



2021
ANNUAL
REPORT



Celebrating Five Years

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear NH Family,

We started the year with the theme “Be Brave,” and it couldn’t have been more fitting. We saw it play out over and over: When three of our women completed the NH Residential Program and moved into NH4 Independent Living, they were being brave. When we closed on a new building for the first-of-its-kind Day Program for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, bravery and faith were our weapons to fight against fear and doubt. When we launched new groups in under-served communities, participants bravely showed up, looking for hope and healing from their trafficking.

Jesus Himself told us to be brave (John 16:33). I find such kindness and tenderness in His words, especially when He knew that the world would bring us trouble and suffering. He’s the answer, and the source of our courage. One woman at NH Residential took a beautiful (and brave) step of faith this year when she trusted Jesus as her Savior. Given her abuse and extensive sexual exploitation, there was no question as to why she struggled with her understanding of God and His love for her. But He met her in her darkness and filled her with faith.

The story gets better. After her faith decision, she shared her testimony in her college speech class. One man was so moved by what she shared, and the joy she exuded while sharing her story, that he said to her, “I want what you have.” She shared the gospel with him, and he too put his faith in Jesus! **Brave.**

This report is filled with stories of brave steps of faith. We recognize the impact the global pandemic has had on all of us, but victims of sexual exploitation were hit particularly hard, creating an even greater need for our services. When we look back at the past twelve months, God was preparing us to grow and expand our services to meet these needs.

With this growth comes our largest-ever operating budget: \$1.1 million. A budget of this size gives us the ability to serve the most women ever, launch two new programs, and hire more staff, all while remaining faithful to our vision: *that every woman who has been commercially sexually exploited deserves a new start.*

Your partnership is directly impacting people’s lives. You’re advocating for Survivors and ushering in resources for healing and contagious faith. You’ve been faithful in financially supporting NH for over five years. Would you consider a gift this month to help us raise \$330,000? Our goal is to raise 30% of our operating budget by January, which will allow us to responsibly implement the expansion of services to more survivors. Your gift will go directly toward offering the hope of a new life.

Merry Christmas and thank you,



Simone Halpin
Co-Founder and Executive Director

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Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.

MARK 5:34

2021 Overview

Ministry Highlights

- 142 referrals to our Residential Program
- Three graduates from our Residential Program
- Six women moved into NH4, our Independent Living Program
- 80+ active volunteers
- Three graduates hired to work for Naomi's House
- 1,200 hours of therapeutic life-skills training and professional therapy provided to the women in our programs
- Total number of women we served across our multiple programs: 50

176 goals were achieved by NH women this year

We track goals because it demonstrates the healing of a Survivor's trauma. When a woman first comes to Naomi's House, trauma has her locked in the past and unable to move forward toward a healthy and abundant life. We coach Survivors to start with small goals and build toward bigger goals. When women accomplish their goals, it builds confidence and gives them the hope they need to move forward. By the end of our program, our goal is that Survivors are not just dreaming about their futures but living fully present.

- Five women enrolled for a GED or college courses
- Seven women completed our jobs training and were hired
- 17 women made progress on their spiritual journeys
- Three women shared with our team that they surrendered their lives to Jesus
- 17 women made progress with their health, including one woman's double hip replacement
- Five women made progress toward family reunification
- 10 women accomplished their sobriety goals

FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Naomi's House relies on the generosity of others to fund the comprehensive and life-changing programs Survivors need. With God's leading and provision, we have faithfully grown to serve more women each year while raising the support to cover all our costs.

Total Operating Revenue: **\$1,208,268**

Total Operating Expenses: **\$643,574**

(Fiscal Year Sept 1, 2020 – Aug 31, 2021)

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This was the best investment I made this past year.

NH PARTNER

Diane

VOLUNTEER SINCE 2019



Diane felt God wanted her to look into volunteering at NH. She describes taking the first step toward NH as “terrifying” because she didn't know how God could use her in a ministry like this one. Diane went through the volunteer application and interview process, which eventually led to a tour of the Residential Program. It was at that visit that she felt like God was saying to her, “This is where I want you.”

Diane says she has learned so much through her time volunteering and walking alongside women in the program. She says that God has used women at NH to help her heal from her own life experiences. Through many years of trials in her own life, she has come to realize that God uses all situations and circumstances in our lives. He used Diane's 10 years of challenges so that she can sit with women at NH and try to understand what it means to have witnessed trauma and help identify it.

Diane says, “By serving, God has redeemed so much in my own life and used it. Every time I leave, I am so filled up. The courage of Survivors and their stories fill me up. I walk away feeling like I received so much more than I gave.”

What we love about Diane's story is that she admits she has more in common with Survivors than she expected. When she first heard about “sex trafficking” she didn't think she would have anything to offer. But now she recognizes that Survivors are strong and resilient, and that being in relationship with them has been healing for her as well. She knows the women at NH care about her as much as she cares about them.

A favorite memory she has with an NH Graduate is when the graduate said to her, “The one thing I've learned about you is that you aren't going anywhere. I've tested you enough to know that you aren't going anywhere.”

Diane's story is reminder that God can and will do so much through all aspects of service at NH. Diane demonstrated courage and obedience to God's calling on her life by just saying “yes.” She's taught all of us that making a difference comes down to being present with people, being unafraid to sit next to others in their pain, and encouraging others just where they are. Diane, we love you and thank you!

Summer

GRADUATE, APRIL 2021



This past April, 14 months after entering our Residential Program, Summer graduated! Summer moved into the program in February 2020, just a few weeks before COVID-19 shut down our communities. We thank God that the pandemic couldn't prevent her from having a life-changing experience at Naomi's House (NH).

Summer was groomed from a young age to be sexually exploited and trafficked. The first time she was sold for sex was at the age of eight. Her traffickers were her parents. She endured years of violence and abuse which led to addiction, an identity crisis, and a misunderstanding of her purpose in life.

In God's unbelievable plan for Summer's life, a Moody Church member knew her from childhood and suggested that she consider NH as a place to heal. Summer was barely functioning. Now in her 30s, she was living on her own, paying her own rent, and free from trafficking, but still very much trapped by the trauma that held her spirit hostage. When her friend suggested NH, it took Summer three months to decide whether she could move halfway across the county and trust an unknown program and a group of strangers to walk with her through her trauma and help her address the abuse that had paralyzed her.

Summer's time at NH was hard but beautiful. It took her weeks to feel settled in, but eventually the slow, individualized pace of our program allowed her to find her way again. The love and grace she experienced at NH was new to her; never had she felt empowered and seen like she did with the NH staff and volunteers. Summer can recall her first breakthrough—Mother's Day 2020. She was grieving an incredible amount of loss, and she remembers the staff at NH just letting her cry and feel that loss while not being afraid that she wouldn't heal from it.

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I never thought it was possible to function like I am now. Sober, working, and not being abused. I'm not the same person I was when I entered NH. I didn't know how to take care of myself... my soul, my mind, my body. Before NH I only knew how to mask my pain. God is showing me grace. It was demonstrated to me at NH. I had visual representation of God's love for me.

Summer is now working at The Gathering Place (TGP). "It has been so powerful to me, that God would use me. It's a chain reaction. I'm excited about what is still to come. I love that the Bible uses the most broken people to bring about the most glory." Summer is actively participating in ending sexual exploitation and ending this violence. It's like nothing we have ever seen before!

Tina

GRADUATE, NOVEMBER 2021



Tina is the “Mama Bear” of Naomi’s House. Her demeanor is kind and nurturing, and the love she has for her family and friends is unmatched. Tina was introduced to alcohol and dangerous, life-altering drugs at a young age, coming to understand early in life that she would struggle with addiction for as long as she lived. Now Tina is in her 50s, and every day that she is sober and living out her dreams is a miracle. Her influence and her mentoring of other women at NH have been life-changing. She speaks wisdom and hope into other Survivors, encouraging them to trust God and lean into His promises. She does this herself and you can’t help but be encouraged when you’re around her!

The combination of commercial sexual exploitation and substance addiction is often lethal. Tina is the first to say that she’s lucky to be alive and that God’s hand has been on her—that He has a purpose for her. She graduated from NH in November and has been accepted into our NH4 Independent Living Program. She’s working full time *and* is in school, demonstrating that there is no ceiling for a woman in her 50s who has suffered such loss and tragedy over multiple decades. She exemplifies the Proverbs 31 woman: wise, prepared, faithful, and puts others before herself.

Never in her life has she been in this place: clean from substances, secure in her relationship with God, financially stable, and confident about her future. Congrats to Tina and her incredible accomplishments!

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“I want to be a role model to other women. I just want to help those who need the help that I got.”

Naomi’s House exists because every woman who has suffered from commercial sexual exploitation deserves a new start.

OUR FOUR PROGRAMS

NH Residential

The 15-month NH Residential Program offers robust resources and support to start a new life after sex trafficking and commercial exploitation. Services include therapy, health care, education, life-skills training, job training and placement, goal planning, Bible study, and more. NH Residential includes 24-hour care and support.

NH4 Independent Living

NH4 equips participants for independence while providing resources that eliminate potential vulnerabilities to relapse. Rent assistance, continued therapeutic services, case management, education, spiritual discipleship, and survivor leadership are at the core of NH4 programming.

The Gathering Place

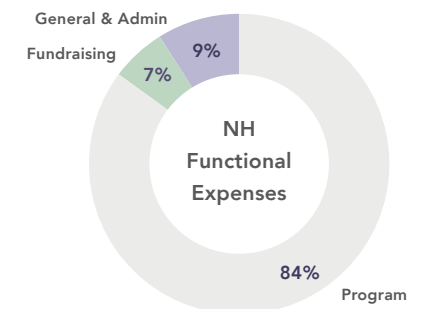
The Gathering Place is a highly-resourced Day Program that reduces a woman’s vulnerabilities to further exploitation through education, trauma-informed therapy, spiritual discipleship, and job placement. Modeled after NH Residential, The Gathering Place is a communal space with all the resources needed for a survivor to begin her healing journey.

NH Reset

NH Reset provides low-barrier, highly-relational programming for women still feeling trapped in the life of exploitation. NH Reset offers drop-in hours in strategic locations so survivors can rest, meet with our staff, and consider their options for a different life. NH Reset also offers case management, emotional support, and a safe space to connect with other survivors.

Your Partnership Empowers New Life

Our operating budget this year is \$1.1M
(Fiscal year is Sept 1 – Aug 31)



Serving More Women



Our programs are expanding! This year we opened our first Day Program called The Gathering Place. We also responded to the urgent need for drop-in services in two under-resourced areas, Elgin and Chicago, with a new program called NH Reset.

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Continuum of Care

With our multi-tiered continuum of care for Survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, we've been able to reach more women than ever before. And our commitment to programmatic excellence for Survivors remains the same, as they work through our programs toward these outcomes:

REDUCE VULNERABILITIES

Survivors are met with a dignified conversation and the opportunity to hear about resources that could affect their futures and usher in hope and healing. Care plans are created to empower Survivors to address their obstacles and reduce their vulnerabilities.

REBUILD

As Survivors begin to heal, they slowly and strategically rebuild their lives. They stand firmly on their faith and trust that God has not wasted their pain. Survivors launch from NH as leaders with a deeper understanding of God's love for them and His plan for their lives.

RESTORE FAMILIES

As Survivors prepare to graduate and reestablish their place in the community, they focus on lost relationships. Families are restored and children are reunited with their moms after Survivors tend to their trauma and heal from their trafficking.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

In order to end human trafficking, we must tirelessly educate our communities about the horrific reality of its depth and complications. Survivors are the best people to lead the charge in education and awareness on what trafficking looks like and what it takes to heal from sexual trauma.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Together, we can offer hope and healing to survivors and bring an end to human trafficking. There are many ways you can join this fight on behalf of women who deserve a chance to start a new life.

Volunteer

Partner with Naomi's House as a program volunteer or an advocate

Give

Make a financial donation that will help provide care

Partner

Join our prayer team and receive monthly newsletters and prayer requests

To get involved, please visit naomishouse.org

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I found myself again and I've become the person God made me to be. I had lost myself for so long.

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