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THE COMMUNITY COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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IMPACT REPORT



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a letter from our
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAREST FRIENDS,

Not much is certain for a victim experiencing human trafficking. Where their next meal will come from. If they are safe. If their children, or friend, or loved one, or pet is safe. When they will be able to sleep. Where they will be tomorrow. If things will change. If they will survive.

But what is certain, because of your support, every survivor who walks through our doors for help can receive the care and services they need to move forward on their healing journey. And since we launched our direct services program, Grow Free Tennessee, in 2017, referrals for our services have increased by over 2,000 percent. Last year alone, our team responded to 408 referrals (up from 300 in 2021) and provided nearly 8,000 individual services to survivors in East Tennessee. To date, no referral or survivor has ever been turned away from care due to lack of resources, a standard we could not maintain without folks like you in our corner.

Without a doubt, 2022 was our busiest year to date and thanks to your support, we were able to accomplish goals that we couldn't even have imagined ten years ago. It is hard to believe that our organization turns 13 years old this year. We have changed and grown and learned so much over those years. With each of you - our amazing volunteers, generous donors, and encouraging cheerleaders - by our side, we have launched programs, switched gears, studied, laughed, tried, built safe spaces, stood in the gap, cried, celebrated, and gave it our all. None of this would have been possible without each of you.

The survivors we serve are why our work matters, but your support is how our work is possible. Whether that was writing checks on the hood of your car, building furniture until your fingers blistered, cooking meals for survivors, advocating for us, or just the simple act of believing in our mission and our team, you were there. And we felt it.

As I've said before, capturing all the huge and small moments that move our mission forward is hard. And it's even harder in a graph or chart to illustrate the beauty and struggle of this powerful journey we are all on together alongside the most amazing, inspiring, and resilient survivors. As you read this report, I ask you to look beyond the metrics and percentages and imagine the deep sighs of relief, hoots and hollers of joy, and the calm, restful moments of safety. I hope this report gives you a glimpse into the impact of your support, the power of love and connection, and the determination of the survivors we serve.

We could not do this work without you. From the bottom of our hearts to the edge of our hope, we thank you.

With love and gratitude,

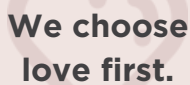




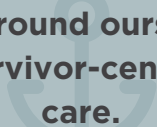
WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2010, the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking unites and equips our community - Knoxville and the 33 counties of East Tennessee - to end human trafficking through prevention and intervention, while providing survivors with trauma-informed, comprehensive aftercare services. Through our direct services program, Grow Free TN, we offer a variety of services to those impacted by human trafficking. All of our services are free, individualized, and all-inclusive.

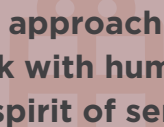
Our Core Values



**We choose
love first.**



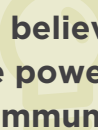
**We ground ourselves
in survivor-centered
care.**



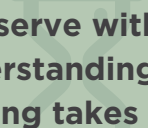
**We approach our
work with humility
and spirit of service.**



**We create innovative
solutions to complex
problems.**



**We believe in
the power of
community.**



**We serve with the
understanding that
healing takes time.**

WHAT WE DO

OUR PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

ADULT SERVICES

- EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTER
- PHOENIX HOUSE
- CARE COORDINATION
- THERAPY
- AS YOU ARE PROGRAM

YOUTH SERVICES

- THERAPY
- CARE COORDINATION
- PSYCHO-EDUCATION
- FOUNDATIONS
- PREVENTION EDUCATION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- FREE PREVENTION & AWARENESS TRAININGS
- COUNTER-TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE
- MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS

All programs and services are free and all-inclusive.

OUR IMPACT IN 2022

We serve individuals of all ages. In 2022, we supported survivors ages **3 to 60 years old.**



OVER 8,000
INDIVIDUAL,
UNIQUE
SERVICES
PROVIDED TO
SURVIVORS



407
NEW SURVIVORS
REFERRED



213 YOUTH
SURVIVORS
REACHED



194 ADULTS
SURVIVORS
REACHED



OVER 2,000
SAFE NIGHTS
OF REST



OVER 4,300
HOURS OF
THERAPEUTIC
SUPPORT



MORE THAN
5,500
PEOPLE
TRAINED



I was in such a dark place, and because of Grow Free TN, I was able to come out of that darkness and find healthy support systems.



ADULT SERVICES

Through our direct services program, Grow Free Tennessee, we provide survivors of human trafficking with a wide variety of trauma-informed services to create pathways to safety and recovery, and align with the personal goals of each individual we serve.

EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTER

A 2-week, low-barrier shelter for adults whom identify as female or are appropriate for female-oriented programming. The ERC serves as the triage center for establishing safety, meeting acute needs, and determining appropriate referrals for next steps.

PHOENIX HOUSE

Long-term, apartment-style transitional housing that incorporates an intentional blend of therapeutic programming and supportive, independent housing. Available for individuals whom identify as female or who are appropriate for engaging in female-oriented programming.



CARE COORDINATION

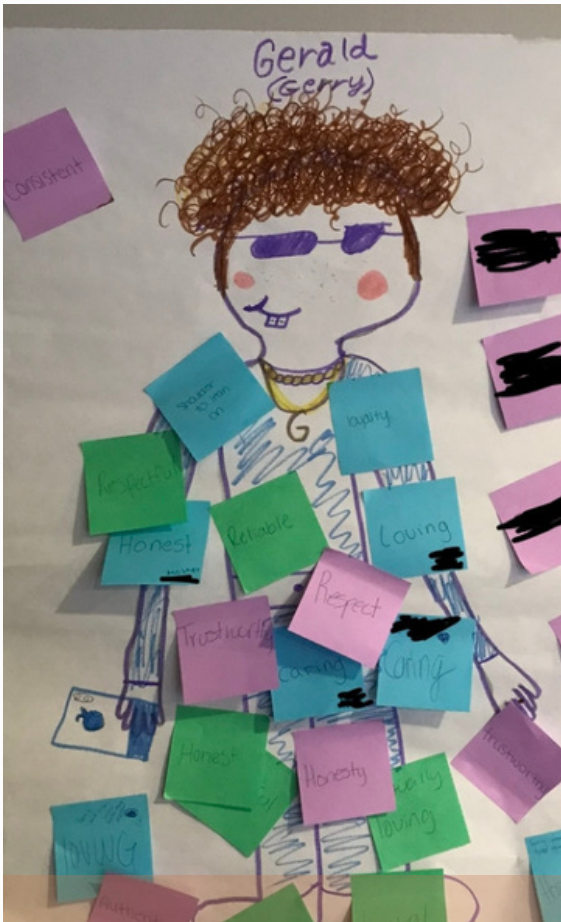
Specialized care coordinators work with survivors throughout East Tennessee to achieve restorative success through collaboration & advocacy, access to resources, and community integration.

AS YOU ARE

A collaborative initiative with TDOC implemented at the Bledsoe County Correctional Complex, launched in 2021 and serves women currently incarcerated that have a history of trafficking and exploitation. Through individual support and group programming, the goal is to foster healing and reduce recidivism.



Thank you for always being the support I needed. Thank you for standing by my side through all my rainy days and ups and downs. Thank you for being there.

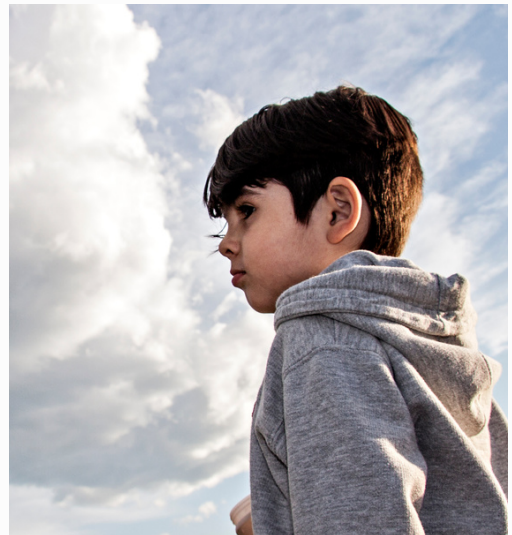


YOUTH SERVICES

Through Grow Free Tennessee, our Youth Services team has the unique opportunity to provide individualized care and support to youth of all ages, as well as their families.

THERAPY

Through Grow Free TN, we offer community-based and in-home therapy, as well as referrals to appropriate mental health services. We work to ensure accessibility to healing and recovery, regardless of barriers such as cost or transportation.



PSYCHO-EDUCATION

Complex trauma education is provided to encourage and empower youth survivors to engage and participate in their own treatment process.

CARE COORDINATION

Wrap around services are provided to minor victims of exploitation through Grow Free TN and partner agencies to achieve restorative success through collaboration & advocacy, access to resources, and community integration.

FOUNDATIONS

A partnership with youth-serving agencies to facilitate exploitation prevention and early intervention curricula with adolescent females, while equipping these providers to recognize red flags and engage in a sensitive, trauma-informed response.

PREVENTION EDUCATION

Typically facilitated in a group setting, we offer education for youth on how to navigate positive and negative influences in their life to stay safe from exploitation.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As the single point of contact for east TN, we bring service providers and community agencies together to address the needs of individuals experiencing trafficking by collaborating on active cases, sharing intelligence and resources, ensuring victims are connected to necessary services, and providing free specialized training.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

We provide free, community-focused and profession-specific curricula to train and educate primary responders, industry professionals, and community members to recognize the red flags and safely respond to human trafficking cases.



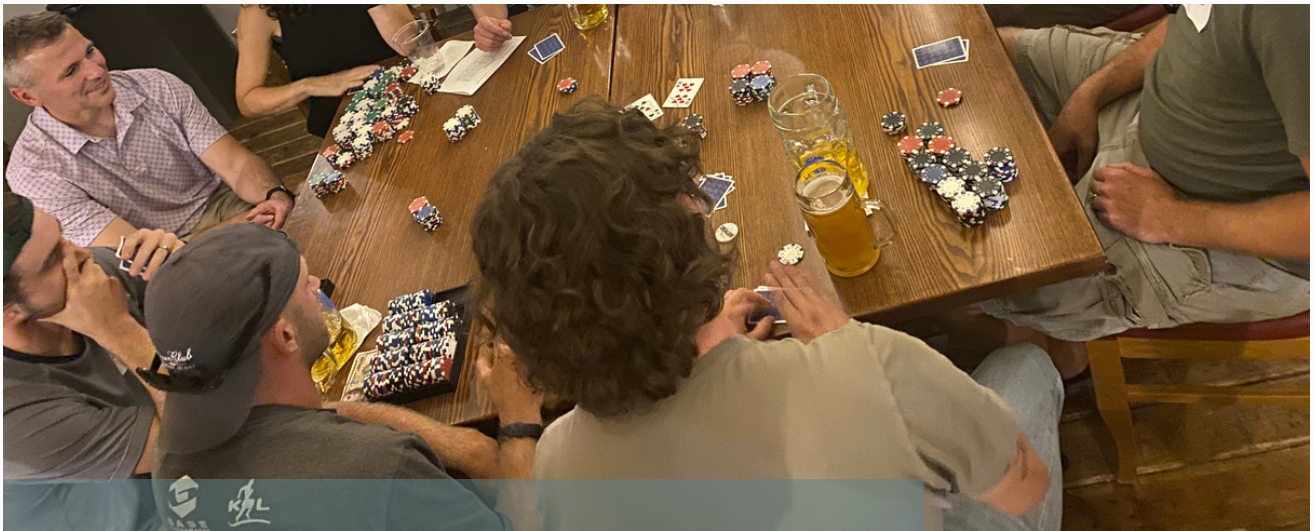
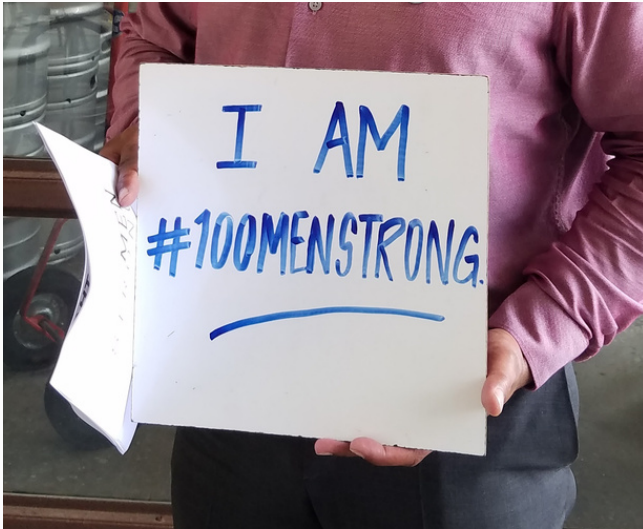
MULTI DISCIPLINARY TEAMS

Multi-disciplinary efforts to meet the complex needs of human trafficking survivors - FREE Knox Kids, 423 Unsilenced, HT-Law Enforcement Task Force, Tennessee State HT Council; bringing together members of the community to leverage resources, exchange resources, and share ideas.

COUNTER TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Our role as the East TCTA partner fosters collaboration with major institutions such as the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Children's Services to create a system of response across the state that ensures no victim in the state of TN falls through the cracks, regardless of location or circumstance.





100 MEN STRONG *initiative*

100 Men Strong is an initiative through the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking that unites men in our community who share a vision of ending human trafficking. By providing tools for effective conversations, strategies for raising awareness, and creating avenues for change, 100 Men Strong strives to make a difference for survivors of human trafficking – men, women, and children – right here in East Tennessee.

Lead by passionate volunteers, Russell Crook and Pastor Adam Woldt, this group hosts a number of events each year to allow folks to come together over a glass of bourbon, or a round of golf, to cultivate community and start conversations surrounding change.

Thank you to our VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make us who we are. From providing warm meals to survivors staying at the ERC, maintaining the Therapy Garden, and helping organize donations, our volunteers move our mission forward in some of the most important ways.

When volunteers show up, donate items, and give of their time, not only do they help us tackle a ton of the small and huge projects it takes to keep all of our programs and services running smoothly, but it also illustrates to the survivors we serve that it's not just our staff cheering them on. Every volunteer who supports our work also helps survivors feel valued and cherished and worthy of hope and love.

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volunteer hours
LOGGED IN 2022



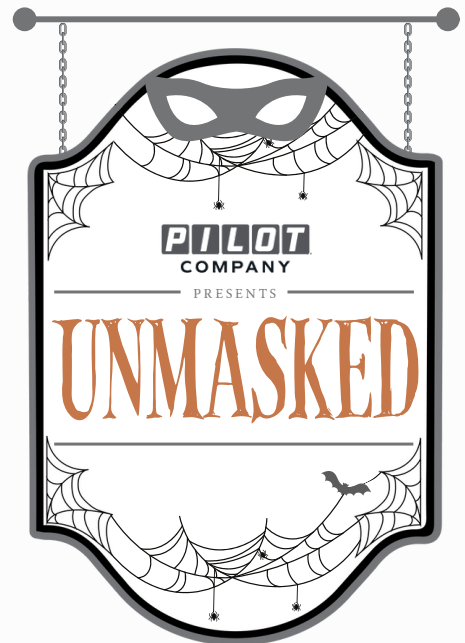


UNMASKED

October 21, 2022

Unmasked is CCAHT's single largest annual fundraiser and a huge part of how we fuel our mission. Unmasked is a night of awareness, connection, and, ultimately, a celebration of how we can all unite to empower survivors and foster change. By gathering with our community, we reflect on what it means to make east TN a better place for all.

We raised over \$75,000, surpassing our goal, to fund our direct services and continue providing care to survivors of trafficking. Thank you to everyone who helped make this night possible!



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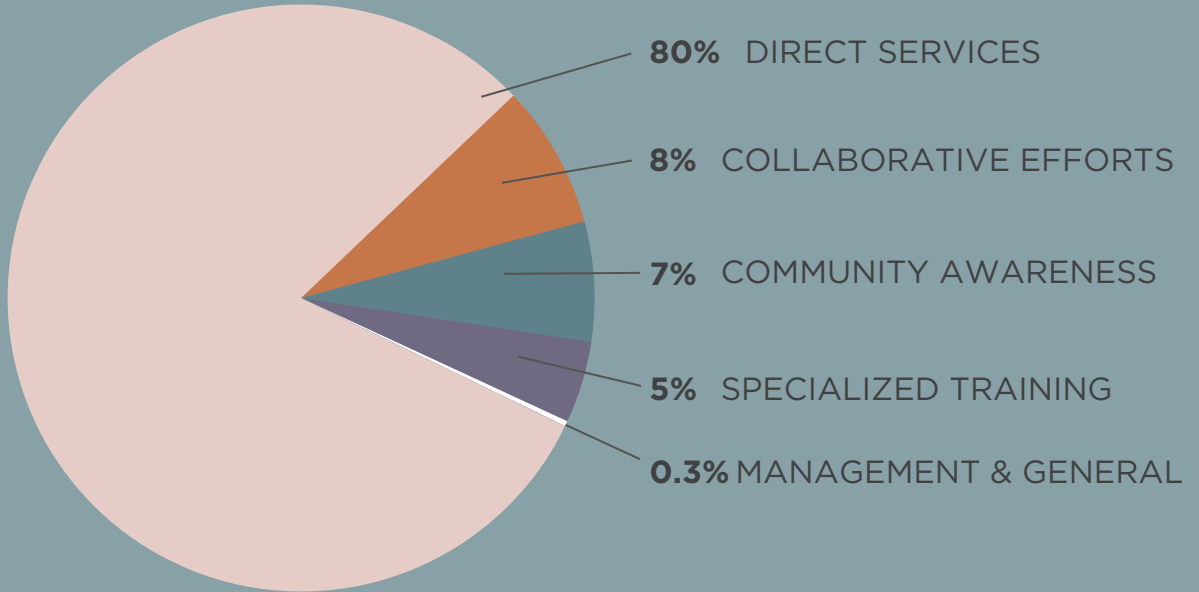
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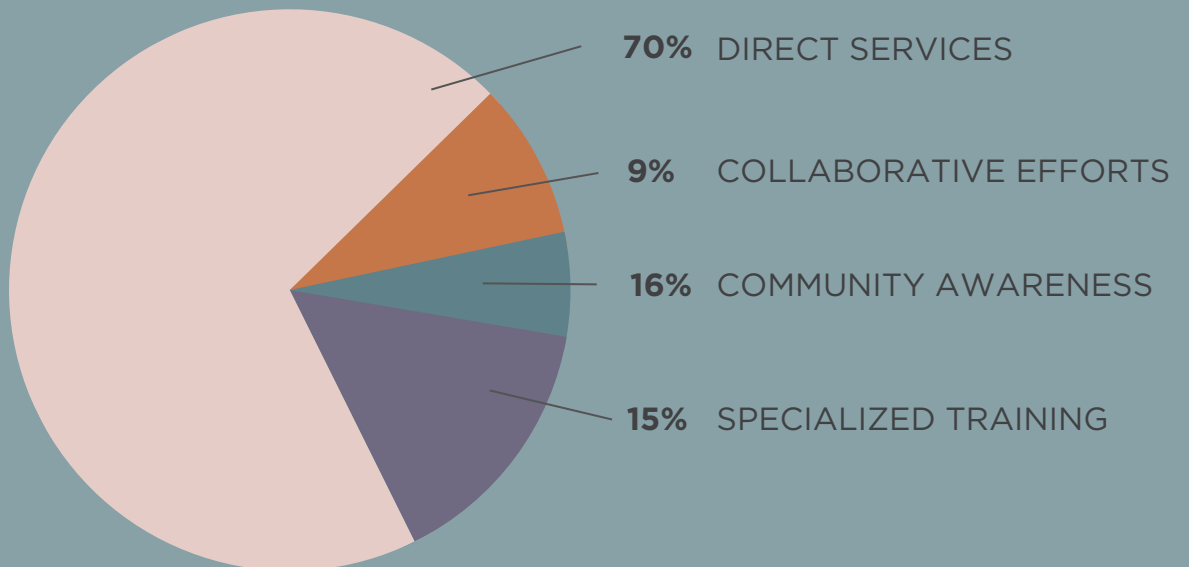
2022 FINANCIALS

Annual Budget: \$1,501,760

EXPENSES



REVENUE



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PARTNERS FOR CHANGE

Through your generous support, partners like you have provided new opportunities for CCAHT to bring our mission to life, put love into action, and serve our community in 2022.

Your partnership enabled us to facilitate more trainings, foster deeper collaboration, and serve more survivors of trafficking in East Tennessee than ever before. Thank you for allowing us to be good stewards of your financial investments, time, and passion for this mission.

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Thank you!

The Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking would like to thank our community partners, volunteers, and friends who provided support in 2022. Your time, donations, contributions, and love helped us serve men, women, and children experiencing human trafficking in East Tennessee - empowering survivors to live a life of freedom.

We know your support will continue to help us change lives and make East Tennessee a safer, better place for all.





When they tell you they love you, you can feel it. Their patience and compassion allowed me to be myself.

Adult Client served by GFTN

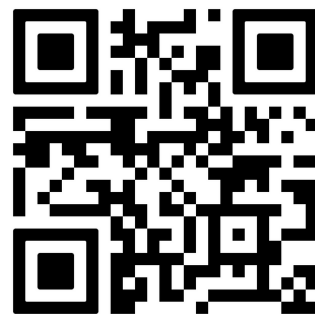


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