



# EMBRACING FREEDOM IMPACT REPORT

## 2024

Together, we're changing the story.

In 2024, your support empowered Embracing Freedom to walk alongside youth survivors of trafficking, offering safety, advocacy, and unwavering care. This report reflects the lives impacted, the progress made, and the hope we're building, one relationship at a time.



# A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

As I write this letter, my heart is filled with emotions that are hard to express. When I envisioned the Harvest House, now Embracing Freedom, I carried within me the stories of countless young lives. These stories encompass pain, yes, but, more importantly, incredible resilience and hope. This journey has been guided by God, proving that with faith, all things are possible.

Over the past 15 years, we have made significant progress, thanks to the extraordinary community that supports these precious young souls. You, our donors, volunteers, community partners, are the foundation upon which healing and hope are built.

Every day, vulnerable youth in our community face unimaginable exploitation and trauma. These young people are not just statistics; they are sons and daughters, siblings, artists, scholars, and leaders who deserve the chance to reclaim their stories.

At Embracing Freedom, we believe every young person deserves safety, dignity, love, and the opportunity to heal. We provide trauma-informed advocacy, 24/7 crisis response, support services, mentoring, legal advocacy, healthcare accompaniment, basic needs assistance, and a nurturing community.

To our incredible donors: Your generosity creates miracles daily. When a young person enters our doors scared and hungry, your donations provide nourishment, comfort, and trusted advocacy for healing.

To our devoted volunteers: You are the heart of our mission. By showing consistent care, you help restore faith in humanity and self-worth in these young people who have faced betrayal.

To our steadfast community partners: Your collaboration expands our impact. Whether through healthcare, education, employment, or support, your partnership provides a safety net that lifts these youth toward their potential.

Beyond numbers, our work restores self-worth, rebuilds dreams, and renews hope. Together, we demonstrate that faith and love are stronger than trauma, and community is more powerful than isolation.

From the depths of my heart and on behalf of every young person whose life you've touched, thank you. Thank you for seeing worth in those society often overlooks. Thank you for investing in healing rather than punishment. Thank you for believing in second chances, fresh starts, and the unlimited potential that lives within every human being.

With infinite gratitude and unwavering commitment,

*Lisa Bofer*

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# WHO WE ARE

Embracing Freedom responds to both Recoveries and Referrals. CSEY Advocates are dispatched by first responders immediately upon recovery of a survivor and meet the youth where they are, literally, geographically, and figuratively, whether the survivor is or is not yet cognizant of their own victimization and need for help. Embracing Freedom also receives referrals from partner agencies when a youth is in crisis or is newly identified. Our advocates respond immediately and commit to continue in a trust-based relationship with the survivor throughout their progression through the stages of healing, including relapse, without judgment.

# OUR MISSION

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Embracing Freedom is a Christ-based community 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization in Beaumont, Texas, founded to respond to the heart-breaking epidemic of child labor and sex trafficking. Embracing Freedom was established to provide education and long-term care as a place of refuge and safety for victims of sex trafficking. We believe God can take a life full of torment, fear, and pain and begin to bring hope, healing, and a new life to survivors.





# WHAT IS CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING?

**Child sex trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or solicitation of a person under the age of 18 for the purposes of a commercial sex act.**

There are currently an estimated **313,000** victims of human trafficking in Texas.



**79,000** of whom are minors

In 2024, Texas had the **second** highest number of human trafficking cases in the United States



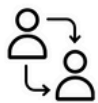
Of these cases, the top venues for sex trafficking were in **hotels/motels, homes, and massage parlors.**





# EMBRACING FREEDOM IS A 501(C)(3) COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH (CSEY) ADVOCACY CENTER

Working specifically with survivors of child sex trafficking and children/youth who are at high risk of being exploited for the purposes of a commercial sex act in Southeast Texas.



CASE MANAGEMENT,  
ADVOCACY, & MENTORING



PREVENTION & INTERVENTION  
WITH AT RISK YOUTH



COURT AND HEALTHCARE  
ACCOMPANIMENT



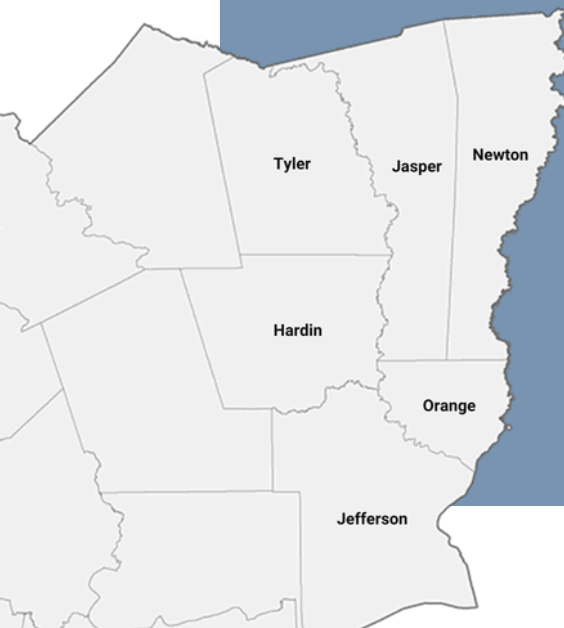
PREVENTION AND  
AWARENESS EVENTS IN  
SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, AND  
SOCIAL EVENTS



CRISIS RESPONSE  
& BASIC NEEDS



COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
FOR PARENTS, PROFESSIONALS,  
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Serving six counties, Embracing Freedom is the only agency offering 24/7 crisis intervention and advocacy for youth who are victims of sex trafficking across **Southeast Texas**.

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## Advocacy Department

Embracing Freedom Advocates provide individualized 24/7 crisis response and ongoing long-term trust-based relational support to children and youth survivors.



## Community Engagement Department

The Embracing Freedom Communications Department oversees multiple aspects of the organization, such as volunteering, education/awareness, fundraising, event planning, social media, and more.



## The Brandice Drop-In Center

The Drop-In Center will be a short-term haven for youth survivors of child sex trafficking. A safe space that provides meals, shower facilities, counseling resources, and referrals to essential services for youth up to age 22.



# IN 2024

81

Embracing Freedom Served **81** survivors of Child Sex Trafficking. **77** females and **4** males.

765

Our Advocates conducted **765** Crisis Intervention Services, including case management, safety planning, reassessment, crisis interventions, and recoveries.

14

Of those we served, **14** of the youth were recoveries.

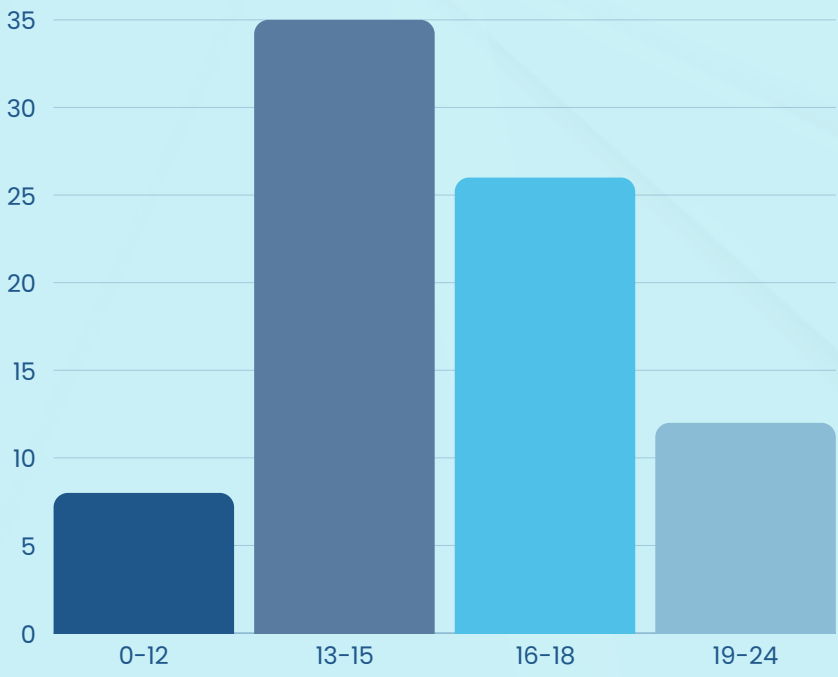
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We are proud of the **5** survivors who graduated from our program and are now their own advocates.



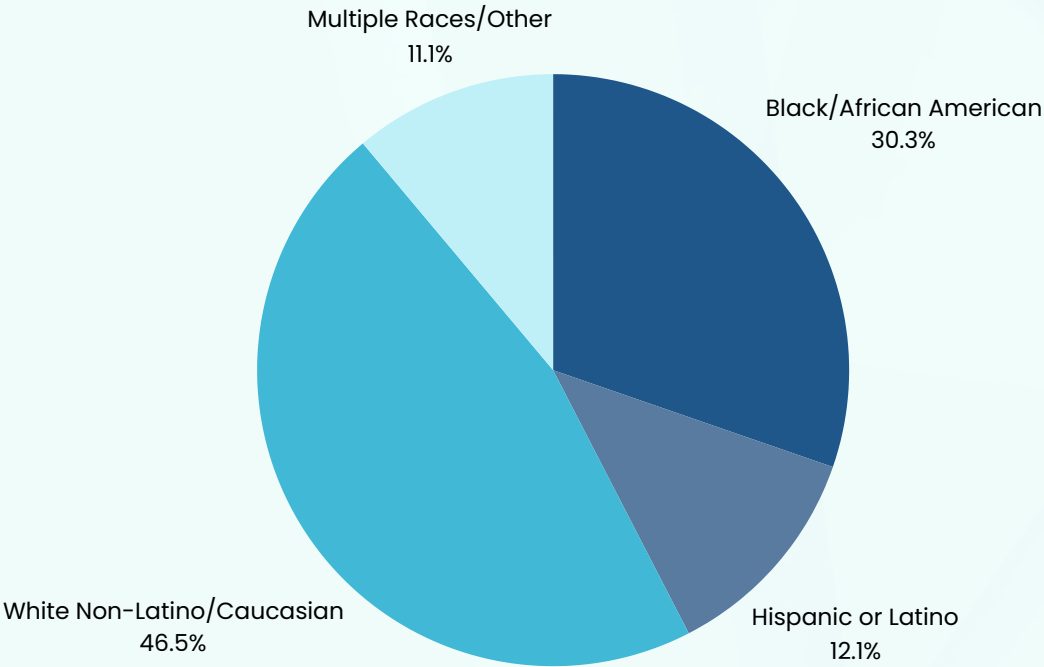


# PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS



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ETHNICITY

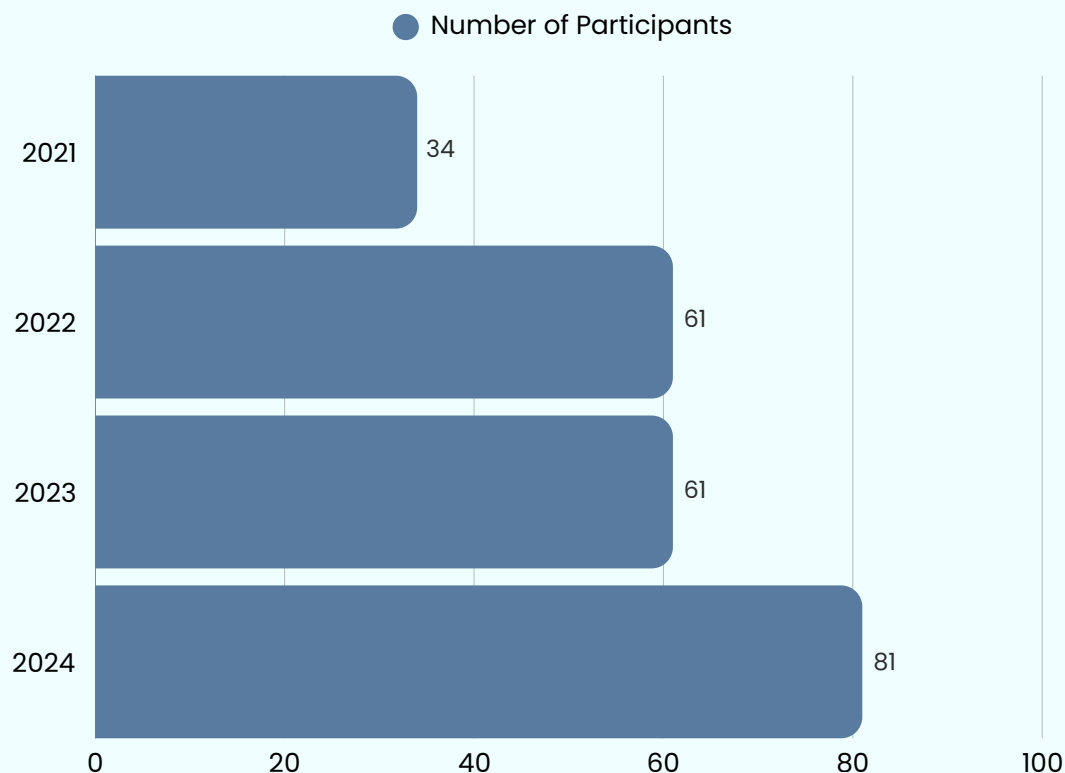




# EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

## With Hope and a Future

Over the past four years, we've seen a steady increase in the number of youth survivors supported through our services, growing from 34 in 2021 to 81 in 2024. Each number represents a life impacted, a story supported, and a step toward healing and freedom.



# COMMUNITY PREVENTION & AWARENESS

102

Embracing Freedom's Education Coordinator presented **102** awareness trainings/events in our community. Educating adults and youth about trafficking and prevention.

3,820

Embracing Freedom reached **3,820** adults and youth through awareness events and trainings, giving our community the tools to recognize trafficking and how to respond.

43

**School  
Awareness  
Events**

44

**Community  
and Business  
Awareness  
Events**

15

**Church  
Awareness  
Events**





# OUR VOLUNTEERS



1,334



Our volunteers gave over 1,300 hours of their time, showing up and making a lasting difference through every moment served!

In 2024, our volunteers contributed meaningful time and service to advance our mission. Their efforts included assembling recovery backpacks for youth survivors, coordinating holiday meals, supporting fundraising initiatives, and organizing in-kind donations. These contributions not only enhanced our day-to-day operations but also provided vital support to the individuals we serve. Thank you Embracing Freedom Volunteers!



# THANK YOU DONORS



We are deeply honored by the generosity of our 2024 donors, partners, trusted allies, and friends. Your unwavering support makes our work possible, and together, we are transforming the lives of youth survivors in our community.



## Business/Foundation Monetary Donors

Accent Compliance LLC	LJA Engineering
Alliance North America Inc	LNG Safe Communities Grant
American Legion Riders Post 493	Motiva Enterprises
ASCO Foundation	Navy Wives Club Castaways Thrift Shop
Beaumont Police Officers Association	New Bethel Association WMU
Buckstin Brewing Company, LLC	NOVA Medical Center
Charities Aid Foundation of America	One Museum Place
Coastal Ready Mix Inc	Port Arthur LNG
Colonial Life	Provost Umphrey Law Firm of Beaumont
Corbin Foundation C/O Hancock	Ramtex Recycling
Whitney Wealth and Asset MGMT	RC Services of Nederland
Crumpler's Machine & Welding Service	Reaud Charitable Foundation
Daniels Building & Construction	Roberts Ford
DuGood FCU of Beaumont	Sam Parigi
Entergy Texas	Sign Doctor
Foundation for Southeast Texas	Spindletop Industrial Park LLC
Granger RV	Spindletop Rotary Club
Gulf Coast Electric Company	Texas Federation of Women
Gulf Coast Screw & Supply	Texas Mutual
Herbert Foundation	The Echo Group Ltd
J-Bo Enterprises	The Wilton & Effie Mae Hebert Foundation
Jarett Romero Construction	Trans-Global Solutions
Jefferson Co Republican Party	Trinity Enterprises
Lorin Brock Bourquein Foundation	TriOak Financial Group
Junior League of Beaumont	Twin City
	Young Men's Business League

## Church Monetary Donors

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church	First United Methodist Church Silsbee
Calder Baptist Church	Grace Community Fannett
Church of Philadelphia Church	Impact Church Beaumont
Encounter Church	Midway Community Church
Faith Baptist Church	North End Baptist Church of Beaumont
First Assembly of God	One City Church
First Baptist Church Beaumont	Parkway Life Church
First Baptist Church Center	Presbyterian Women of St. Andrews
First Baptist Church Groves	St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church Kimbrough	Sabine Pass Christian Fellowship
First Baptist Church Kountze	St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
First Baptist Church of Vidor Church	St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
First Christian Church of Port Arthur	Woodcrest UMC Church





# THE HERE AND NOW GALA IMPACT

Thank you for joining us at our annual Gala!  
Your presence and support made the evening truly meaningful and  
helped fuel our mission to uplift and empower youth survivors.

**\$ 55,000**

RAISED

**258**

ATTENDEES



## SAM THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 GALA SPONSORS

PROVOST UMPHREY  
HATTIE HOUSTON DESIGNS  
PARKWAY LIFE CHURCH  
DISCOVER CHURCH  
BEAUMONT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
LESTER D HENDERSON FOUNDATION OF YOUTH  
ONE CITY CHURCH  
CALDER BAPTIST CHURCH  
GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHURCH ON THE ROCK  
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ACCENT COMPLIANCE  
LCM HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

SETX PROPERTIES  
JAMES CARPENTER, FARMERS INSURANCE  
JUDGE JEFF & SHERRIE BRANICK  
ZACH & WHITNEY STILES  
LUMBERTON MEDSPA DUGOOD CREDIT UNION  
EKC ADVICORS, PLLC  
MEGAN MOSS - RE/MAXONE  
GULF COAST ELECTRIC  
HUNTER COURTS  
CANDICE CRAIG PHOTOGRAPHY  
SNAPPY FOTOBOOTH



# FINANCIALS

## Donors

**\$287,514**

## Grants

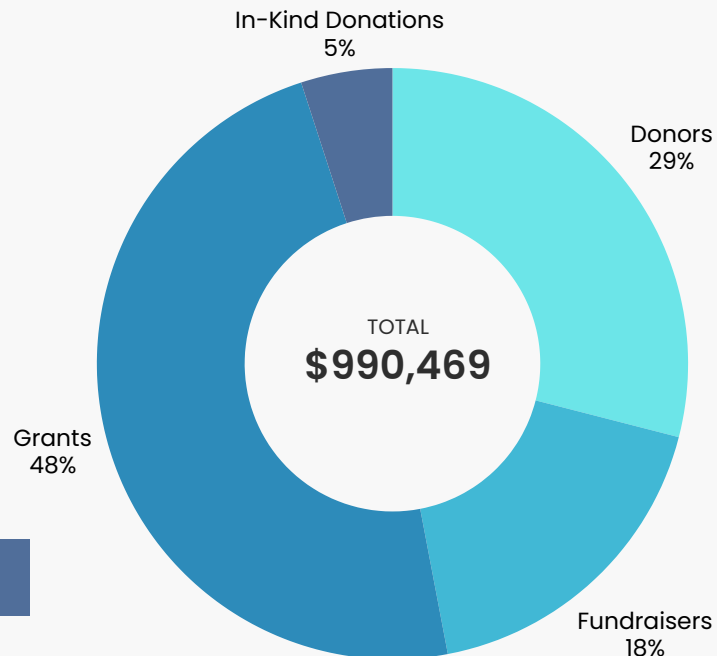
**\$479,036**

## Fundraisers

**\$178,578**

## In-Kind Donations

**\$45,341**



How your generous support is allocated to maximize impact across our programs and operations.

● Programs

● Administration

● Development

74%

25%

1%

# CHANGING LIVES

Every gift has the power to change a life. Whether it's providing essentials, supporting long-term advocacy, or creating moments of joy, your generosity directly impacts youth survivors. Join us in building a future rooted in healing, hope, and freedom.



## **\$50 A Month**

This amount represents the cost of one backpack filled with hygiene essentials when a survivor is recovered.



## **Online**

Give securely and conveniently online at [embracingfreedombmt.com](http://embracingfreedombmt.com)



## **\$180 A Month**

This amount represents the cost to serve one survivor for one month.



## **Monthly Giving**

Join our monthly donors and sustain the vision to ensure consistent life changing support.



## **\$500 A Month**

Can provide a month of emergency assistance to a survivor.



## **By Mail**

Mail Checks to  
P.O Box 12813  
Beaumont, TX 77726



## **Scan to Give**



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# MEET THE TEAM



## LEADERSHIP

**Lisa Boler**, Founder and CEO  
**Hannah Padia**, Assistant Chief Officer  
**Alexis Molina**, Executive Director  
**Trisha Kemp**, Chief Financial Officer



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lisa Boler  
Jeff Boler  
Julie Sanders  
Lori Wright  
Haley Morrow  
Megan Moss  
Charmaine James

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

Pastor John Burk  
Pastor Debbie Burk

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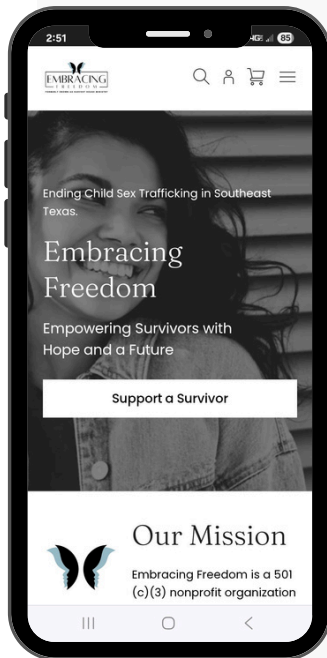
## EF STAFF MEMBERS

**Magi**, Advocacy Director  
**Rikki**, Advocacy Director  
**Brittany DeLaGarza**, Education Coordinator  
**Chelsie Tsan**, Volunteer Coordinator  
**Destiny**, Youth Advocate  
**Ana**, Youth Advocate  
**Trinity**, Youth Advocate  
**Stevie**, Youth Advocate





# KEEP IN TOUCH



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**Volunteer with us and give your time and energy to the fight against trafficking.**



**Follow us on social media and help us tell others about how they can support local survivors.**



**Want to learn more? Schedule a training with our Education Coordinator.**

