

IMPACT REPORT

JULY 2024 -2025

Dear Hope Found Supporter,

This past year has been remarkable for our organization as we made significant strides in our fight against human trafficking.

We launched our Teen Empowerment Classes, providing young people with crucial education and tools to recognize and prevent trafficking. We also established Survivor Support Groups, creating safe spaces for healing and community. Our dedicated team supported law enforcement in three sting operations, directly contributing to the recovery of victims and the removal of traffickers from our community.

In addition, we welcomed a new Community Educator, Erica Parker, whose important work helps raise awareness and build partnerships across neighborhoods and organizations. These achievements wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our donors, partners, and volunteers.

As we look forward to building on this momentum, we invite you to join us in making an even greater impact. Your financial support enables us to expand our programs, reach more individuals affected by trafficking, and continue our vital work. Please consider renewing your support or giving a gift today—together, we can create a safer, more informed community for everyone.

Thank you for standing with us in this fight.

With gratitude,

-Megan Brown

Executive Director



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HOPE IN ACTION

Not every story we tell is wrapped in a happy ending — but every story matters.

Earlier this year, a local detective reached out to us with an update on a case he feared had gone cold. Aaliyah, a 17-year-old who had been missing for months, had been found in another state, deep into trafficking. She wasn't rescued in a dramatic sting. She was found through quiet persistence — the detective tracked her digital footprint, following social media posts until he located her.

Through our collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Arkansas State Police, our advocate flew out to meet her and brought her back home to Arkansas. Aaliyah was exhausted, emotionally numb, and hesitant to trust anyone. But once we met her in the airport, our advocate showed up like she always does — with compassion, consistency, and no judgment.

For a while, she let us in.

She started to talk about her life, her pain, and even dreams for something different. She considered enrolling in school. She laughed again. She reconnected with her younger sister.

But trauma is not something you just walk away from.

Despite all the progress, the pull of addiction and the manipulative hold of her trafficker crept back in. One day, in the middle of the afternoon, she chose to leave her safe housing.

We later learned she'd been picked up by her suspected trafficker. Still in survival mode. Still running.

Aaliyah's story doesn't end here — because she's still out there. And so are we. Advocating. Planting seeds. Hoping.

Often the road to a better life is long and hard for a survivor. It's worth our time, money, and effort

This is the reality of our work: sometimes healing takes years, and sometimes we only get to be one chapter in someone's long and complicated story.

We share Aaliyah's journey not to discourage you but to remind you why your support matters. Every outreach, every hour of advocacy, every call we take matters. Because every young person like Aaliyah deserves someone who won't give up.

Thank you for standing with us, even when the road is long.

IMPACT IN PREVENTION



47

presentations given



26

events participated in



6

teen empowerment classes
LAUNCHED this year



105

people completed the VR
Experience, Trapped



41

media interviews



81

youth completed the
iEmpathize Exploitation
Prevention Curriculum



387

youth educated
with our human trafficking
presentation



542

community members
educated with our human
trafficking presentation

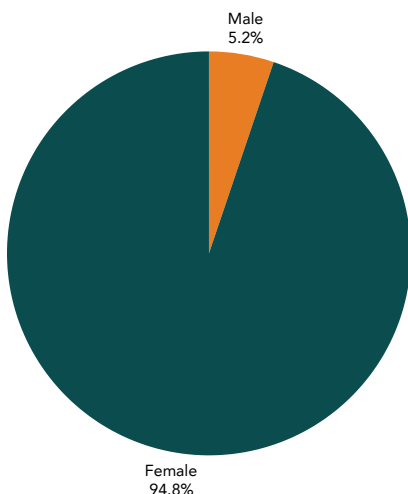
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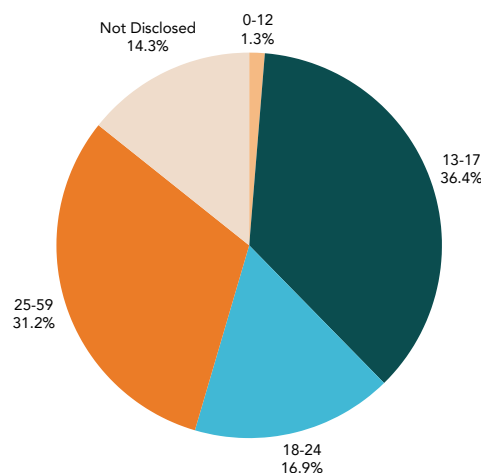
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victims of trafficking or exploitation served
through advocacy and holistic care coordination

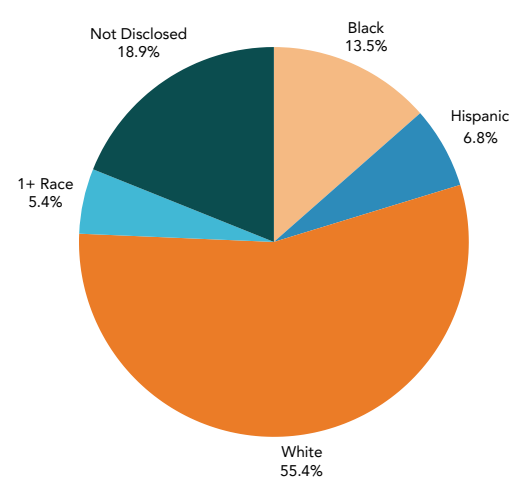
GENDER BREAKDOWN



AGE BREAKDOWN



RACE BREAKDOWN



2024-2025 TEAM

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TOGETHER

we can fight human trafficking.

WAYS TO GIVE AND VOLUNTEER



101 Presentations

We offer education to the community on understanding human trafficking. Presentations are offered to minors and adults. Contact Erica at info@hopefoundnea.org.



Volunteer

We are in need of Hope Found volunteers to serve us by helping with fundraising, events, awareness or helping us with our survivor services program. Fill out our volunteer application at www.hopefoundnea/getinvolved.



Give

Needs

We always need gift cards - these are an immediate and direct way to help survivors. Types of gift cards used: grocery stores, fast food restaurants, dollar stores, gas cards, Visa and Mastercard.

We are also collecting some items for our Bags of HOPE. These bags will be an emergency response bag for victims of human trafficking. Visit our website to view items we currently need today!

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November 8, 2025
Brewing Hope Coffee Festival



TBA 2026
Date Night with a Purpose



May 2026
Ride Against Trafficking