

" While women weep, as they do now,

# I'll fight;

while children go hungry, as they do now,

# I'll fight;

while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now,

# I'll fight;

while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God,

# I'll fight, I'll fight,

to the very end!

-William Booth, The Salvation Army Founder

# How The Salvation Army fights Human Trafficking in the United States

The Salvation Army has historically been on the frontlines fighting human trafficking since the time of William and Catherine Booth in London, England—advocating to raise the legal age of consent to sexual acts. We have come a long way, but the battle is far from over.

The Salvation Army is opposed to the corrupt abuse of power against other human beings for personal and economic gain that is inherent in trafficking. We believe, therefore, that we have the responsibility, both individually and collectively, to work for the liberation of those who have been enslaved in this manner, and to establish the legal and social mechanisms to stop human trafficking.

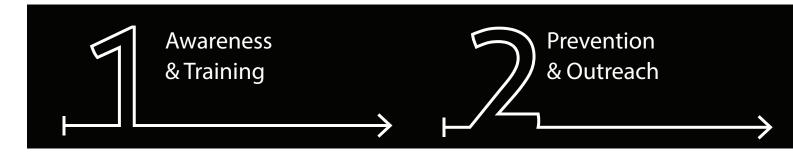
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

# Highlights Across the United States of America

- Migrant outreach and collaboration with legal service providers to identify and serve survivors of labor trafficking across the U.S.
- 49 anti-trafficking programs across the nation
- 129 staff members holding anti-trafficking positions
- Anti-trafficking staff present in every Salvation Army territory across the United States
- Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC)-funded programs across the nation
- Drop-in centers and residential programs serving survivors
- Expert training and awareness to individuals across the nation in various disciplinary backgrounds such as law enforcement, social services, health care, businesses, faith-based communities, and educational institutions
- Representation from each territory in The Salvation Army North American Anti-Trafficking Committee working to strengthen The Salvation Army's initiatives

## The Fight for Freedom Action Plan



## **49 Current Programs and Initiatives**

#### **CENTRAL TERRITORY**

#### Chicago, IL

Case Management, Drop-in Center, Transitional Housing, Task Force Coordination, 24 Hour Hotline

#### Grand Rapids, MI

Care Coordination, Resource Navigation, Advocacy and Case Management

#### Indianapolis, IN

Emergency Shelter & Meals, Case Management, Outreach, Continuing Support and Resources for Residents

#### Omaha, NE

Case Management for Survivors using the Pathway of Hope Philosophy

#### **EASTERN TERRITORY**

#### Bath, ME

Community Awareness, Comprehensive Case Management

#### Carnegie, PA

Comprehensive Case Management, Emergency Response, Transitional Housing, Relocation Assistance

#### Cincinnati. OH

Street Outreach, Drop-in Center, Comprehensive Case Management, Trauma Therapy Groups

#### Cleveland, OH

Comprehensive Case Management & Safe Housing

#### Columbus, OH

Street Outreach, Drop-in Center, Comprehensive Case Management, Task Force

#### Elmira, NY

Emergency/Short-term Housing, Case Management and Advocacy

#### Hartford, CT

Comprehensive Case Management, Street Outreach

#### Jamestown, NY

Emergency/Short-term Housing, Case Management and Advocacy

#### Manchester, NH

Drop-in Center, Case Management, Job Training and Advocacy

#### New London, CT

Case Management, Outreach, Training, Public Awareness Center

#### New York, NY

Sex Industry Outreach

#### Philadelphia, PA

Comprehensive Case Management, Safe Housing, Task Force, Drop-In Center, Police Assisted Diversion Program

#### Pittsburgh, PA

Comprehensive Case Management

#### Puerto Rico

Comprehensive Case Management for Foreign Nationals

#### Rochester, NY

Emergency/Short-term Housing for Youth

#### Saratoga Springs, NY

Comprehensive Services for Minor Victims

#### Syracuse, NY

Emergency/Short-term Housing for Youth and Clinical Services

#### Union, NJ

Prevention & Mobile Outreach, Task Force Response and Coordination

#### Wilmington, DE

Outreach, Coalition, Case Management, Emergency Housing

#### **SOUTHERN TERRITORY**

#### Atlanta, GA

Drop-in Center, Case Management, Trauma-Informed Therapy & Care

#### Baltimore, MD

Emergency Shelter & Case Management

#### Dallas, TX

Drop-in Center

#### Fort Worth, TX

Transitional and Residential Services, Case Management, Permanent Supportive Housing program for Survivors at Scattered Sites

#### Houston, TX

Day Shelter

#### North Carolina Statewide Program\*

Case Management

#### Tampa, FL

**Emergency Shelter** 

#### **WESTERN TERRITORY**

#### Hilo, HI

Emergency Shelter, Safe Houses for Boys and Girls, Outreach and Prevention Services

#### Hollywood, CA

Safe Housing

#### Honolulu, HI

Residential and Outpatient Substance Mis-use Treatment, Case Management and Supportive Housing for Women (with or without children)

#### Las Vegas, NV

Victim Advocacy, Transitional Housing & Case Management, Shelter Coordination

#### Los Angeles, CA

Safe Housing

#### Orange County, CA\*

Safe Housing for Women, Safe Housing for Men, Transitional Housing & Comprehensive Holistic Case Management

#### Portland, OR\*

Transitional Housing, Meals, Housing, Case Management, Advocacy

#### San Diego, CA

Transitional Housing

#### Seattle, WA

Safe Housing, Holistic Case Management

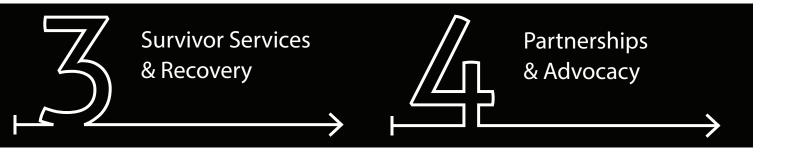
#### Spokane, WA

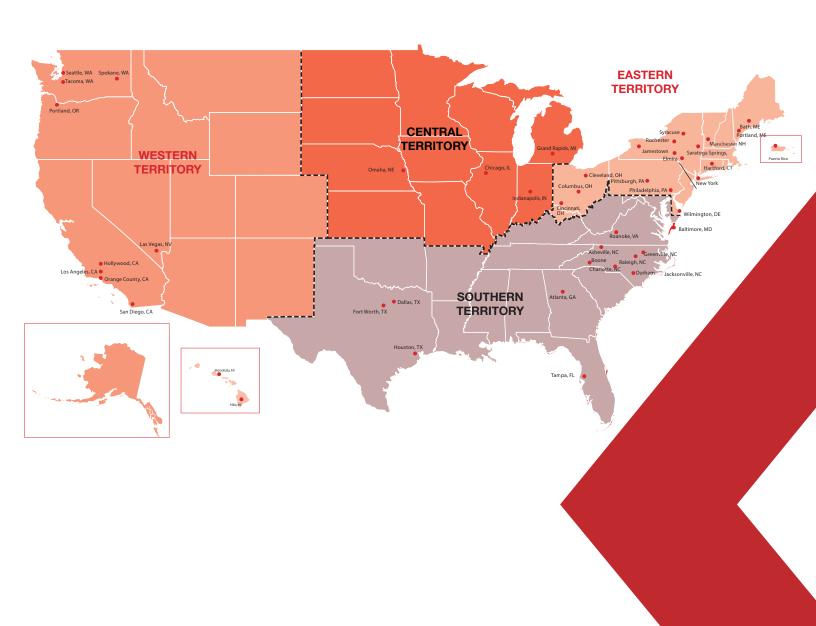
Emergency Foster Care through WA State Department of Children, Youth & Families

#### Tacoma, WA

**Emergency Housing** 

\*Location has more than one program





#### **TRAINING**

- 10,601 individuals trained
- 691 Salvation Army staff trained

### AWARENESS, PREVENTION AND OUTREACH EVENTS

- 601 awareness, prevention & outreach events hosted
- 13,348 people reached in awareness, prevention & outreach events

### ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER

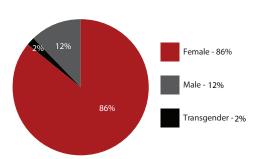
 9,190 people participated in Annual Day of Prayer in September 2021

# Survivor Services & Recovery Impact

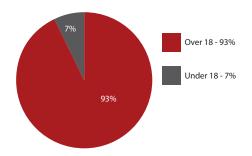
- 4,415 survivors served
- 32,438 nights of housing provided
- 325 survivors provided transitional/long term housing
- 2,955 case management clients
- 61,845 referrals
- 26,067 case management hours



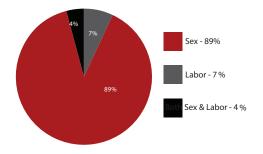
### GENDER OF SURVIVORS SERVED



### AGE OF SURVIVORS SERVED



# TYPE OF TRAFFICKING



# 1069 Local Partnerships

The Salvation Army recognizes we cannot do this work alone. We are thankful to have strong collaborations with local partners in the fight against human trafficking.

### 119 Task Forces and Coalitions

We are grateful to be a part of task forces and coalitions across the country. We value a multi-disciplinary approach as we believe it creates a more holistic experience for survivors. These task forces and coalitions are comprised of law enforcement, social services, medical staff, practitioners, survivors and more.

# **Global Human Trafficking Statistics**

- The International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates that there are 40.3 million people enslaved in the world today.
- The International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates that human trafficking generates \$150.2 billion in illegal profits each year.



# Human trafficking is a global problem



Paraguay

Venezuela

Trinidad & Tobago

Panama

Peru

Chile

Haiti

Jamaica

**Europe** 

Austria

India

Philippines

**Thailand** 

South Korea

Syrian Arab Republic



## **Eastern Territory**

#### Restoration Now, Delaware

\*Emily was in a dangerous situation but was brave enough to tell staff at a local non-profit that she needed help getting away from an abusive man. Police were involved and she ended up coming to The Salvation Army's William Booth Emergency Housing Residence regularly in Wilmington, Delaware.

A staff member at The Salvation Army recognized signs of trafficking and did an assessment. It was found that she was being trafficked from a tent while homeless. Due to enduring much trauma over the course of her life, Emily was very disheartened, downcast, and fearful of trusting others. She exhibited many of the mental health symptoms commonly seen in survivors of trauma.

After connecting Emily to therapists who specialize in trauma and EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), she learned to verbalize when she needed to be alone and when she just needed to talk. After attending Survivor Led Employment Readiness sessions, Emily became the first "graduate" of the program.

Emily has attended Microsoft Office Suite classes at a State Tech school and has successfully moved on to a transitional apartment. She now has a job making \$20/hour and is planning on buying a used car!



Emily has had a lifetime goal of being a counselor. Years ago she had graduated from a university with honors! Moving toward this goal for her life, she is mentoring others in Restoration Now; is an encourager by nature and helps with arts & crafts therapy.

## **Western Territory**

#### Men's Safe Home, California

A survivor named \*Richard came to the United States in search for a better life and was recognized for his many skills as a chef. When his roommate saw the opportunity, they retrieved Richard's important documents and he was trafficked to work in a restaurant in South Orange County for many years.

Thankfully, Richard was able to escape his trafficking situation and was able to enter the Orange County Safe Home for men in 2019 where he was immediately linked to supportive services.

Since then, Richard has been working with a lawyer on a civil case against his labor trafficker for back wages. The case was settled in January 2021, and he was awarded compensation for all the years he served as unpaid labor! Although he was unable to access the award while awaiting his immigration, he partnered with a friend to open his own restaurant. He finally received his T-VISA in August 2021 and applied right away for his social security card.

We are so proud of Richard and have been honored to see first-hand his resilience through this experience.

## **Central Territory**

#### Grand Rapids, Michigan

The Salvation Army's anti-human trafficking coordinator in Western Michigan was contacted by a police officer because his team had concerns about a young woman observed while conducting outreach to people experiencing homelessness. \*Sara had been observed sleeping alone, outside in a park. Due to the team's regular presence in the community, they knew that she was likely new to the area without social supports and with limited knowledge of supportive services in the community. The officer also reported concerns about "unsafe men" in the vicinity where Sara was sleeping, at least one of which may have been specifically targeting Sara.

Although Sara was reluctant to engage with law enforcement, she agreed to meet with a Salvation Army representative whilst accessing facilities at a local shelter. After discussing her access to basic needs, Sara shared that she came to Michigan to live with a friend but was no longer welcome to stay after she attended an inpatient program for mental health concerns. She reported that after being discharged from inpatient care, she was transported by taxi to a shelter in the city. After meeting several times throughout the week to discuss resources and services, staff was able to assess for human trafficking and other forms of exploitation. During the conversation, Sara shared about trauma she experienced when engaging with law enforcement and mental health service providers which fueled her reluctance to engage with law enforcement.

After some time, Sara expressed a willingness and need to engage in mental health supportive services. Through collaboration with local law enforcement and community services, The Salvation Army was able to create a network of supportive, wraparound services for Sara. While healing is a long journey, we are hopeful that these supports will continue to help Sara as she navigates her new community.

# **Southern Territory**

#### Haven Atlanta, Georgia

When \*Delta first heard of Haven Atlanta, The Salvation Army's anti-human trafficking program, it sounded too good to be true. "I was like, 'Really?' They really sent the boat for us? Somebody really cares about black women and our struggles, and they want to make us resilient? I've got to see this program."

Haven Atlanta, newly created when Delta first heard about it in 2012, was just that: a haven for women trying to rebuild their lives after having been exploited through human trafficking, something she had first experienced at the hands of a neighbor at the age of four.

But in 2012, having relocated to Atlanta from her hometown and newly released from prison, Delta was determined to rebuild her life. She enrolled in Haven Atlanta's program where, for the first time, she learned how to identify and discuss the cycle she had lived for most of her life. "They began to develop us and teach us about sex trafficking, the terms, and how we could self-identify, and then they connected us with this big, huge community throughout the U.S. This literally changed my life."

"They helped me to learn about community, sisterhood, and what that was all about. I learned that there ... That's when I just literally took off running. I was like, 'Okay, I'm getting ready to jump real high now!' And that's what I just started to do, start jumping. I wasn't afraid to jump because I had a support system. If I fell, they would help me to get up ... That matters."

Currently, Delta gives others the same hand up that she found at Haven Atlanta. "I become a resource, I become an advocate, I become a listening ear. I become whatever I can be, if I'm able to be that for them to help them cross over. It's very important in life to have resources. Without resources, we perish. That's a big part of my ministry and why I do what I do."

\*names and identifying details have been changed for confidentiality\*

If you suspect someone is the victim of human trafficking, call the national human trafficking hotline.

# 24-HOUR TOLL-FREE CRISIS LINE **1.888.3737.888**

This number is available to help survivors, answer questions, and report tips.

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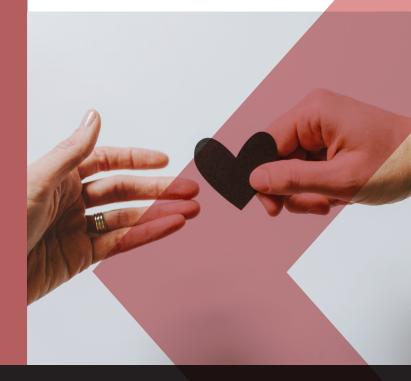
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#### Join in the Fight—Ways To Get Involved

- ► Contact us to host a training or panel discussion
- ► Collect needed tangible items for survivors in our drop-in centers
- Donate to our work financially your contribution goes a long way
- Pray with us for those affected by this crime and for justice to prevail
- ► Advocate for local and federal legislative change







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