

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR MISSION

On Eagles Wings (OEW) works to prevent children and youth from falling victim to sex trafficking, offer assistance to those still trapped, and restore survivors by offering hope, healing, and a brighter future.

LIFETIME IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Celebrating 17 years of service



750+

Young survivors served through OEW Hope House® residential and community based services.

15,500+

Reached through Youth4Abolition® chapters and events.

40,000+

Reached through Education & Awareness events and activities.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for every volunteer, staff member, and supporter who invests their time, talents and financial gifts to offer HOPE & HEALING as we tackle the problem of domestic minor sex trafficking in our country. Children who are trafficked rarely escape, and many continue to be trafficked as young adults. YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE for us to be there for every survivor who reaches out to us for help, and to mobilize young leaders through our award-winning Youth4Abolition program to prevent these crimes against children and youth.

Through your support, we are able to meet each survivor where they are with shelter, food, clothing and warm connection to our team of partner organizations who can meet their needs. Through OEW Hope House we offer three types of residential support and comprehensive services to young females, age 18-24, including our Fields Of Hope life skills and entrepreneurship program. For exploited children and youth under age 18, we provide supportive therapeutic and educational services, case management services, and warm connections to the services they and their families need to bring HOPE & HEALING.

As you look through these pages, please know you are an intricate part of the support system that makes life transformation possible. It is a joy to watch the power of God and your support combine in beautiful ways to transform pain into purpose, brokenness into healing and a hope-filled future.

In partnership for Hope & Healing,

Lori Vaccaro

OEW Hope House®



OEW Hope House® offers three models of residential care for youth age 17-24, as well as intensive community based services for children and young adults. Our holistic, trauma-informed model of care offers individualized support for each young survivor.



OUR IMPACT

1,273

Days and nights of 24/7 therapeutic aftercare and emergency housing for young survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking who had no safe home to which to return.

5,976

Nutritious meals and snacks for young survivors in our care.

7,320

Therapeutic interventions including professional counseling, alternative therapies (equine assisted, horticulture, art, music), life skills training sessions (Fields of Hope™), mentoring, tutoring and coaching sessions, trauma healing workshops and case management support.

SURVIVORS STORIES

“When I arrived at OEW Hope House®, I was scared, angry and hurting. I didn’t trust anyone, and I was always harming myself. I had no desire to be alive. I left 3-4 times, but each time y’all have accepted me with arms wide open and each time I’ve gotten stronger. Now, I’m going on 6 months clean from drugs and self-harm and my eating disorder is in remission. I’ve learned how to advocate for myself, and I’ve learned how to set boundaries... I have confidence in myself. OEW will always be my first home and I am thankful for the lessons y’all have taught me and how y’all stand by me no matter what. Thank y’all so much for everything.”

- Angel, OEW Hope House® Client

“Slowly but surely, I started healing, and I realized that the program was helping me to become a better person. I went from somebody who never wanted to leave the darkness, whether that was in my head or not, to somebody whose light shone like a phoenix from the ashes. You guys listened to me when I needed you most. You introduced me to different types of therapy, including equine therapy in Asheville, which was wonderful to experience. I’m all around grateful to be alive and even if I had reasons to live before, I have even more now. I still have a long way to go with my own healing, but they put me in the right direction, which I am extremely thankful for. To the next person who accepts their help, just know that OEW is a program that will turn your life around.”

- Jane, OEW Hope House® Client

FIELDS OF HOPE

For more than a decade, the Fields of Hope® work empowerment program has helped young women survivors develop critical life skills and job skills. Products are handmade by survivors and support staff. All proceeds help provide a home, life skills training and internship experiences for the survivors in the program!



Provided 5 young women with paid internships!

"My Fields Of Hope® internship prepared me for my first job and I am working full time now. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to get my life back on track. I am excited about my future!"

-Mary, Fields of Hope® Participant

WHISPERS OF HOPE CURRICULUM

The heart of the program is our survivor-inspired curriculum, Whispers of Hope, which gives survivors challenging learning opportunities and leadership training.

- Offers survivors a paid educational fellowship program.
- Survivors create vision maps for their future.
- Participants learn leadership skills, job skills and financial skills that lead to economic independence.

OUR PARTNERS



- **BraveWorks** - Charlotte, NC
- **Gigi's Consignment Boutique** - Belmont, NC
- **Lifeline Charlotte Centre** - Charlotte, NC
- **Central Church** - Charlotte, NC
- **Five Stones Church** - Waxhaw, NC
- **WC Trading Co.** - Woodlands, TX
- **First Presbyterian Church** - Charleston, WV

YOUTH4ABOLITION®

Celebrating 10 years of impact

Youth4Abolition® (Y4A) is a youth-led, peer-to-peer, human trafficking prevention and awareness program focused on empowering our nation's youth to protect themselves, educate their friends and share their knowledge and skills throughout their communities.

A generation of young people committed to ending human trafficking.

The Youth4Abolition® curriculum is a powerful seven-part human trafficking curriculum, designed by award-winning educators and curriculum specialists. It is eye-opening, impactful, and effective in preventing Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST).

Y4A sets up chapters in high schools, colleges and churches across North and South Carolina. Each chapter is run by a dedicated student leader with the help of their Y4A Coach and Adult Sponsor. Once the Chapter President is trained on our state-of-the-art curriculum, they deliver the information to their peers throughout the year.



5,000+

People reached in 2023



Y4A Students At Montreat College

2023 CHAPTERS

- Asheville Christian Academy - Asheville, NC
- River Bluff High School - Lexington, SC
- Montreat College - Montreat, NC
- Nation Ford High School - Fort Mill, SC
- Marvin Ridge High School - Waxhaw, NC
- South Rowan High School - China Grove, NC
- Green Hope High School - Cary, NC

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Y4A works in fragile neighborhoods and communities to ensure middle school and high school students who are most at risk receive the benefits of this powerful curriculum.

Y4A ACCOLADES



"Y4A student leaders run large chapters in a number of our local high schools. These student leaders are driven to make a difference with their peers, protecting them from traffickers by educating them."

**- Margaret Marshall,
CMS Board of Education**



"Y4A student leaders won our annual Flash Philanthropy grants competition. They brought the house down and won 47% of the votes among 12 presenting organizations. What a powerful group of students."

- Kristi Thomas, Wells Fargo Foundation

Youth4Abolition® has received awards and commendations from members of the US House of Representatives and the NC House of Representatives.



"Y4A helped me build leadership skills while following my passion.

I was honored to serve on a national panel discussion presented by Shared Hope International. Our students also loved creating national PSAs educating parents with Shared Hope."

**- Tatyana Gonzalez, Founder/President
Olympic High School Y4A Chapter; Y4A Coach**



Y4A student leaders at the Shared Hope International Conference in Washington, D.C.

JOIN
THE
BATTLE

REAL MEN PROTECT

Real Men Protect is a movement of men participating in the fight against human trafficking. Created by Youth4Abolition® Male Chapter Leaders, Real Men Protect was formed to invite men to stand shoulder to shoulder with women who are already in the fight against human trafficking.

Together we are a community where men spread awareness and disrupt the demand for sex trafficking.

98% of sex buyers are men.

It is up to men to take action to stop this crime.



Montreat Men's Soccer Team Wear Real Men Protect T-Shirts

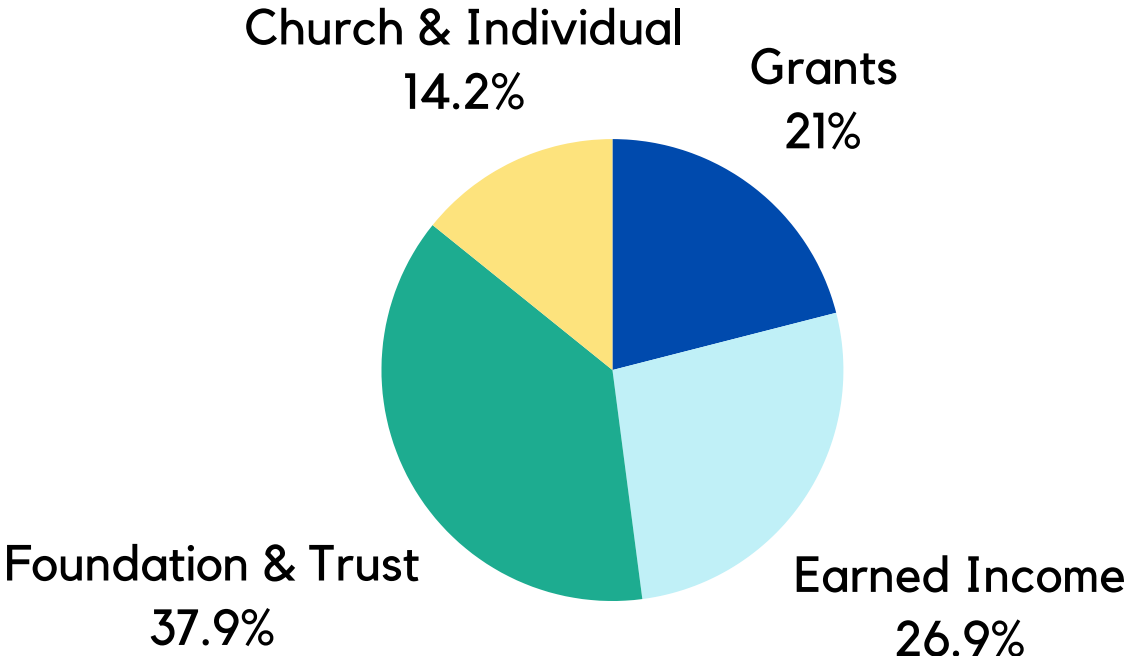
PSALM 82:3-4

Defend the weak and the fatherless; **uphold** the cause of the poor and the oppressed. **Rescue** the weak and the needy; **deliver** them from the hand of the wicked.

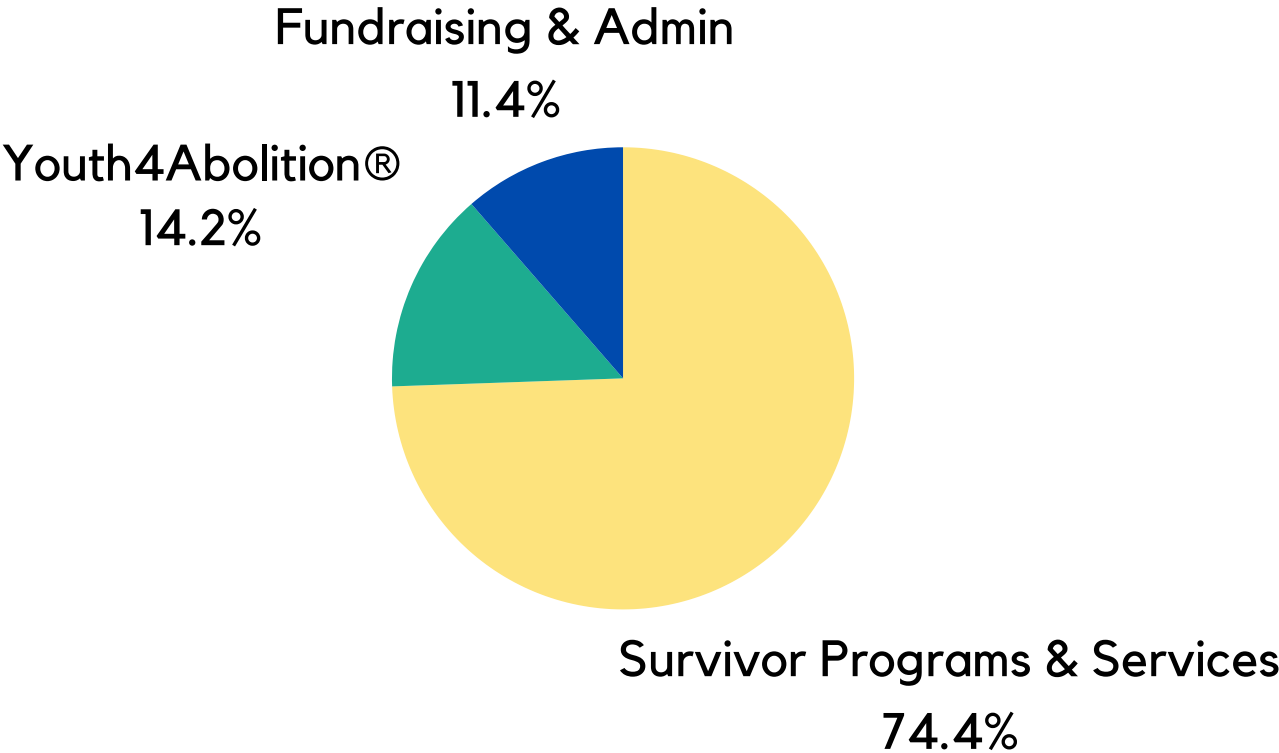


All proceeds go to educating and equipping youth to prevent human trafficking.

Source of Funds



Use of Funds



We couldn't have done it without your generous *support.*



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*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar **on wings like eagles**; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*
- Isaiah 40:31

*No photos included in this report are of real survivors.
All names and personal details of survivors have been changed for their safety and privacy.