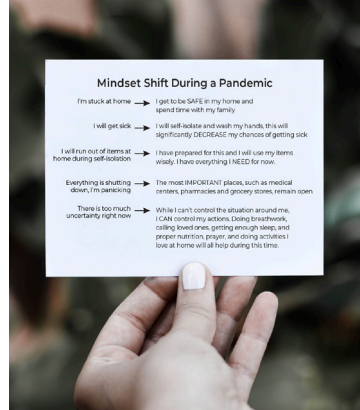
With Love and Gratitude,

Angi Bright

2020 Impact Stories...you made happen

A Pandemic Brought Us Together

A sudden global pandemic is enough to make anyone feel a little anxious and it's even more intense for those who have survived complex trauma. As we navigated the impact and uncertainty of COVID-19 together, the survivors chose to be proactive instead of reactive. They chose worship over fear and anxiety! Laughter and gratitude continued to fill the safe home even on the hard days.



“ I don't know where I would be, especially during this time, if I wasn't here! – Wings of Refuge Survivor

A Second Home was Renovated



Transitional Living Center Bedroom

An additional house was gifted to Wings of Refuge that required a complete renovation. By the end of the year, a project valued at \$400,000 was completely paid for, even in the midst of a pandemic, derecho, and economic uncertainty and without a capital campaign! We serve a mighty God! The new Transitional Living Center will serve as a stepping stone between the current safe home and independent living.

“ Whenever I feel weary, I think about the TLC and how God moved the hearts of so many to be a part of this project. The Lord is in this mission and He is going to set more women free!

– Wings of Refuge Staff

2020 Impact Stories...you made happen

A Survivor Received Healing

A survivor came to Wings with an unsuccessful Hepatitis C treatment and needed to see a specialist to try something different. She ended up in the hospital as her kidneys were failing. When she went to the specialist weeks later before treatment, her replication number was down from over 900,000 to a



level that was almost undetectable and her liver no longer showed evidence of scarring (previously showed 37%)! When the doctor told her the news, she started to cry and proclaimed "It's Jesus!" The doctor leaned in and said, "Yes, it is."

“ Share my news! Everybody should know!

– Wings of Refuge Survivor

Those Around Her Became Dear To Her

During devotions one morning, a survivor commented that she didn't know if she is or will ever be lovable. Without hesitation, one of her peers said "I love you and you are lovable!" She expressed love, belonging, and friendship. We have found that a major indicator of success during the restoration



process is when those around her become dear to her because that means she is attaching to people, forming relationships, and bonding to love. It means her brain and body are healing from the trauma and resetting after learning to survive in a world of harm and deceit.

“ I love you and you are lovable!

– Wings of Refuge Survivor

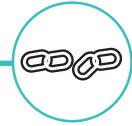
REACH.



Through education, people like you join us in the fight to end sex trafficking.

- ▶ **19 speaking events** held across the state
- ▶ **15 speaking events** cancelled due to COVID-19
- ▶ **1,246 attendees** educated about sex trafficking
- ▶ **415 online views & 30 attendees** at our first ever Beautiful You hybrid event (if you missed it, you can watch the recording at givebutter.com/BeautifulYou)
- ▶ **23 churches partnered** for ongoing financial support

RECOVER.



Through networking, many organizations have joined together to recover survivors of sex trafficking.

- ▶ **10 survivors** chose restoration at Wings
- ▶ **31 inquiries** received directly by our Intake Team from survivors in need of placement
- ▶ **117 Rapid Referrals** received from survivors in need of placement

RESTORE.



Through the safe home, your gifts provide programming opportunities for survivors of sex trafficking.

- ▶ **227 volunteer hours** devoted to sex trafficking survivors
- ▶ **Over 120** volunteers gave their time or talents to serve the Wings mission
- ▶ **Over 200** individuals and businesses supported the TLC renovation
- ▶ **72 recovery groups** provided to survivors
- ▶ **132 therapy sessions** attended by survivors

RISE.



Opportunities are provided for survivors to rebuild their lives and rise into a life filled with hope & possibilities.

- ▶ **1 survivor** graduated from the program!
- ▶ **3 survivors** returned home to their children
- ▶ A second home was renovated to serve 5 additional women when they are ready to begin transitional living

COME AND SEE *what God has done*

Because of your support, survivors live in freedom every day at Wings of Refuge. We thank God for the blessings He continues to provide through all of you.

2020 REVENUE \$779,240

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

\$11,558

TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

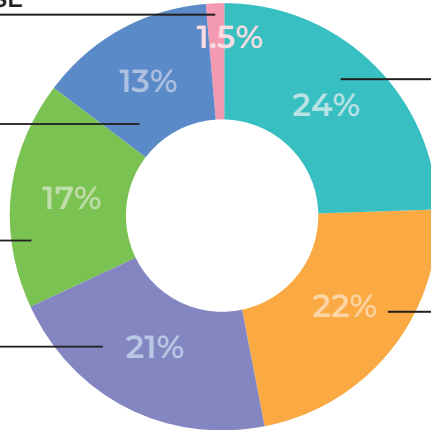
\$102,171

GRANTS / FOUNDATIONS

\$136,328

GENERAL GIVING

\$165,153



FUNDRAISERS

\$190,181

MONTHLY / RECURRING

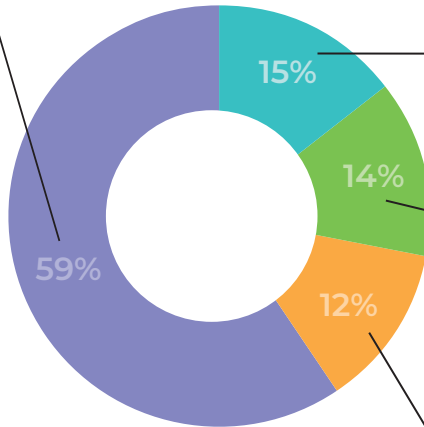
\$173,849

2020 EXPENSES \$680,857

PROGRAMMING

\$404,625

direct care staff, property expense, auto expense, employee benefits, groceries, clothing, counseling, medical, celebrations, education and programming, social enterprise



TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

\$99,557

renovations (non operating program expense)

FUNDRAISING

\$92,651

development staff, marketing supplies, postage, employee benefits, printing expenses

MANAGEMENT

\$84,024

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

*The financials in the electronic version of this impact report were updated after our 990 was finalized and filed.

FUTURE GOALS



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

We anticipate the re-launch of ONE MORE, a social enterprise that provides a trauma-informed work environment, work readiness skills, and income for participants.



VOLUNTEERS

It is our desire to utilize the time and talents offered by so many of you. Thank you for your patience as we train and implement volunteers again!



CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS


Building more intentional relationships with our church partners is a main focus. If you are part of a church that aligns with our mission, please connect with us! We need your partnership so exploitation ends and restoration is possible.

THANK YOU

Although some uncertainty has followed all of us into 2021, we remain certain of two things: that you love this ministry as much as we do and that God has more women to redeem and restore through Wings of Refuge. Because of you, a dream has become reality as a second home is now open to serve more survivors as they transition from the safe home to independent living! Words cannot express our gratitude for your support!

We never could have anticipated what God had in store for 2020 and we look forward to seeing more of His glory with you this year. Without Him, there is no restoration. Without you, there is no safe home. You are needed more than ever!

It is a joy and honor to link arms with you today and every day so exploitation ends for one more girl. Let's carry her story together!



*Have you
considered
Wings of Refuge
in your
will?*

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