

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



## From our CEO

2023, the Year Recover Hope made our largest community engagement to fight Human Trafficking thus far. As we started tallying the number of people we met, educated and shared with, we were astounded. Thank you to YOU, our donor, volunteer, collaborating nonprofits and community base. You made it possible for all of these things to happen. We cannot do this work without you!

We were able to host Focus Groups for part of the jurisdictions we serve. Our hope is to connect the other areas in the coming year. Learning from leadership and supporting entities, provides Recover Hope with how to serve each area best to fight Human Trafficking. One Focus Group led to the first Labor Trafficking Law in Virginia being introduced with bipartisan co-patrons at the 2024 General Assembly.

We had our first television interviews with a potential reach of 92,000 homes, and connected with thousands more at the Chesterfield County Fair as well as the Tri-Cities Home and Garden Show. We also added an Intern to our staff from George Mason University. She is awesome!

We met a major goal by recording our Volunteer Training through a grant from The Cameron Foundation upon completion of a 6-month process to develop a 3-year Strategic Plan.

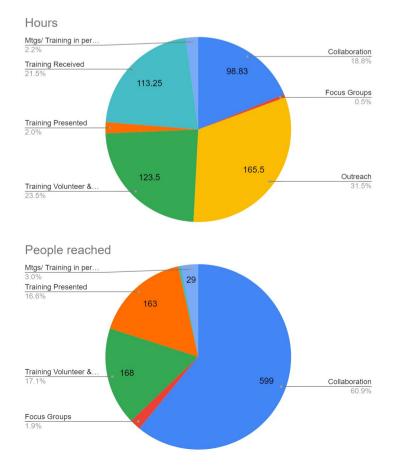
We were honored to join with now Commonwealth Attorney Erin Barr to provide insights regarding Human Trafficking and Sugar Dating with psychology students at VSU. We look forward to holding more sessions in 2024, adding Richard Bland College to those being educated. We will embark on a mentorship provided by Well Spring Living in Atlanta in order to prepare and move closer to opening our home Restoration Station.

Thank you for your prayers and your help both in service and financially. We cannot wait to see what else 2024 has in store in order to optimally serve South/South Central Virginia in the fight Against Human Trafficking. Stay tuned. We look forward to working with and for you in 2024.

Peace and Blessings on Behalf of Recover Hope,

### **Linda Hawkins**

### **President/CEO**



You likely think that human trafficking doesn't happen in Southside Virginia. However, in Chesterfield County alone, there have been 17 operations with 33 arrests in 2023, and the number continues to grow...

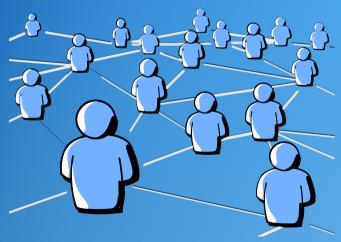
Human trafficking can involve labor trafficking or sex trafficking. Victims can be men or women, adults or children.

These people are preyed upon...

... And it's time to say NO to their predators.

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United together, we can fight against this crisis in our community and help victims take their lives back!