

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Into the
light
Ending Child Sex Trafficking
Bringing Hope to Survivors

"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS
AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT
OVERCOME IT." JOHN 1:5

Vision

A WORLD WHERE NO CHILD IS
BOUGHT, SOLD
OR EXPLOITED SEXUALLY.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Into The Light was founded in 2015 to provide refuge and restoration for minor survivors of sexual exploitation and to bring awareness and education to the issue of human sex trafficking.

When a child is trafficked, there is much to overcome. Often a history of child abuse and neglect prior to their trafficking creates a dark web of hopelessness; but with the help of the caring Arkansas community, the healing light of Christ is shining into their lives.

In the last 12 months, 170 victims began or continued healing through services provided, including long-term advocacy, crisis intervention, safety planning, and strategies to make them less vulnerable to: dangerous traffickers/buyers, further exploitation, explicit images of them being used online, physical harm, suicide, drugs and alcohol addiction. Because of you, human trafficking survivors in OUR communities will experience vital, ongoing support while on their healing journey.

Thank you!

Gretchen

ITL Executive Director

SERVICES PROVIDED



1225 instances of
Parent/Guardian Support



700 instances of Transportation
Support



1452 Individuals trained on understanding,
identifying, and supporting child trafficking victims.



CRISIS RESPONSE
280 hours of Crisis
Intervention
Assistance



LONG-TERM ADVOCACY
4,589 instances of
trauma-informed
Advocacy,
Mentorship and
Case Management



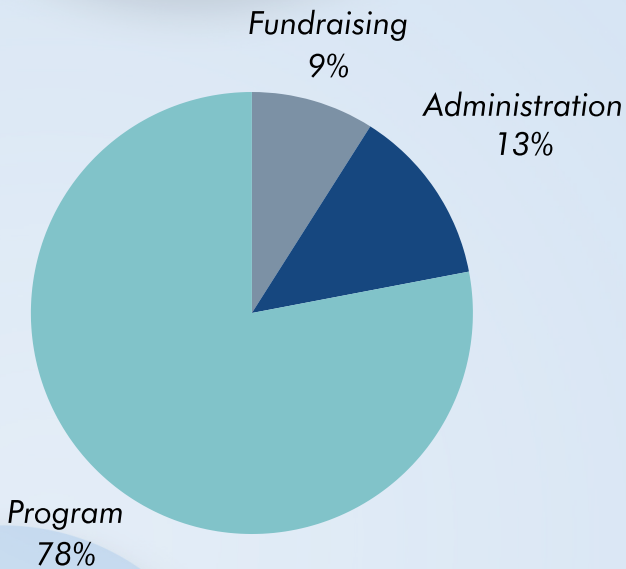
PREVENTION
106 High-risk children
and 175 students
completed Trafficking
Prevention Education

PROVIDING FREE SERVICES TO CHILD AND ADULT VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING IN
15 ARKANSAS COUNTIES SINCE 2015. OFFICES IN SPRINGDALE, MOUNTAIN HOME, AND LITTLE ROCK.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Into The Light is grateful for the partnership of: Area Juvenile Courts, Juvenile Probation Departments and Detention Centers, Center for Youth and Families, CASA, Child Advocacy Centers, FBI Arkansas Child Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking Task Force, Freedom Finder, Homeland Security Investigations, Hope Found, Hub of Hope, Informed Choices, Law Enforcement, Loving Choices, Morgan Nick, National Center For Missing and Exploited Children, Peace At Home, Serenity, NWA Children's Shelter, NWA Women's Shelter, The Genesis Project, Traffick 911, U.S Committee for Refugees & Immigrants, We Are Free and 139 Made.

FUNDING



400+ individuals, businesses, churches and clubs supported Into The Light, generously giving time, talent, finances and/or material items.

Government Grants: Victims of Crime Act, (VOCA), USCRI, Arkansas Attorney General Fund
Approximately, one third of ITL's annual budget is government grants. VOCA and USCRI funds are used for several aspects of Victim Advocacy and Case Management. Arkansas A.G. Fund is used for Victim mental health.

Private Grants: American Endowment Foundation, Black Hills Energy Foundation, BNI Foundation Worldwide-Givers Gain, Cargill Cares Council-Springdale, Duke Family Foundation, For His Lambs, Four1 Foundation, Harps Community, Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Rotary International, Shared Hope International, Walmart Community- Rogers, Mountain Home

From Those Served

"Thank you guys for everything you do, the seen and unseen! You are so appreciated and I am forever thankful!!"

"Before Into The Light, I was on rough patch and making bad choices. Now I feel like I have people that care about me and will always be there. My Advocate is always checking on me and making sure I am doing good in school. She listens to me all the time about life and things."

"My kids, my husband and I really were desperate for someone to help us and believe the kid's stories about what had happened to them. Now we feel like we have someone who understands us and is there for us."

"I was very much alone and lost before I had Into The Light come in and show me things aren't so bad and and show me how to handle things."

AGE GROUPS

Six to Eleven - 3

Twelve to Eighteen - 115

Nineteen to Twenty four - 33

Twenty five and over - 19

GENDERS

157 Females

13 Males

AREAS SERVED

Into The Light serves children in 15 counties in Northwest, North Central and Central Arkansas and has an office in Springdale, Mountain Home and now Little Rock.

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