



Our Impact

“I can’t imagine a world without Shared Hope. I realize how grandiose that may sound, but from my very entry point into anti-trafficking over 10 years ago to where I sit today, there’s not a piece of it that Shared Hope hasn’t been involved in. They reached out and invited me to their conference; it was the first time I met another survivor in person. It was pivotal in my life.”

Survivor of juvenile sex trafficking





A survivor friend and advisor encouraged me this year with these words:

“Remember, Shared Hope’s mission supports cutting edge reforms. Prevention, restoration, and justice all work together making us [survivors] whole beings. We must then address the difficult topics and have the hard conversations, looking at the entire exploitation experience.”

The term she used—helping survivors become whole beings—is the essence of what we have been striving for throughout the 25 years of our existence. But her phrase “*looking at the entire exploitation experience*” hit me hard for many reasons... one of them being **WE MUST GET IN FRONT OF THAT EXPLOITATION EXPERIENCE!**

You know us as an organization that engages in restoration through our support of partners both internationally and domestically. You know us through our Institute for Justice and Advocacy that has had enormous impact on improved laws and policies in every state. Going forward we will be known for getting in front of the exploitation. We are doing that through our greatly expanded training program, initiated through a generous private grant.

Shared Hope’s training team and the strategy being put in place will permit us to significantly expand our total training efforts, with crucial content being directed to and then utilized by professionals in health care, the legal system, and education. Many will ultimately become a bench of credentialed trainers who will expand our reach to “get in front of that exploitation experience”. This goes hand in hand with efforts at our Institute for Justice and Advocacy to turn on its head society’s prevailing view and treatment of a sex trafficking victim as a criminal and responsible for their own victimization.

This will end in our day! We will see to it!

Your determination to walk this road with us is crucial now more than ever.

Linda Smith
Founder and President

How will we end juvenile sex trafficking?

Value each individual's life. We envision a world passionately opposed to sex trafficking and a community committed to restoring survivors to lives of purpose, value, and choice – one life at a time.

Coordinate a national U.S. network of protection to improve the response to victims of trafficking. We believe we can create a world where every survivor is surrounded by trained professionals, an alert community, just law and policy, knowledgeable service providers, and appropriate shelter options.

Collaborate with stakeholders from every sector of the community who can influence and impact the response to juvenile sex trafficking.

Support survivor leadership in our programs and organizational development, from JuST Conference presentations to mentoring restoration grant recipients and many points in between.

Research and add to the knowledge of the anti-sex trafficking movement. We put research into action.

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*We assured
life giving services.*

In 2022, we committed \$600,000 to restoration grants for nonprofits in India, Nepal, Jamaica, and here in the United States. We long ago committed to giving resources annually to those who can deliver the needs of survivors and continue to honor the long-term relationship necessary for survivors to fully heal and rebuild their lives. Simultaneously, we learn from these interactions, keeping our work grounded in the real experiences of survivors.

In the U.S., in addition to the restoration grants we award that help organizations develop life strengthening programs and services for those in need, we invest in at-risk and exploitation survivors through our WIN (Women's Investment Network) program. WIN is an integral part of assisting women in developing skills (life, work, and living) that will carry them through their lives as economic contributors on a global scale. With these skills, it is our goal that they will not be re-victimized.

*We advanced
thought leadership in the movement.*

In January 2020, Shared Hope opened the doors to the Institute for Justice & Advocacy within sight of the White House, designed to be a place of constant learning, sharing, and moving forward the work to end sex trafficking. Within these walls, Shared Hope leads its own research and convenes the group of 30+ juvenile sex trafficking experts called the JuST Response Council. Critical, sometimes controversial research is done in collaboration with this group and issued as guidance to the field carrying the weight of the Council, intended to shape and direct the development of proper, consistent responses to sex trafficking across the nation.

We confronted prevailing systems and biases in society's response.

We know that changing responses to juvenile sex trafficking survivors of yesterday and today, and preventing the trafficking of future children requires reshaping beliefs and practices for a JuST response. Shared Hope is building on the success of our JuST Conference which has grown to an attendance of 1,000+ each year, and the enormous attendance of our online learning series throughout the pandemic. In 2022, Shared Hope committed to prioritizing our training program, both content development and dissemination to ensure every part of the community recognizes sex trafficking, responds in a way that empowers a survivor to reclaim and restore their life, and moves toward intolerance for the offense. Boldly embracing the challenge to reach 10,000+ individuals with the knowledge needed to act within their scope of work or influence, has called us to enlarge our training team and prepare for a modern, highly accessible, and widely known training platform and library of resources.

Our Ambassadors of Hope, a formidable force of over 1,000 trained volunteers, continued to bring out the message and information needed in their local communities. Armed with Shared Hope's resources, this group multiplies our efforts to change society's understanding and response to juvenile sex trafficking.

We designed a path forward.

Employing 12 years of experience on the ground and in the halls of Congress advocating for policy change, Shared Hope designed the campaign to lead the charge on changing state laws to produce better outcomes for sex trafficking survivors. Under the banner, State Action National Change, we have systematically analyzed, monitored, and advocated in every state in the nation for legal change and improvements. Our annual Report Cards have become the benchmark for progress across the nation. The legislative framework used to grade the states is based on the deep, ongoing research done by policy staff in the Institute for Justice & Advocacy and reflects the best legislative efforts nationally. The Advanced Legislative Framework introduced in 2020 was a celebration of the advancements made by all states and a challenge to continue confronting the gaps remaining in the legislative safety net intended to protect and bring justice to the survivors of juvenile sex trafficking.

Our Impact by the Numbers

7,888

STUDENTS, FAMILIES,
AND PROFESSIONALS,
ALERTED ON HOW TO
PROTECT YOUTH

1,096

PROFESSIONALS AND
ADVOCATES TRAINED
THROUGH THE JUST
CONFERENCE

790

INDIVIDUALS GAINED
SKILLS THROUGH
SHARED HOPE'S
ONLINE TRAINING
CENTER

7,404

ADVOCATES TOOK
ACTION, SIGNED
CAMPAIGNS, AND
SENT MESSAGES TO
LEGISLATORS

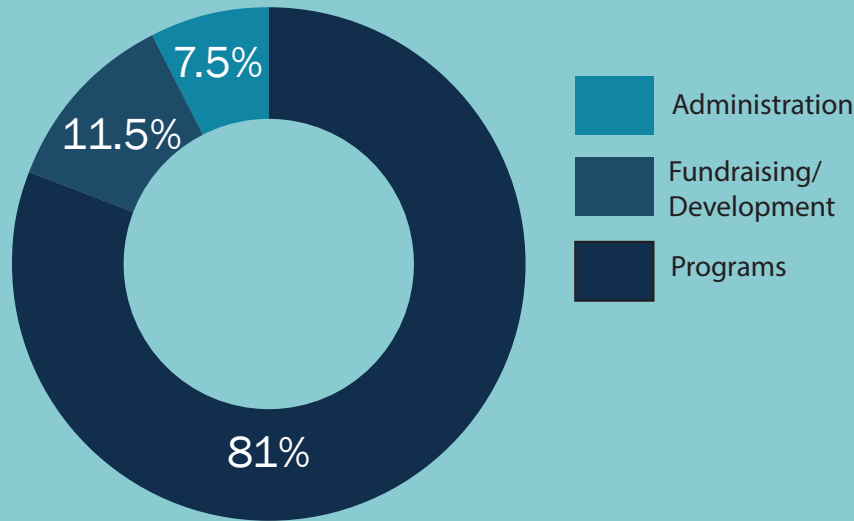
Our Impact on the Ground

“I have worked in the nonprofit sector in several different roles over the past decade, Shared Hope has been instrumental both to me and in the support they gave us as an organization. The word ‘support’ really doesn’t cover it because over the years they have become colleagues and friends. They encourage, empower, and advise whenever needed. They are cheerleaders for all survivors, not just for me, and for other nonprofits in the fight. Partnering with Shared Hope International is more than a funding check and a grant report... it is relationship. They don’t just say they want to impact human trafficking, and survivors, they actually do it! Their impact across our nation alone is incalculable. Their grant partnerships, trainings, and resources allow nonprofits like ours to be the boots on the ground providing desperately needed services and care to victims of human trafficking.”

Survivor/CEO of a nonprofit



Revenue and Expenses



Total Support and Revenue	\$4,701,202	
International Programs	\$308,093	
Domestic Programs	\$3,044,696	
Total Programs Expenses	(81%)	\$3,352,789
Fundraising/Development	(11.5%)	\$479,313
Administration	(7.5%)	\$309,047
Total Supporting Activities Expenses		\$788,360
Total Expenses		\$4,141,149

Have Confidence in Your Gift

Shared Hope International pledges good stewardship of every donation. 81% of every dollar spent by Shared Hope directly supports our programs, giving hope to the vulnerable adults, girls, and boys that we serve. The gifts we receive enable us to lead a worldwide effort to eradicate sexual slavery... one life at a time. We specifically strive for

- Sound fiscal management
- Commitment to accountability and transparency

We are audited on an annual basis by an independent CPA firm and have received a clean opinion every year. In addition, we are members of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and have met their standards consistently.



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