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# Impact 2022 Report

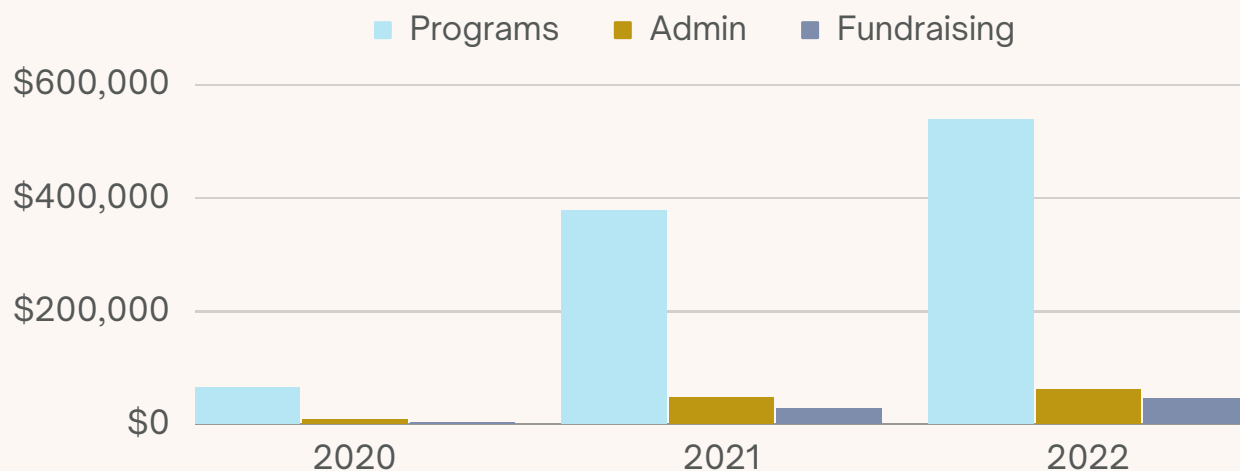
A survivor-led, survivor-founded non-profit providing direct services to survivors of human trafficking.

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# Executive Summary



*"Having TFP gives you that safe feeling. And it gives you the option not to go back."*

**61**

Incoming referrals

**109**

Therapy sessions covered

**1920**

Direct service units provided

**359**

Emergency shelter bed nights provided

**\$537,500**

Invested into the survivor community



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**45**

Total participants enrolled in case management

# A message from our Founder, Executive Director

Three and a half years ago, I picked up my family and moved across the state. I didn't know exactly what it was going to look like, but I knew we needed to do something to address the gap in services for adult survivors of human trafficking. Together, Brooke Burris and I sat around the kitchen table and began to ask ourselves how we could respond to the need in the Tri-County.

**We never could have imagined the incredible growth the next three years would bring, but more importantly the many survivors' lives that would be impacted as a result.** Starting a non-profit in a global pandemic was risky and we knew we had to adapt and immediately start meeting the needs of survivors in our community. Nothing could have prepared me for **the strength and resilience I would witness each day from the people we serve.**

The more I serve survivors, the more I am filled with hope. If there was ever a time for hope, it's now. Our growth and impact could not have happened without the generous support of our community, volunteers, and dedicated staff.

**Thank you** for being part of our vision to ensure no person is bought, sold, or exploited.



**Kat Wehunt**

Co-Founder, Executive Director

*"Hope will have the final word."*

# The Jefferson Award

**NEW YORK, NY, November 3, 2022** –On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Multiplying Good held the 50th Annual Jefferson Awards ceremony at the Zeigfeld Ballroom in New York City.

Founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onasis, Senator Robert Taft Jr, and Sam Beard, The Jefferson Awards and organization **honored the public service of Kat Wehunt**, from Charleston, SC, who helps others through The Formation Project, which raises awareness and provides services for trafficking victims across South Carolina's Lowcountry.



# Our Vision & Mission & Programs

**Our Vision** is a world where no person is bought, sold, or exploited.

**Our Mission** is to build a resilient community free from exploitation.

Our programs are designed to be trauma-informed and driven by our participants' individual needs. We recognize that every survivor has different needs and goals. We welcome survivors to join us at any and every part of their healing journey. We expect ups and downs, relapses and recovery. We believe that relationship is the conduit to lasting healing and we support that through our thriving peer community.

For 2022, there was an **average of 18 active participants monthly** in our programs, primarily female, with an average participant age of 38 years old.



Emergency Shelter & Crisis  
Coordination



Case Management



Drop-in Center



Peer Community

# Emergency Shelter

Many survivors find themselves in a crisis situation in which they are ready to leave their trafficker and exploitation but they have nowhere safe to go. Our Crisis Intervention and Emergency Shelter program is designed to address that crisis. Our partners, particularly Law Enforcement, view this service as an asset to our community. This is how we intervene in a trauma-informed, safe way - meeting survivors' most basic needs and helping them stabilize so they can begin to heal.

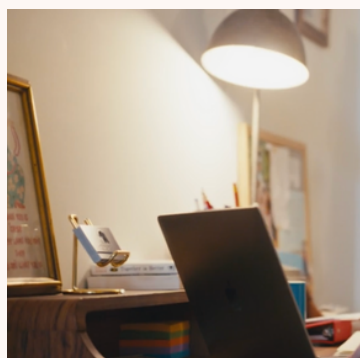
*"I feel like I have a chance to live finally instead of survive."*

Average Stay in Shelter

**1 month**

Survivors  
Served

**12**



Bed nights  
provided

**359**

\$ spent on  
emergency  
shelter

**\$27,000**

# Case Management

Case management is based on survivors' individual needs. Survivors are paired with a case manager who they work with closely to achieve their goals. We prioritize the relationship between case managers and their participants because, again, we recognize that healing happens through relationship. Case management can happen in coffee shops, ER's, the drop-in center and anywhere else a survivor is in need. Case management is foundational and our case managers are essential to TFP's success.

*"Peer support group is the only support system I have, I don't know what I would do without my TFP family."-BM*

Direct  
Service Units  
provided  
**1920**

Enrolled in Case  
Management  
**45**

## Peer Community & Drop-in Center

Community and peer support is identified by our survivors as the most supportive service TFP offers. We meet weekly for peer support group, where we share a meal and share our lives. TFP hosts community events and survivors engage with each other on our group messaging app. We provide the structure so that survivors can lift each other up and join together in building back their lives.

Peer support  
groups provided.

**104**

Average number of  
participants who  
attend weekly peer  
support

**15**

# Partnerships

Our community partnerships are invaluable. TFP works hard to identify ethical, like-minded and trauma-informed community resources we can refer our participants to. We also do what we can to empower community members to take ownership of the issue of human trafficking by getting involved through our volunteer program.

New Community Partnerships

**18**

Volunteers Trained

**39**



Participant referrals to community resources

**69**

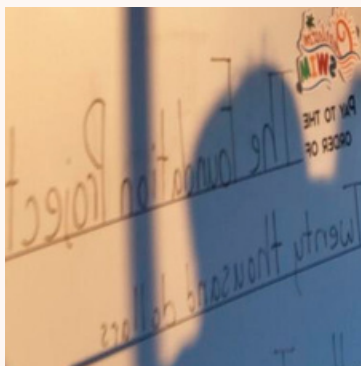
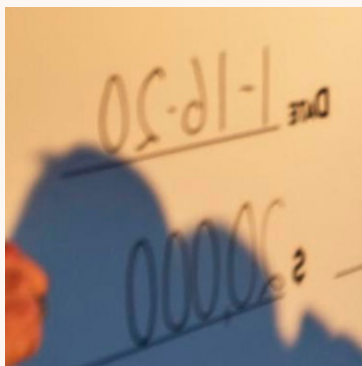
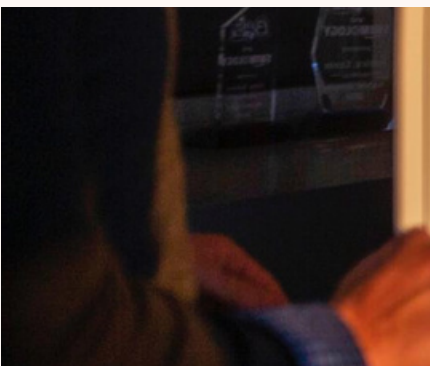
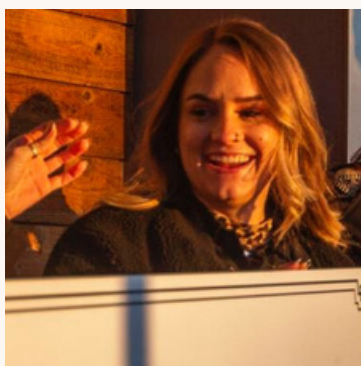
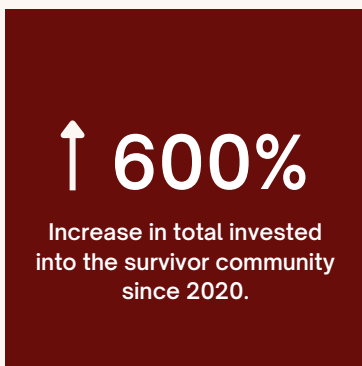
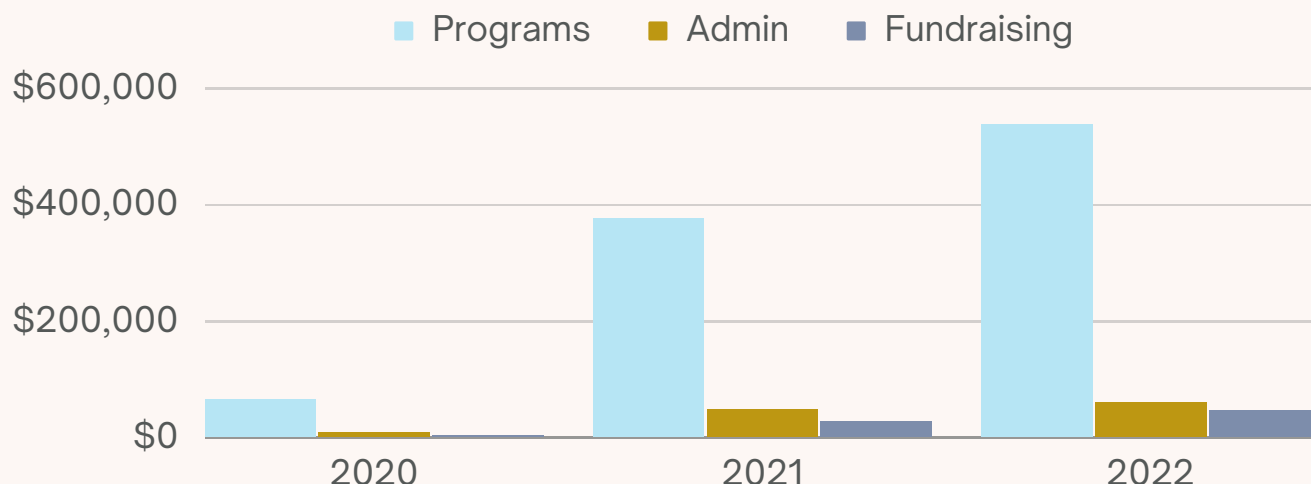
Partner Agencies Trained

**7**

# Financial Highlights

One of our highest goals next to serving survivors with excellence is being great stewards of the private donations and grant funding we receive. We are pleased to share that we have prioritized programmatic spending in our budget for 2022. Please see below for a breakdown.

**83.3% Programs**      **9.4% Administration**      **7.2% Fundraising**





# Our Board

Brooke Burris Esq.  
Board Chair  
Co-Chair Tri-County Human Trafficking Task Force

Carl Hansson,  
Finance Committee (Chair)  
Shamrock Sports & Entertainment, President & Chief Operating Officer

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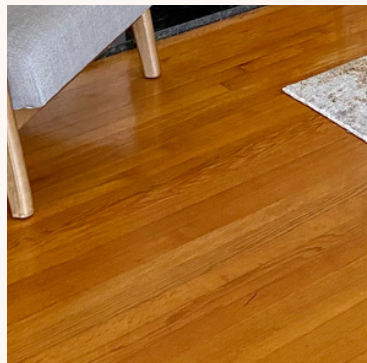
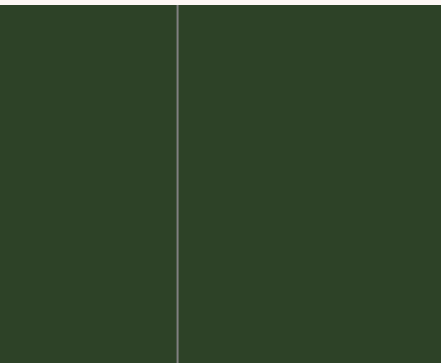
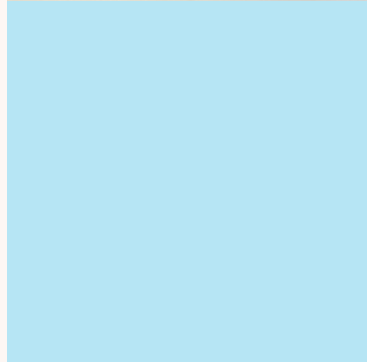
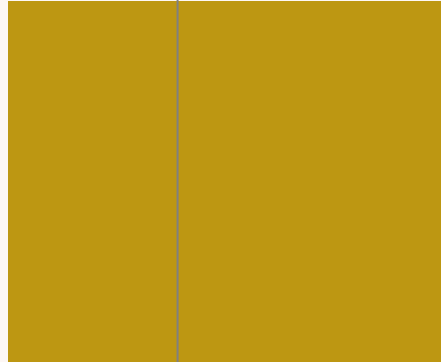
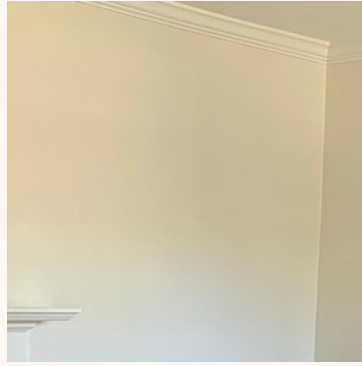
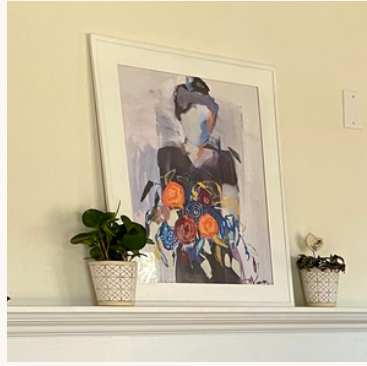
Cassie Dodds,  
Events Committee (Chair)  
St. Alban's Chapel at The Citadel, College Ministry "Former"

Lauren Knapp,  
Programmatic Committee (Chair)  
Charleston County Public Safety and Counter Threat Project Coordinator

Darby Parker,  
Treasurer, Finance Committee & Housing Workgroup Chair  
The Beach Company, Acquisitions Manager

Shannon Runquist,  
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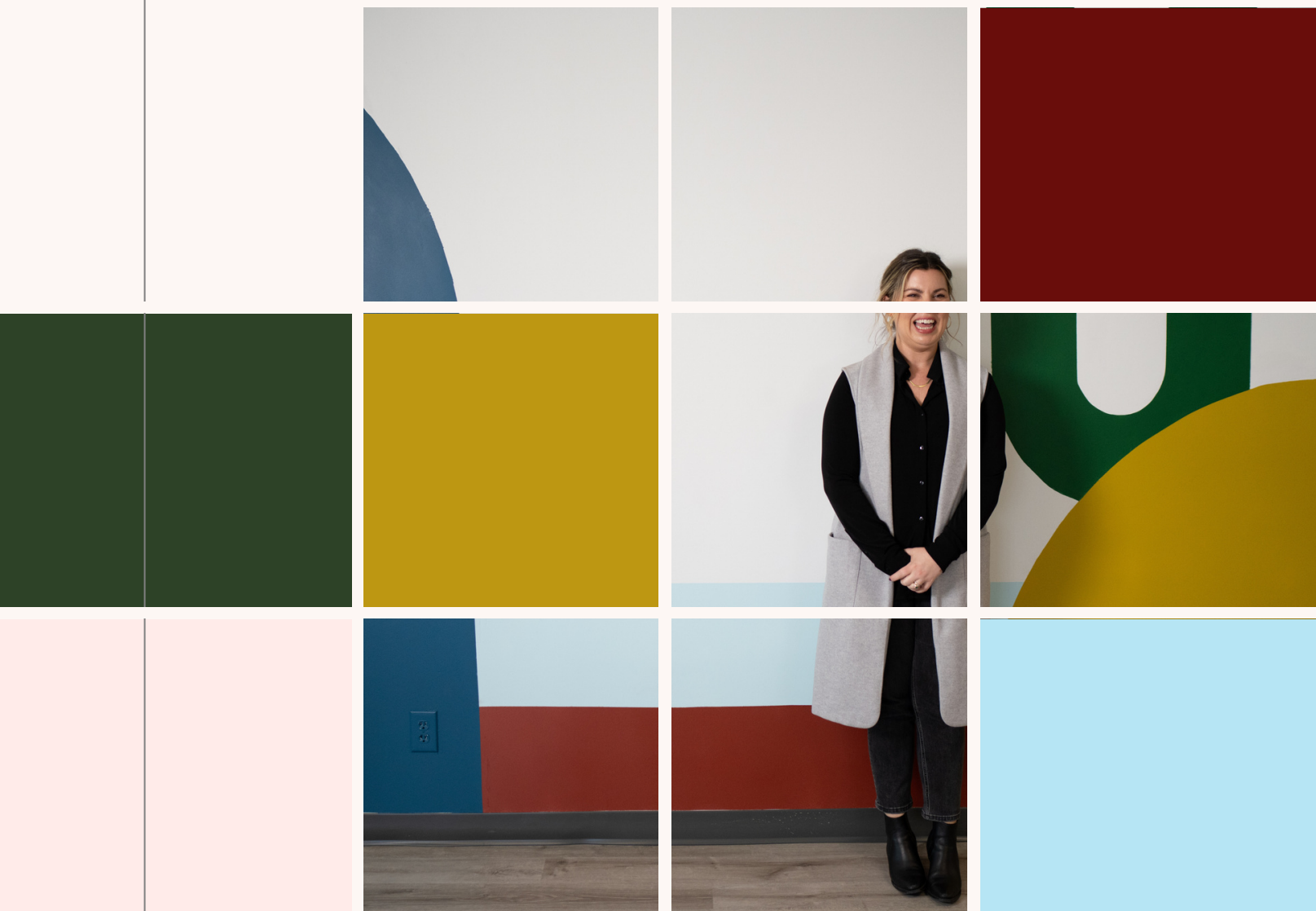
Michael Beville,  
Development Committee (Chair)  
Former Blackbaud, Executive Sales Strategy



# Moving Forward

**Formation House**, is a home for survivors to support the transition from exploitation to independence, using the evidence-based model of a democratically-run housing structure.

**Mentorship Program** is a strong, healthy community as connections are key to reducing the vulnerabilities that make survivors at-risk of exploitation. Modeled after AA's evidence-based sponsorship, the mentorship program will increase healing and connection, connecting new participants with participants who have graduated case management.





# Thank You


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