

CASH ANNUAL REPORT



Letter from our Board President

Dear Friends,

This past year has shown us the continued resiliency of our community. Not just the clients we serve, or Oak Park, but of our greater community built of partners, volunteers, neighbors, and friends. As we continue to navigate the recovery from a global pandemic, our community continues to show up to provide solutions, to reduce harm, to help survivors thrive.

This report provides a glimpse into the amazing work taking place every day to assist women, and subsequently their families, who have been commercially sexually exploited. We continue to provide survivor-led peer support and harm reduction services – meeting our clients where they are.

These wrap-around services range from basic needs (access to hygiene supplies or food) to substantial housing, or employment resources; all offered through low-barrier, nonjudgmental means. Our team has a major focus on housing, including emergency and longer-term solutions. We continue to find innovative ways to help our clients thrive.

All of this work is possible thanks to you. Work being done within the community, for the community, and often by the community. Your support gave us the opportunity to open our door 2,127 times in 2021. Each time, providing hope and a life of dignity.

We look forward to continued collaboration with our community and with supporters like you.

Sincerely,



Cindy Stinson
Board President



2021 Accomplishments



- ✓ Offered **1,167** adults and **244** children with boxes of food through monthly distribution
- ✓ Provided **99** HIV Tests
- ✓ Connected women with **790** emergency housing for a night, and **57** months of rental assistance
- ✓ Offered a warm referral for **56** women in our anti-trafficking program with a doctor or mental health provider
- ✓ Provided wrap-around services to **66** women who had been commercially sexually exploited or victim of a crime
- ✓ Helped **25** healthy babies into the world through our collaborative **Healthy Women and Families** program
- ✓ Graduated **30 ReCON Employment Program** graduates, **17** of whom found employment, and provided internships for another **6** graduates
- ✓ Assisted **12** women with **Rapid Rehousing** or **Emergency Housing Vouchers** for permanent and affordable housing
- ✓ Graduated **11** women from our **ReSET Diversion** program, including two graduates under the age of 21
- ✓ **Opened our doors 2,127 times to provide non-judgmental services and support**

2022 Goals & Beyond

Our work will continue to build upon successful activities and programs that are supporting women, youth, and their families to recover and thrive beyond a life of commercial sexual exploitation. We will do this by building out services for **youth**, expanding upon **resources** and **trainings** to help meet basic needs, and continue to provide **tools** for a sustainable future.

Estimating the Scope of Sex Trafficking in Sacramento County



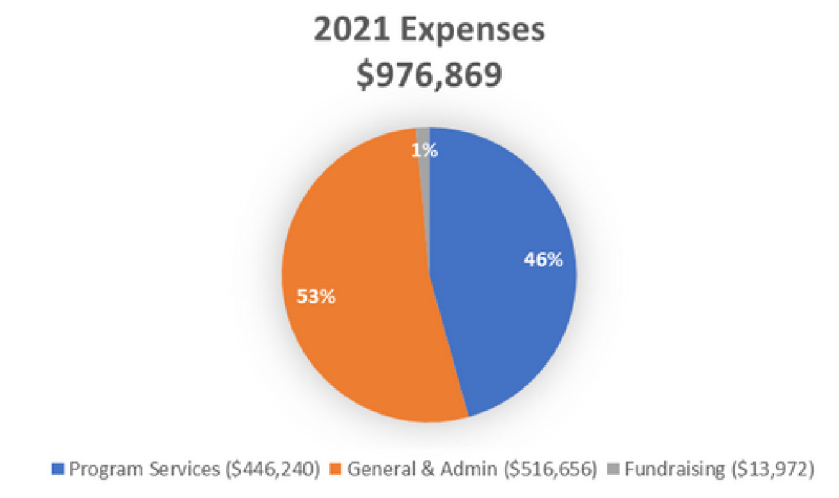
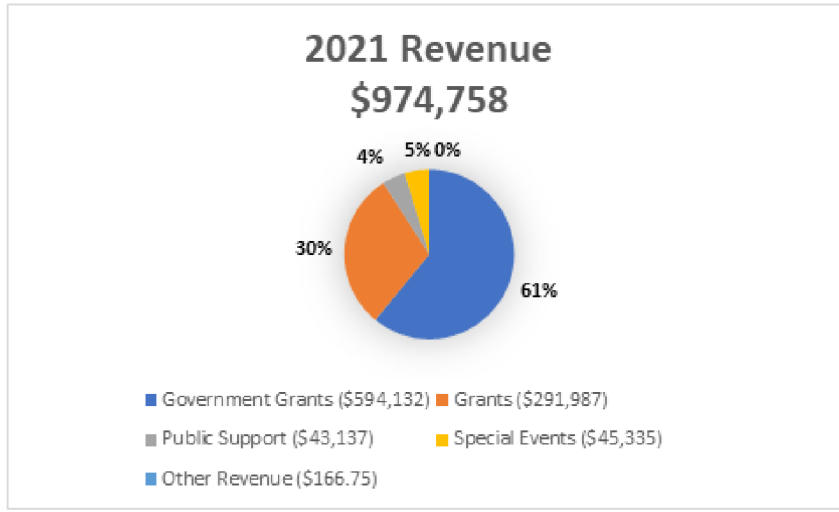
Pictured Right: Press Conference for Estimating the Scope of Sex Trafficking in Sacramento County Research Study; Pictured Left: Downtown Sacramento - RTI website.

This year, we completed our 3-year research study estimating the scope of sex trafficking in Sacramento County. We found that an astounding 13,079 minors and adults were trafficked for sex in Sacramento County at some point during the period of 2015-2022, and that for every person our community identifies, there may be 11 others that are not being identified or served. As the only organization in Sacramento County dedicated to serving women who have been commercially sexually exploited, we knew there were more people being exploited than we have been able to serve, but the numbers are shocking, especially considering how few resources are devoted to this issue.

Funding for this project came from the State of California thanks to the dedication of Senator Pan and Mayor Pro Tem Guerra. We partnered with RTI, Int., Sacramento State's Institute for Social Research, and our Survivor Advisory Council to complete this unique project. This was the first research project on sex trafficking that involved survivors as interviewers, the first study to estimate prevalence of sex trafficking in a California community, the first prevalence study in the US that included adults, and the first study in the US that estimated the total number of adult and minor sex trafficking victims using different strategies.

We are very proud of this effort to inform the community about the prevalence of sex-trafficking in our county. We now have a starting point to advocate for a public health approach, evidence that prevention must be a goal, and support for including survivors in addressing this issue. Over the next year, we will lead the way to implement the findings of this report. The full report can be downloaded at <https://www.rti.org/impact/estimating-sex-trafficking-in-sacramento-county>.

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Improving Access



Our partnership with the **Family Justice Center** deepened this year with our new human trafficking assistance grant. Together, we are able to meet the crisis, housing, medical, and legal needs of survivors. Importantly, we now have a **24/7 human trafficking hotline!** This hotline will help connect people with the specific services they need to start on the path to safety and wellness. We have always relied on strong partnerships to meet the complex needs of survivors and are excited that we are improving access and expanding services for survivors of trafficking in our community.

24/7 Human Trafficking Hotline

844-664-7233




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