



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

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

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

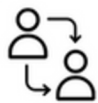


Of these cases, the top venues for sex trafficking were in **hotels/motels, homes, and massage parlors.**



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.

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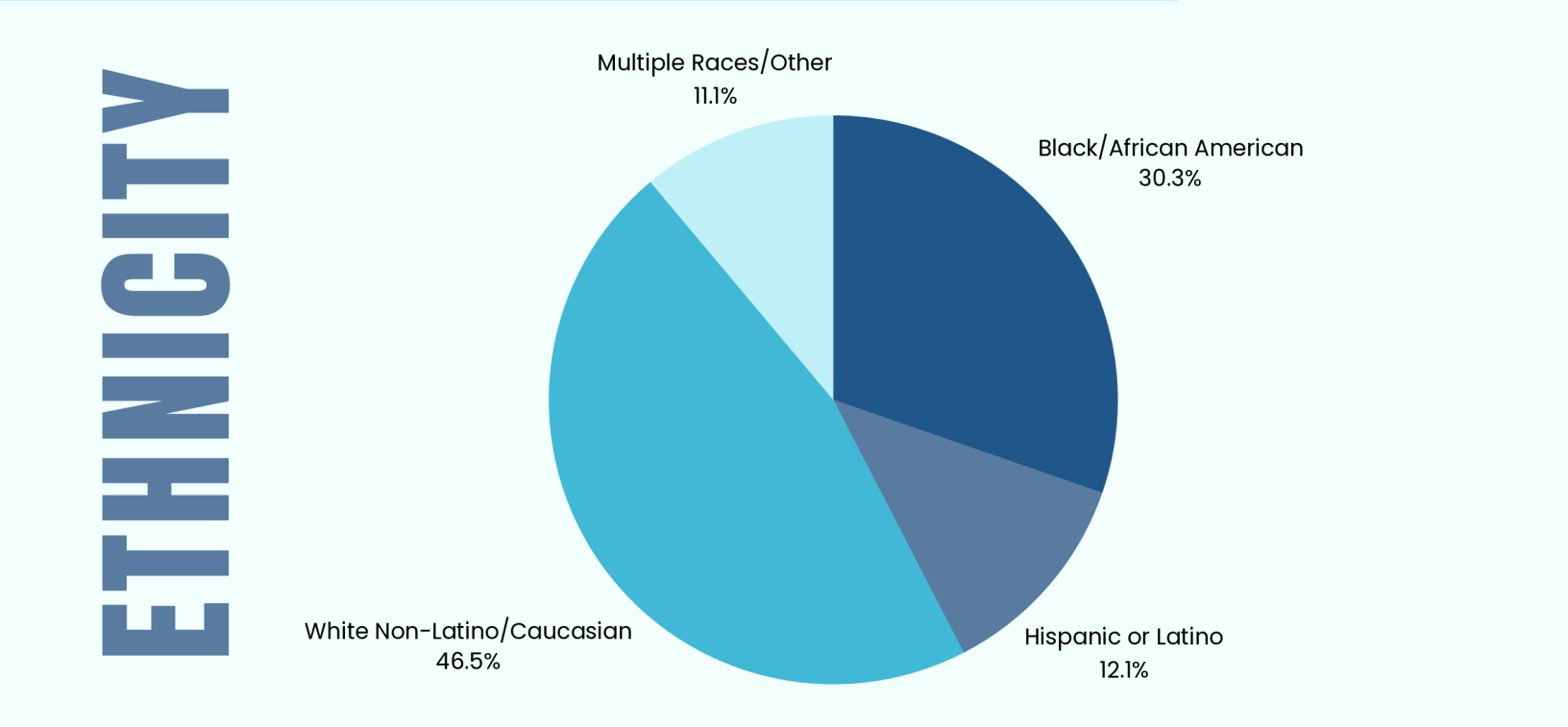
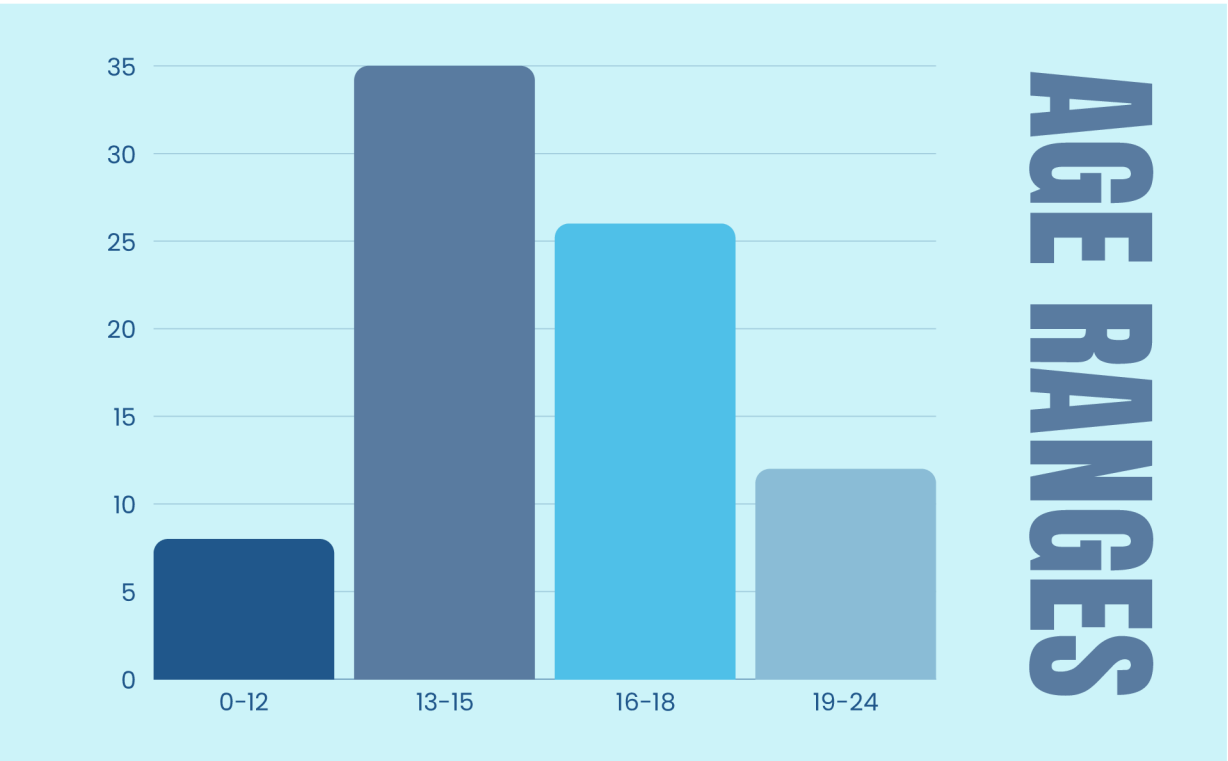
Of those we served, **14** of the youth were recoveries.

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



PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS





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.

