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Flight

ITS ONLY UP FROM HERE



2022 REPORT

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OUR STORY SO FAR

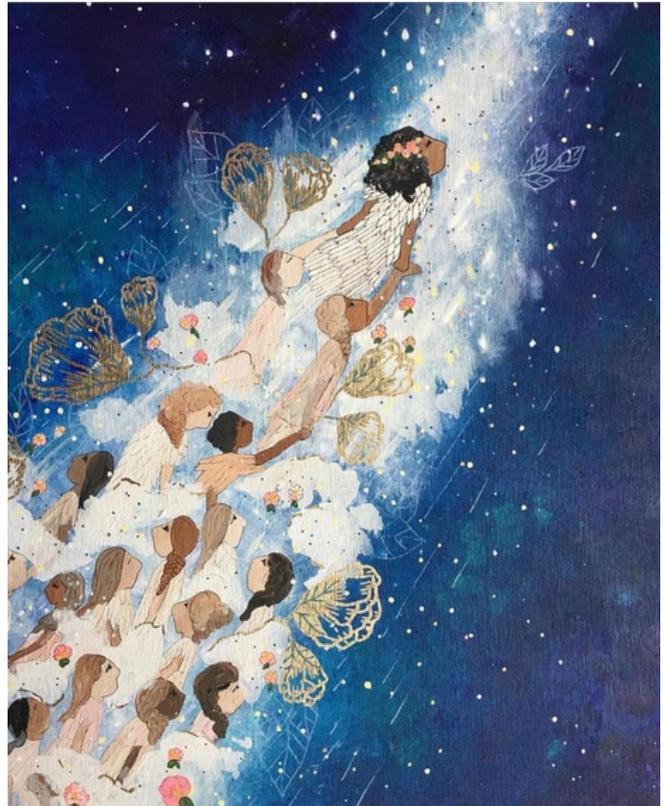
OUR VISION

EMBRACING SEX TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS WITH COMFORT AND SUPPORT AS THEY TRANSITION FROM SLAVERY TO A SAFE PLACE.

Since 2010 our founder, Sula Lael, has served sex trafficking victims and survivors in various phases of their escape and healing journeys. She has partnered with several nonprofits, safe homes, state agencies, ministries and individuals over the years to aid in the fight against trafficking.

A few years ago, she had a dream from the Lord of ascending into heaven while bringing a cloud of survivors up and out of the horrific world of trafficking. When praying about the dream, she heard "Take Flight." She knew that she would one day start her own nonprofit, but it wasn't time yet.

It was confirmed to her that the timing was near as the Lord started bringing it up in prayer again. Soon after, a 9 year old survivor of SRA Trafficking, that she had the privilege of winning to Jesus, had a dream. She dreamed of being on an airplane with Sula and saw the words "Take Flight." This beautiful precious girl had become family to Sula, yet she had no idea of her dream to start Take Flight. There's no way she could have known. It was so meaningful to her that she even sent Sula an airplane necklace to remember what Jesus said. And so.... It Began.



Painting by Sreen Gualtieri



YOUR SUPPORT ALLOWED US TO...

SERVE

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SURVIVORS OF SEX
TRAFFICKING IN 2022

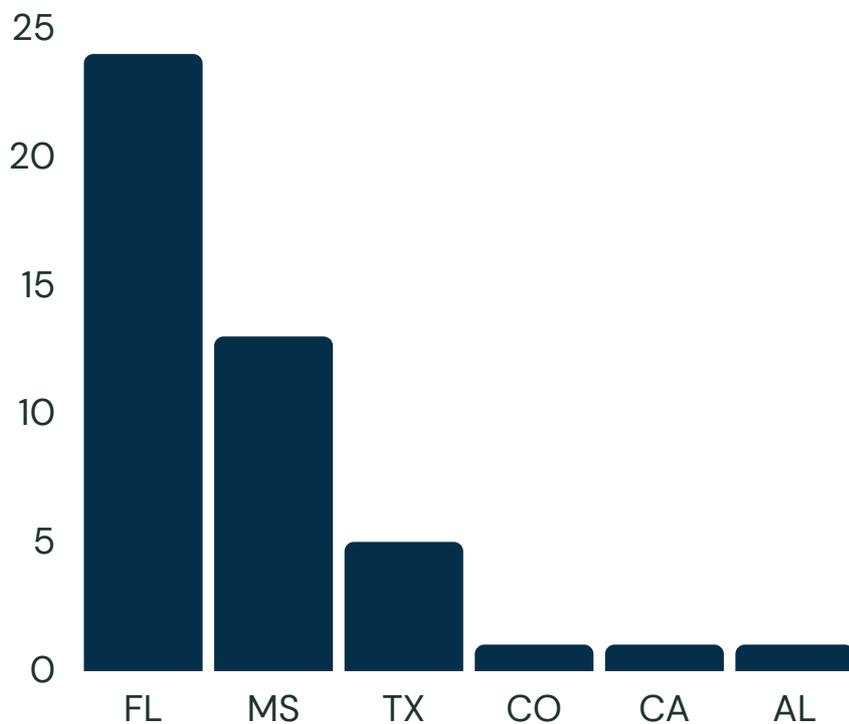
In April of 2022, we went public with our launch of Take Flight Survivors and hit the ground running! Immediately, we started getting several requests from survivors that had recently escaped a trafficking ring in Mississippi. We receive survivor needs requests through our website and then one of our Exit Companions reaches out to assist in transition to a safe place.

It's truly our heart to be a friend to victims and survivors... As programs, services and resources can start and stop, but friendship remains through it all. We work hard to provide what's needed for transition out of sex trafficking and the ability to stay out of the sex industry as Exit Companions and friends to those we serve.

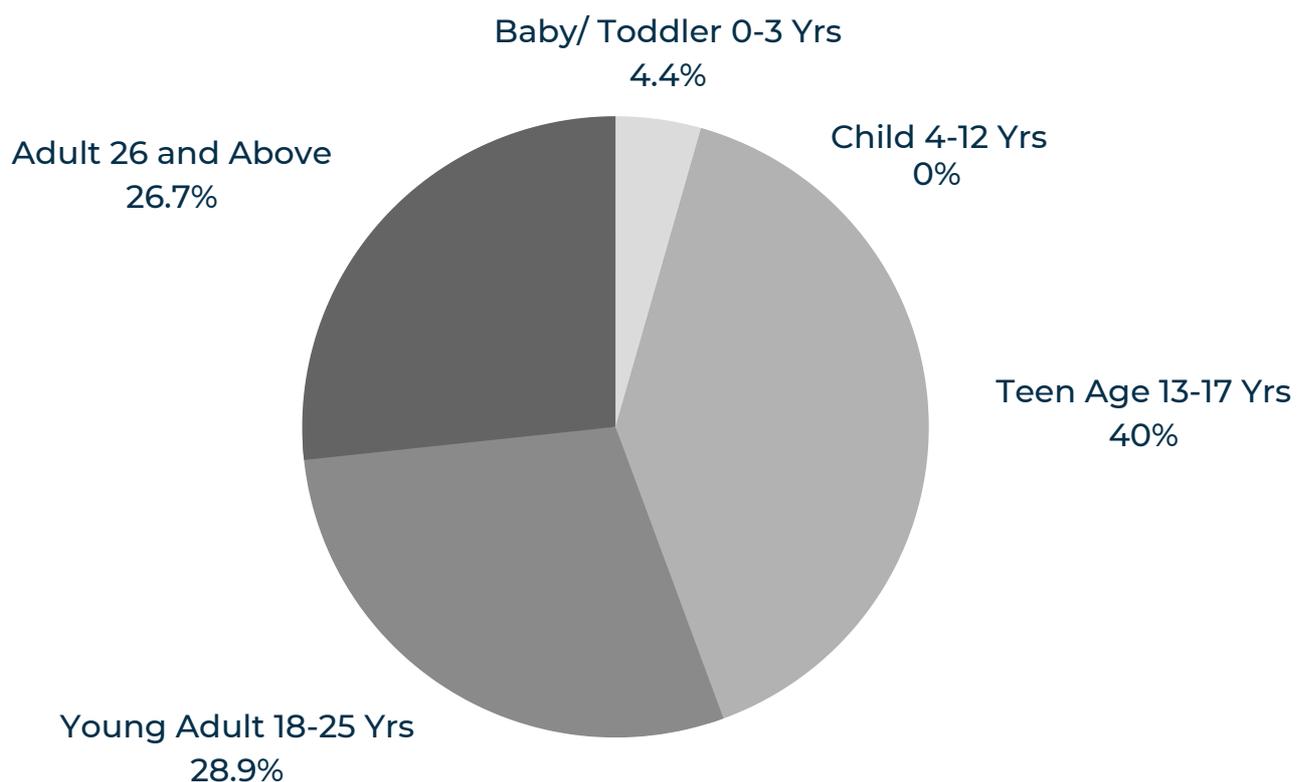
According to our bookkeeping, we've found that on average it takes about **\$2,000**, at minimum, to assist a survivor in their escape from sex trafficking. Often, victims leave with nothing. And what they do have is a triggering reminder of the horror they just left.



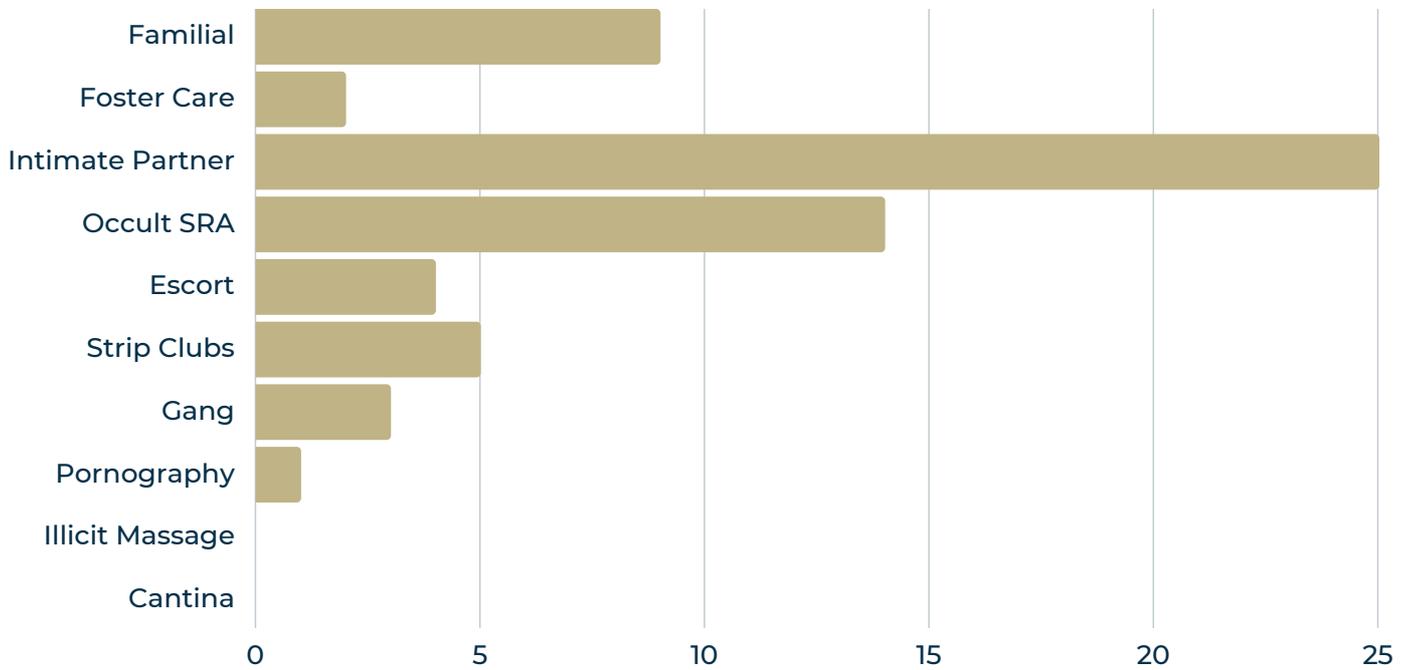
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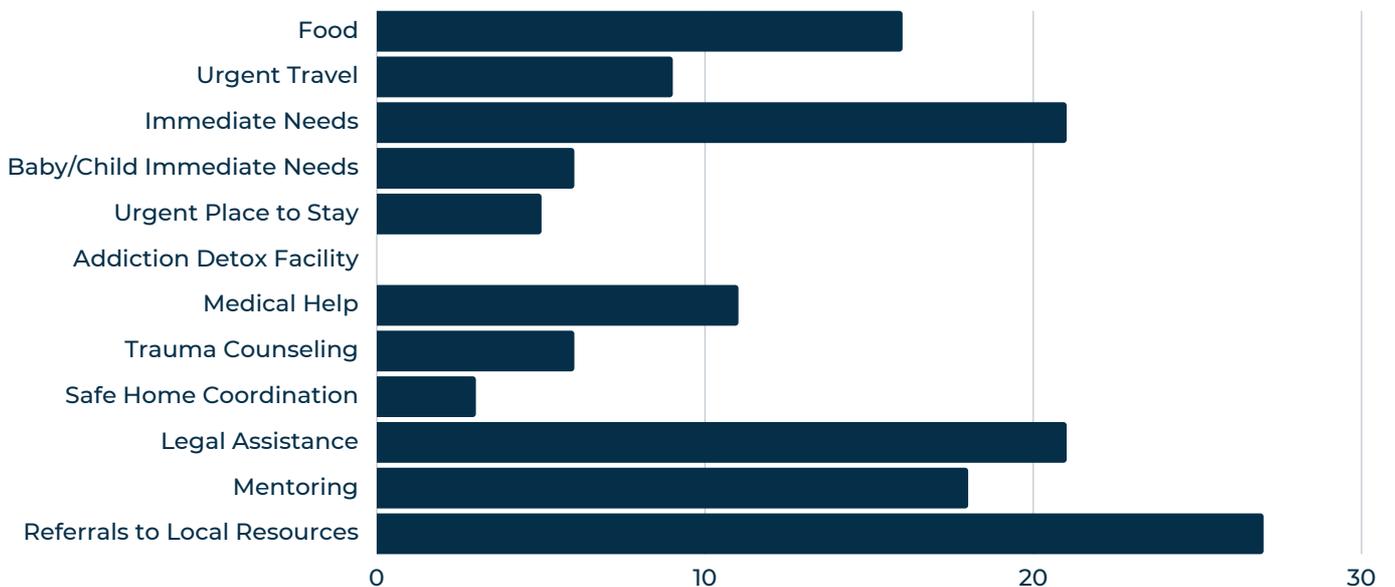
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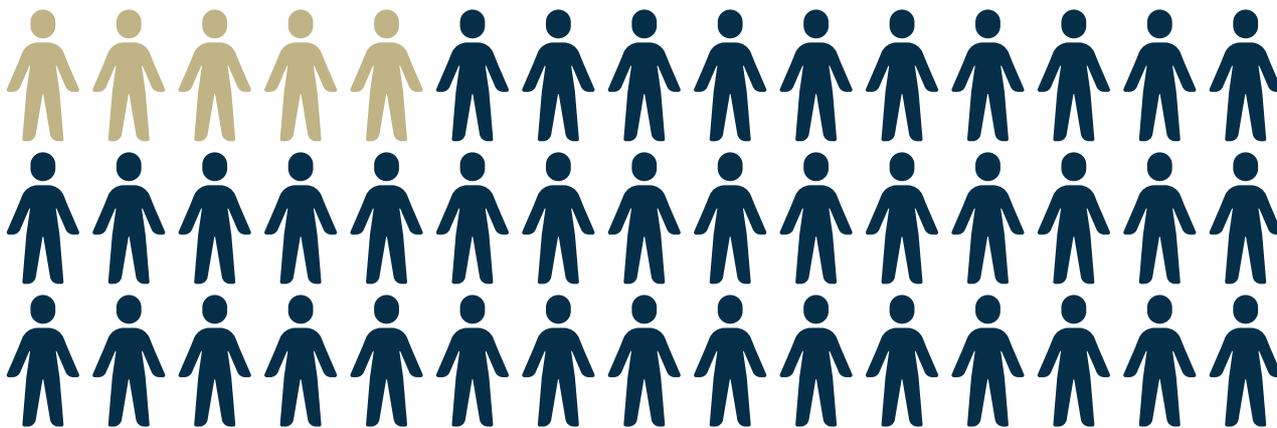
TYPES OF TRAFFICKING DISCLOSED



SERVICES PROVIDED TO SURVIVORS



WHAT WE'VE FOUND...



When discussing the options of where a victim wants to transition in order to escape trafficking and the sex industry... There are really only 3 safe options to choose from.

- 1) A Safe Home or Trauma Informed Recovery Program.
- 2) Moving to live with a safe friend or family member.
- 3) Living independently in a safe location outside of where they were trafficked.

We've found that only about 10% of victims want to go to a Safe Home or Program. This is due to previous triggering experiences in foster care, homeless shelters or shared living spaces. This percentage was consistent with what our friend Gwen Williams, FBI Victim Specialist, has found over her years of experience working with sex trafficking victims. We dream of seeing Survivor Tiny Home Villages all over the USA... As they are greatly needed. Many victims have children, mental health challenges, language or cultural barriers, or identify LGBTQ. It's sadly very challenging to find placement for survivors in these demographics.

MORE INTERESTING DISCOVERIES

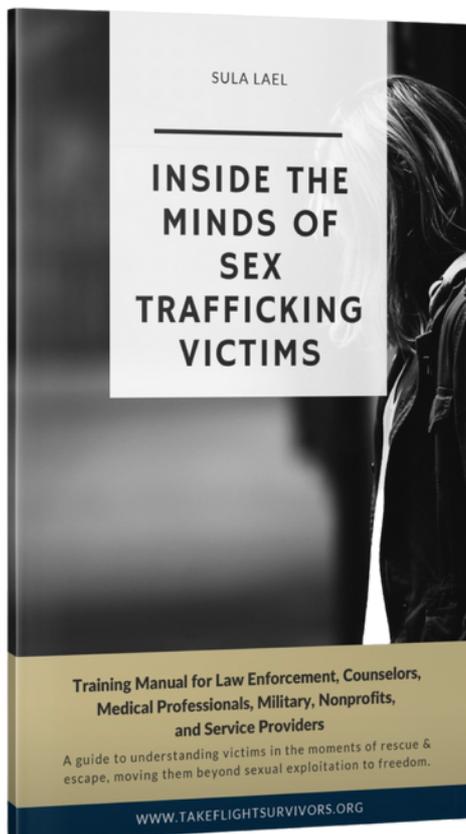
- 1) Most Victims who are struggling with addiction because of their trafficking... Would prefer to detox on their own with care and support for us, vs going to a detox facility. Detox facilities are VERY expensive and can be triggering for the same reasons as mentioned above regarding Safe Homes & Recovery Programs.
- 2) When on a recent Zoom Training with the founder of Rescue America, Allison Madrigal, she stated that 20-30% of the victims that call their rescue hotline are Satanic Ritual Abuse or Occult Trafficking Victims. This is not talked about in Trafficking Awareness Trainings. We are passionate about not only serving these victims through Take Flight, but helping service providers understand what they've been through and best practices for their care.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

THIS YEAR TAKE FLIGHT HELPED TRAIN

1,202

COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARAMEDICS,
MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, FBI,
LAW ENFORCEMENT &
SERVICE PROVIDERS



BOOK LAUNCH!

This curriculum, written by Sula Lael, goes beyond basic Anti-Trafficking 101 information and takes you deeper into understanding what's going on inside the minds of victims of exploitation. This is a training manual to accompany live "in person" or online trainings by TAKE FLIGHT SURVIVORS, Inc. However, you can read this book, independent of the live trainings, you would just be missing the stories of real survivors and industry specific tips. At Take Flight Survivors, our vision is to embrace sex trafficking survivors with comfort and support as they transition from slavery to a safe place. We are working to build the relationship between victims and those called to serve and help them. We educate service providers with Trauma Informed Care training to help them understand victims in the moments of rescue & escape. Our hope is to improve the transition from sexual exploitation to freedom with every individual involved. Available on Amazon!

TESTIMONIALS

"I honestly don't know where I would be without Jesus and Take Flight. It was so dark I felt so stuck. I thought there would never be a way out for me. Jesus had other plans! I crossed paths with take flight and it truly was "up from there". I began to watch all the pieces of my life come back together. With the help and support of take flight I have found myself living the life I'd only dreamt of. I am forever grateful! My plan is to go back and tell others the GOOD NEWS ,and that is that there is a way out for them too!" -Survivor

"TAKE FLIGHT has been such a big support for the journey I've been on. When I first heard of TAKE FLIGHT I was clueless I didn't know if this was something I trusted with my story and healing. But the people I've come in contact with has helped me in so many ways. It wasn't easy coming out of the trafficking life with lack of support but TAKE FLIGHT came right in and helped me with no judgement. TAKE FLIGHT has also helped me gain confidence in being in the outside world after coming out the life. I've been able to receive therapy with references from them and most of all my WALK WITH GOD has become even stronger with TAKE FLIGHT." -Survivor

"Take Flight has been such a blessing to us in helping us walk the path of healing our family due to our daughter being a victim of sex trafficking. Take Flight has been walking with us every step of the way through this dark ordeal. They have answered and returned every panicked phone call we have made from our daughter running away, overdosing, making suicide attempts, and everything inbetween. We would not see the light at the end of this horrible tunnel without Take Flight putting the time and effort into referrals for our daughter to get into programs to help her heal from this horrific tragedy. Take Flight has inspired us by teaching us as parents what to look for, what to expect, and what to do, when we see anyone that is a sex trafficking victim. Because of Take Flight's relentless support, we have been able to take this evil situation, and turn it into a movement to save as many sex trafficking victims as we can, by showing victims there is a way out and that they can heal and live a healthy normal life. That is what Take Flight has shown us with our daughter's journey through it. We have a healthy, and safe family today that has a desire to save others because Take Flight showed us how to get through something that we thought would destroy our family, and to be honest, it almost did. Take Flight is a true and rare gem of support in a dark and menacing world of sex trafficking. Saying thank you will never be enough to convey what Take Flight means to our family." -Parents of Child Trafficking Survivor

DREAMING FORWARD 2023

We will continue being a friend to victims transitioning to freedom, educating communities & service providers, & doing outreach to vulnerable populations...

1) Mentoring child and teen sex trafficking victims that are incarcerated in youth detention facilities... Reaching adult survivors in jail and prison.

2) Partnering with BeGenerous Inc. to do Sex Industry Outreach .

3) Educating schools about Sex Trafficking. Our founder recently developed a Trafficking Awareness Tour curriculum for middle and high schools in order to prevent exploitation and reduce the demand.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANK YOU to our board members Cynthia Murray, Tabitha Wade & Nichole Scott. Each of you contributes in a powerful and unique way in our efforts to assist trafficked people. You saw the vision and became incredible stewards of the ministry. Your wisdom and prayer has been a lifeline to Take Flight Survivors.

A special **THANK YOU** to Bruce & Robbie Bailey and to SAFE in the Panhandle for being our largest supporters this year. Without you, we couldn't have launched, or served the 45 victims that we were privileged to walk alongside... We wouldn't have been able to train 1,202 people without you including us in your efforts to educate the Panhandle. Your prayers and encouragement have been such a blessing to Take Flight Survivors and our Founder Sula Lael in so many ways.

THANK YOU Nick Poe and Tall Pine Books for your generosity, creativity and genius in helping us publish "Inside the Minds of Sex Trafficking Victims." You prayed for and supported Sula's work with survivors over the years and we are so thankful. Thank you for being our favorite publisher and for making the publishing process so easy.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE, PRAYED & SUPPORTED!

Thank you for being a **GOOD SAMARITAN** (Luke 10:25-37)... Who was not able to be aware of trafficked, assaulted and tortured victims, and walk past looking the other way. You took action and you did something to ensure that they could find healing, rest, food, clothing and shelter. May you be blessed beyond measure for all of the ways that you've helped trafficked people this year.