



**Without you,
we lose.**



SAFE PASSAGE

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“You are the only thing they have.”

I never expected to hear those words from two FBI agents sitting in my office. A supervisor was making a visit to Kentucky, and the Louisville agent wanted to make sure they visited one of their local partners- Safe Passage. “I wish we had something like this everywhere”, said the supervisor. They had stopped by to hear updates on the victims they had referred to our mentorship program.

One year ago, we showed up to what the agent described as her “worst case ever”. When we began working with this young girl, she told us that she liked her life. She liked the alcohol, partying, drugs, men, and sex for money.

Sadly, a few months later, she locked herself in a bathroom at 3 am and called her mentor in tears. She didn’t want to live that way anymore. Her mentor began to speak life into her, and tell her about God’s love, and His plans for her. Soon enough, the FBI’s “worst case ever” decided to change her life.

She stopped selling her body. She decided she wanted a normal boyfriend, and she wanted to fix her relationship with her parents. A child who wanted to grow up and become a prostitute is now living an entirely new life- Glory to God.

A detective at LMPD called me about three youth who were removed from a sex trafficking ring in Louisville. All three girls had fallen in love with their traffickers. Sadly, one of those girls was even being made to recruit and traffick other youth.

The detective began to explain that when these girls go back home- there is no one there for them, no one to help them make good decisions or to talk to them about their safety and self-worth. He said it's only a matter of time before the victims end up back with their traffickers, or dead from violence or overdose. The detective said, “Cara- don’t you ever give up. The community needs you.” Then he said,

“Without you, we lose.”

I extend those same words to you. *Dear mentors, without you, we lose.* You have protected children from re-entering dangerous situations. You have talked them through life changing (and life saving) decisions. You have poured into their identity, filling them up with the love of God. You invited them to church, you baptized them, and you disciplined them. Heaven celebrates over the one- but we have many to celebrate! Precious children are being saved and transformed in the Lord! I am in awe.

From the bottom of my heart- thank you.

Cara Starns

Founder and President

PREVENTION PROGRAM

We reached more than 800 youth with our prevention program. We educate youth about the issues of sexual abuse and child trafficking, and we help youth make the courageous decision to report abuse.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS

We educated over 2,000 parents, professionals, and community stakeholders on how to recognize and respond to child trafficking.

SURVIVOR MENTORSHIP

We launched our support services for survivors of child trafficking and we onboarded 17 youth into our weekly mentorship program!



FROM THE STREETS TO THE CROSS

Last year we onboarded 17 youth into our mentorship program. One victim was trafficked by his family, another was thrown into the back of a car and kidnapped, while the others were trafficked by gangs or groomed by a “romeo”. While their stories are all different, they now have one thing in common...

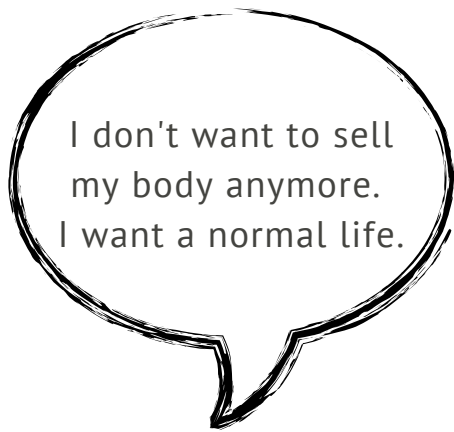
They are left to pick up the pieces.

One girl was trafficked by a man who used her, sold her, and forced her to steal luxury items. Another girl is being coerced to recruit and traffick other youth. These children are famous on Tiktok and Snapchat, using these platforms to arrange “dates” with strange men, usually three to five times their age. One youth was drugged and sold to over ten men in a single night. When these youth are missing from home, the parents worry they are dead. Finding their sex acts occurring live on social media is hardly the way to break the news that they are still alive.

One court worker called in distress, telling us, “She wants to be a drug dealer and prostitute, and she doesn’t care if she dies.”

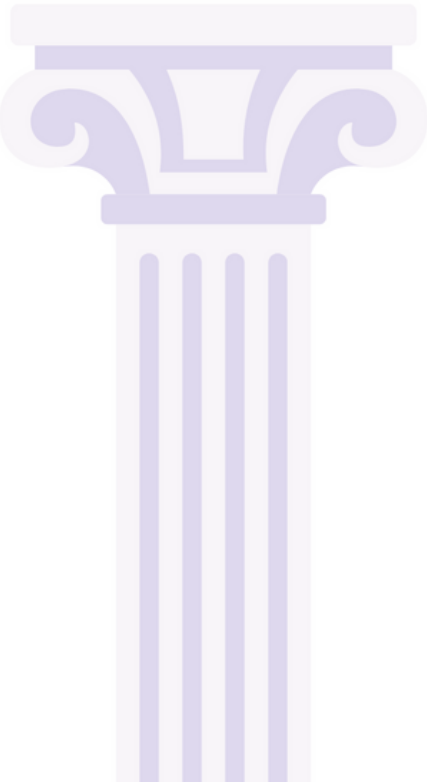
We live in a world that is snatching our children into deadly lifestyles that end in destruction. But we know the hope to which they’ve been called (Ephesians 1:18). We pair these youth with a trained mentor who meets with them every single week. Their mentor pours into their self-worth and teaches them about true love. They walk the youth through decisions and goals that can turn their life around. Most importantly of all, we pray for them to experience God’s love, which transforms them into a new creation.

Now, the youth have new dreams in life, dreams they’ve never had before. They are going to school, reconciling with their parents, ending risky behaviors, cutting off dangerous addictions and connections, and pursuing healthy relationships. They are looking to their mentors who live a life of purity and asking questions about healthy dating and marriage. They are also coming to church and pursuing a relationship with God. Please continue praying for a turn around in these young lives.

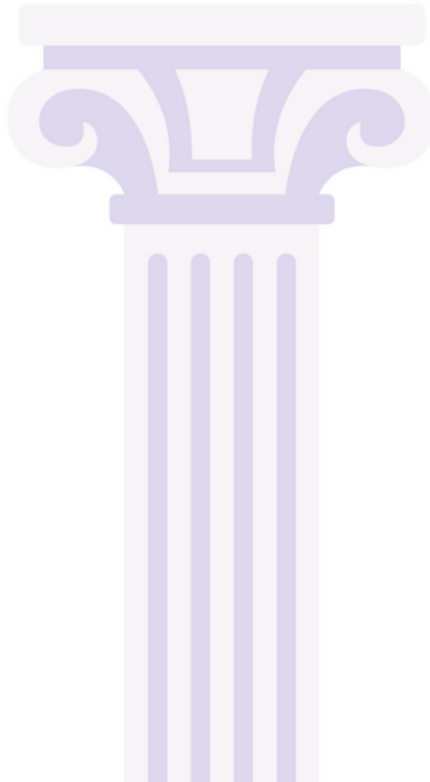


Family Support Services

PILLAR #1 SUPPORT THE CHILD



PILLAR #2 SUPPORT THE FAMILY



Services for youth

- Survivor mentorship
- Advocacy
- Safety planning
- Equine therapy
- Recreational outings
- Trafficking and trauma related interventions
- Pastoral counseling

Services for parents

- Emotional support
- Pastoral counseling
- Advocacy

“ Everything is different ever since she started working with you. thank you! ”

“ You are a godsend, we really love you. ”

“ You are the only thing that has worked for her. She is so much happier now. ”

2021 Support to Child Trafficking Cases



47 Referrals for help

53 Hours on intake and referrals



17 Cases onboarded

116 Hours of support to parents



850 Hours of support to youth

SHE FOUND THE COURAGE

A 14 y/o girl attended our session on sexual abuse. After class, she came up to the speaker and burst into tears. The girl explained she had never told anyone about her childhood sexual abuse. She collapsed into the arms of the Safe Passage speaker and began to sob uncontrollably, releasing years of hidden grief.

The following day, she walked into class with a huge smile on her face. She walked up to the speaker and tackled her with a hug. She said, “Last night I told my mom, and now I know everything is going to be okay. I feel free. Thank you!”

Without Safe Passage’s prevention program, this young girl may have carried the burden of childhood sexual abuse in secret for the rest of her life. Today, she is on a hopeful journey to healing and freedom because she found the courage to tell her counselor and mother. Please continue praying for these youth who are seeking healing from sexual abuse.



About the Survivors

90% girls



10% boys

Ages 12 - 19

Referral Source

30%

**Law
Enforcement**

30%

**Community
Partners**

25%

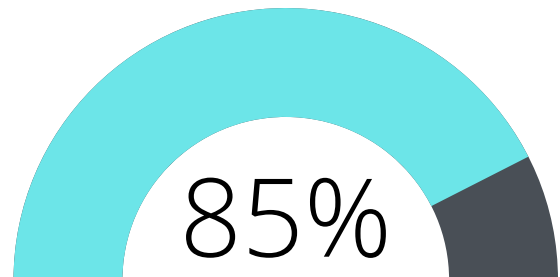
**DCBS or
Courts**

15%

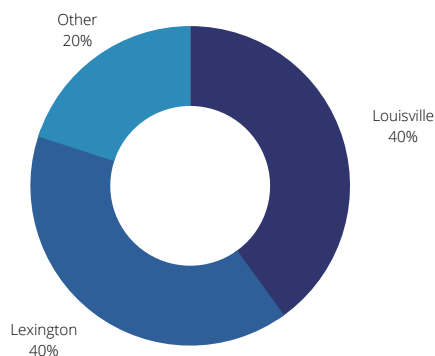
**Human
Trafficking Hotline**

Ethnicity

**58% caucasian
25% african american
17% other**



Service Area



Stage of Crisis

**85% were sexually
trafficked**

**15% were sexually
exploited or being
groomed**

**90% of youth have a mental illness (i.e. anxiety, PTSD, depression, bipolar)
90% of youth have been raped / sexually assaulted
70% of youth have witnessed violence or murder (i.e. gang violence)
50% come from a home lacking stable employment / predictable income
50% come from a single mother home**

drugged
drowned
raped
beat
burned
choked
threatened
kidnapped
gang raped
left for dead
confused
lonely
coerced
lied to
manipulated
sold

I've been selling my body for years. I want to stop. I want a normal life.

Youth, 16 y/o



I'm at the point now where I have to do whatever it takes to save my daughter's life.

Mom



Please help me. I'm hurting and I've never been able to tell anyone how I feel.

Youth, 15 y/o



**I'm ready to change, I
don't want to keep
doing this.**

Youth, 16 y/o



**You've given me
strength!**

Mom



**For the first time in a
year I feel a new kind
of hope. Thank you!**

Youth, 15 y/o



**I want to love
Jesus more**

Youth, 18 y/o



**set free
hopeful
loved
supported
thriving
happy
safe
excited
patient
protected
determined
strong
wise
resilient
leader
overcomer**



Annual Budget

\$60,000



Service Providers

1. Founder and President



Services

Youth Prevention
Community Awareness



Three Year Impact

3,000 youth reached through prevention
2,000 community members educated

2018 - 2020

2021

2022



Annual Budget

\$226,000



Service Providers

1. Founder and President
2. Director of Family Support Services
3. Prevention and Mentorship Coordinator



Services

Youth Prevention
Community Awareness
Family Support Services
NEW! "Unfiltered Retreat", a ministry weekend for our mentees



Annual Impact

1,000 youth reached through prevention
1,000 community members educated
15 more families onboarded



Annual Budget

\$170,000



Service Providers

1. Founder and President
2. Director of FSS
3. Youth Mentor, 3-10 hrs



Services

Youth Prevention
Community Awareness
NEW: Family Support Services



Annual Impact

1,000 youth reached through prevention
1,000 community members educated
17 families onboarded



Launched support services for youth survivors



276%

FINANCIALS

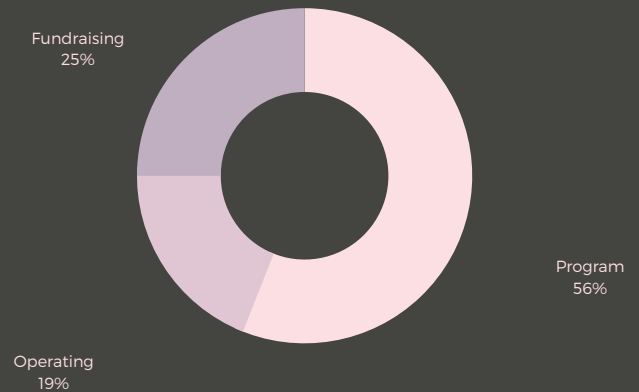
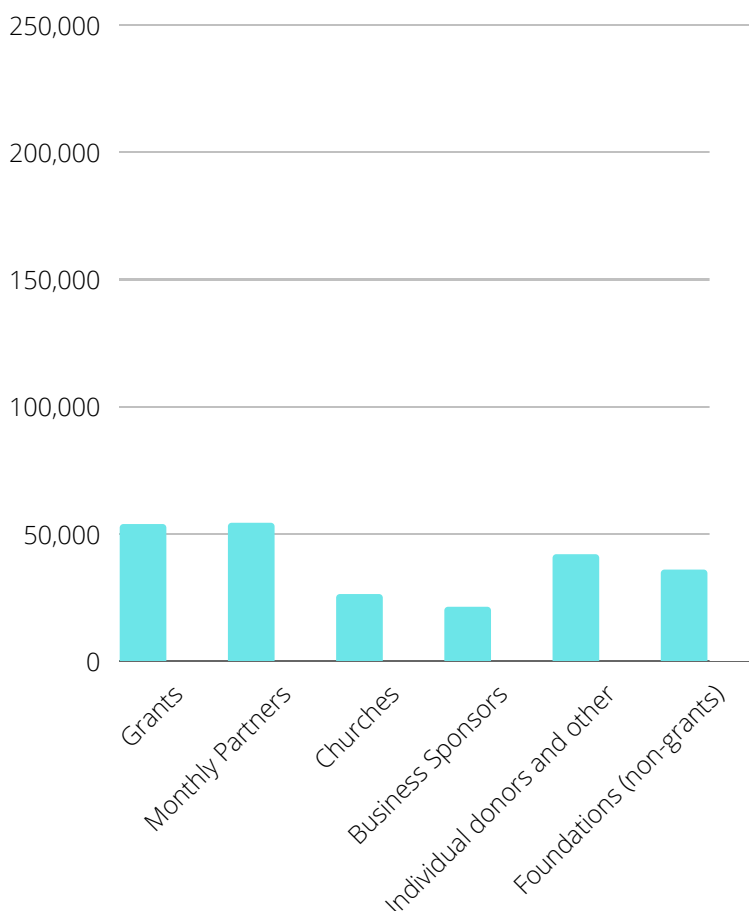
2021 OVERVIEW

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SOURCES OF INCOME

In 2021 our total income was \$232,151.03. Our top income source came from our monthly partners (23%), with grants coming right alongside (22%). We also received tremendous support from individuals contributing through one-time or yearly gifts (18%), many of whom gave through foundations (16%). Churches accounted for 12% and business sponsors 9%. We want to thank each and every supporter. You have provided critical support for families in need, and you've been an incredible encouragement to our team.



ANNUAL EXPENSES

When we launched our support services for survivors, we prayed God would provide the finances to respond to the need. Our expenses increased by 276% in the course of one year. As you can see- expanding our services required a ginormous leap of faith. Our total expenses for the year concluded at \$128,677.32. Headed into 2022, our budget is increasing to \$227,000 in yearly expenses. At the beginning of 2022, we will be able to increase our staff and capacity to serve even more youth! We are thankful to God and to our supporters for providing what we need to say "yes" to more youth and families!



**THE REAL HERO: OUR
DONORS!** THANK YOU TO
EVERY ONE OF OUR
SUPPORTERS FOR
HELPING US TO COMBAT
CHILD TRAFFICKING AND
SUPPORT SURVIVORS.

What's Next?

More opportunities to reach youth and introduce the gospel ...

RETREATS!



We are hosting a RETREAT! Most of our survivors come from unchurched backgrounds. Many of them are atheists, and several of their families have exposed them to witchcraft, occult practices, and even satanic ritual abuse. They don't know if they believe in God, or if they can trust God. Through our mentorship program, we are seeing many youth begin to ask questions about God. **We are hosting our very first "Unfiltered Retreat" this September!** This will be an opportunity for the youth to hear the gospel message in a safe setting designed just for them. There will be bonfires, activities, and more food than they can imagine! Most importantly, we will be bringing in guest speakers to present the gospel. Please keep this retreat in your prayers. Pray for youth to encounter the love of God.

OUTREACH!



Over 90% of trafficked youth have a history in the "system". Many youth survivors have been in a group home *at least* once. This year, we are teaming up with residential partners to provide outreach in the group homes! By loving on the youth and being present in the home, the goal is to build relationships and identify any victims who may need to be part of our mentorship program. Please pray for the new youth we will encounter, that they would experience profound healing and hope.



SAFE PASSAGE

Supporting trafficked and at risk youth

SINCE 2018



7,000 PROFESSIONALS

trained to spot the signs of child trafficking



5,000 STUDENTS

reached through our prevention program



4,000 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

educated on prevention and awareness

