

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a light-colored, textured book. The person is wearing a white top and a gold necklace with a black cross. The book cover has the text "hope lives here" printed in purple. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light green.

hope lives here



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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And don't forget to do good and  
to share with those in need. These are  
the sacrifices that please God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NLT

HOPE AND HEALING LIVE HERE

## Goodness Rising All Around

What a joy it is for me to deliver news of God's goodness seen over this past year! At every turn, God poured out care through Naomi's House to survivors of sex trafficking, giving these beloved women true hope and healing. We are so grateful!

Cultivating the goodness of God has been our team's focus throughout 2022, based on the call from Hebrews 13 to "keep doing good." **Faithfulness is essential at Naomi's House—for the women as they do the hard work of recovery and for the team as we walk with them.** There are no shortcuts in the healing journey.

**Your faithful support in 2022 has also been essential! You have sustained every participant, and every team member, every step of the way.** Here's just one example of the power your faithfulness has had for one of our Reside graduates:

When she entered the Reside program, her brain would shut off whenever confronted by something hard or challenging. She would escape mentally, hoping to protect herself from more harm. This serious mental roadblock isn't easy to overcome, but she fought for healing and reached incredible milestones. She shares, "The more I understand how trauma impacts my brain, the more control I get back over my own body."

The change she's experienced is absolutely incredible. **Today, we celebrate her progress—and her graduation from Reside after 20 months of recovery work.** Her perseverance in the healing journey is inspiring!

Walking with women to hope and healing is why Naomi's House exists. **And your gifts in 2022 made goodness abound for survivors in our Reside, Rise, and Reset programs.** May you be greatly encouraged by the highlights in this year's report, knowing that you've made an immeasurable impact for women through Naomi's House.

Thank you for making goodness rise with us!



Simone Halpin  
Co-Founder and Executive Director

## An Incredible Year



God's loving care for women in need of hope and healing poured out in abundance this year!

In 2022, services and programming expanded. More than 140 women were referred directly to Reside, and in all, we served 110 women across all 3 programs! More than 1,200 hours of therapy, life skills, and professional development were provided.

Women made incredible progress toward their goals for family therapy, safe housing, education, driving lessons, job placement, and more. We cannot praise their courage and dedication enough!

There are countless stories of healing and provision that were made possible because of your faithful support through Naomi's House. Our mission is to provide women with hope and healing from commercial sexual exploitation. With your support, Naomi's House is the place where women find it.

## So Much Goodness

We have so many stories of life change that we could share from this past year. There wasn't room for all of them, so we had to pick just a few! To give you a sense of the massive impact you've had through Naomi's House, just take a look at these stats from 2022. Your caring investment is changing many lives!

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I never would have imagined feeling so welcomed, accepted, and cared for while being incarcerated. Coming to your groups feels like a soothing, relieving, warm-fuzzy hug. Thank you for... hope, comfort, and more confidence than I thought possible.

A Rise Attendee

### RESIDE BY-THE-NUMBERS

- 10 participants + 2 graduates served
- 5 completed job and employment training
- 3 enrolled in job coaching
- 2 enrolled in college + 1 enrolled GED course
- 7 renewed or began a relationship with Jesus

### RISE BY-THE-NUMBERS

- 80 participants served
- 304 hours of group therapy in the DuPage County Jail with 6–10 participants per group
- 6 families in therapy & 12 children received services
- 5 moved into our Independent Living Apartments

### RESET BY-THE-NUMBERS

- 20 participants served
- 2 offered housing support
- 10 referred to Rise for therapy

### GROWING EDUCATION & AWARENESS

- 21 community meetings & trainings
- 5 church presentations + 5 ministry fairs
- 2 virtual Human Trafficking 101 sessions

### VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

- 95 team volunteers
- 240 one-time volunteers for yard work, meal train, etc.
- 35 first-time volunteers
- 12 volunteer trainings

OUR SOLUTION

## Hope Lives Here

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Naomi's House provides high quality service for [survivors], while also providing excellent training and supervision for future Marriage and Family Therapists. The Wheaton College MFT program is thrilled to continue our partnership and look forward to future possibilities.

David Van Dyke, PhD  
Marriage and Family Therapist Program Director  
Wheaton College

At Naomi's House, women with a lifetime of complex trauma and exploitation find healing and hope for a fresh start. Each woman receives individualized treatment to address her specific situation and needs. Our strengths-based approach equips her to own her personal healing journey and advocate for the bright future she envisions.

Every step of her journey, Naomi's House is there. Our unwavering belief in her worth and potential are a source of courage and strength to find the healing she deserves. Your gifts this year have provided life-changing care to women who needed the hope and healing our programs deliver. Your investment makes it possible for women to find freedom and wholeness.

**Here's how your partnership this past year specifically reached women through our three comprehensive programs.**

## RESIDE A PLACE TO HEAL

In 2022, our Reside Program grew inside and out—and in unexpected, amazing ways. Most notably, **the 10 women served at Reside this year were quite similar to one another: most were age 35 years or older, most were moms who wanted to forge more stable relationships with their children.** The profile of our staff had a similar bent: all were more mature, experienced leaders who provided strength and stability to the participants and to our program as a whole. These unexpected developments are further evidence of God's provision, drawing together a community of women—both staff and participants—who can support each other on the healing journey.

## RISE A PLACE TO GROW

This marks the first full year of Rise programming, and where it is today is beyond what we could have imagined when it first began! **More than 80 women participated in 2022.**

As we met week after week, and heard about their specific needs, **the Rise offering expanded: what women needed most was healing within their families.** Most participants have children of their own but also need to repair relationships with parents and extended family members. Rise gave us the structure and place to offer a larger spectrum of care via multi-generational therapy and services. The healing that has happened between women and their children and their parents has been nothing short of astounding. We cannot wait to see what God will do in 2023.

## RESET A PLACE TO HOPE

With so many women in harmful, exploitative situations throughout Chicago, there simply aren't enough services to meet their needs. Reset fills one of the biggest service gaps for women who desperately need care and support. Naomi's House partners with several agencies to provide our signature trauma-informed, holistic services to women who arrive looking for options. **By partnering with agencies like Emmaus, Salvation Army Stop It, and the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force, we are able to reach more women in more places all around the city. This year, 20 women were served at Reset** and received essential services made possible by partners like you.

# Meet Nicky

When Nicky walked into Reset, she was badly bruised. Making eye contact was nearly impossible, and she was shaking all over. Her voice was so damaged from emotional abuse that she could only manage to whisper—you had to lean in to hear her. We knew little of her story: *She was in her mid-40s, a mom to a teenager. As a survivor of childhood abuse, she had never lived on her own. She has seen and experienced everything evil one could imagine.*

**But she was finally ready to begin a healing journey.**

Nicky first learned about Naomi’s House services through Reset and our very own Survivor Leader, who had just graduated the year prior. Through Reset, Nicky received case management support, basic living materials, and a referral to Reside. Just a few weeks later, Nicky moved into Reside for residential programming.

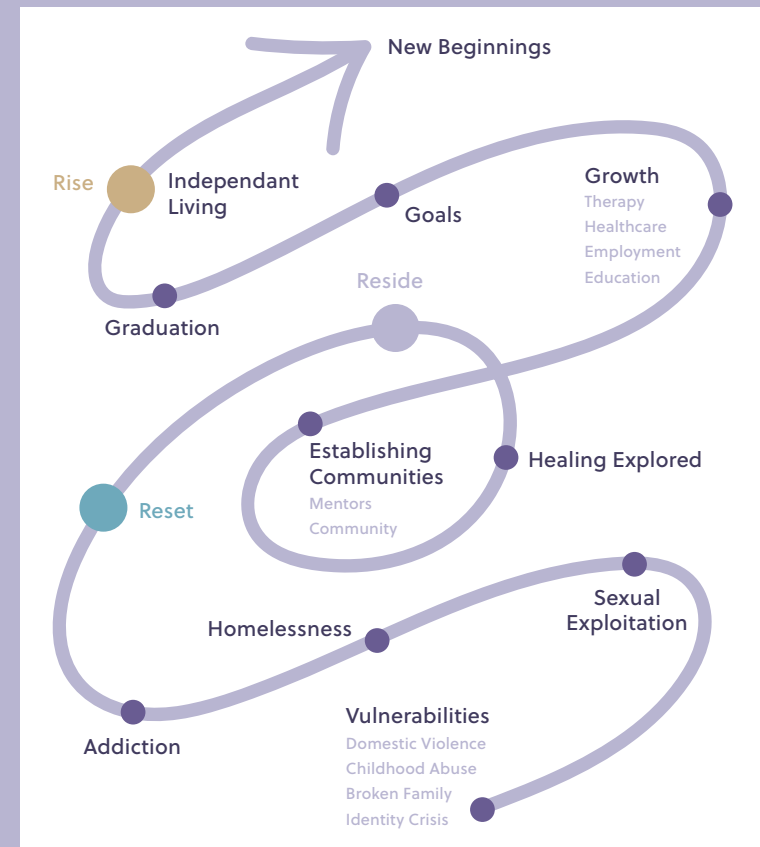
At Reside, Nicky found the transformational healing she needed. She’s been learning how to be the mom she hopes to be, making up for lost time with her family while learning to grow with them. They are in therapy together, breaking years of bondage that kept them in conflict.

After 18 months, Nicky graduated from Reside this year. She fought for her healing, and now she’s able to pursue certification as a paraprofessional to work with disabled children. She’s already completed her first college semester!

**Thanks to the support you’ve made possible, Nicky is living in her own apartment and continues to build a bright future with our continued support through Rise. We are amazed at Nicky’s progress. And we can confirm that her voice healed—she no longer struggles to advocate for herself. Her life is a loud and clear testament to God’s goodness rising in Naomi’s House!**

## Our holistic approach for each woman’s healing.

We’ve listened to Survivors for the past six years, and everything we’ve learned has helped us develop a holistic model of care. Naomi’s House truly walks with each woman as they find healing and wholeness! Having all three programs at Naomi’s House is essential to equip Survivors and meet their needs on an individual level. Nicky exemplifies this—her journey to start over included a stop at each one of our three programs. Today, Nicky is flourishing because the Naomi’s House model provided all the emotional, spiritual, and tangible resources she needed to live out the life God intends for her.



# Meet Hazel

IN HER OWN WORDS



Hazel is a living, breathing miracle. When she entered Reside, her traumatic past was overshadowing every moment of her present. After 20 months of recovery work, Hazel graduated and is now moving to Independent Living through the Rise Program. This is her graduation speech, with minor edits for readability.

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who's here today for coming and showing their support for me and my journey.

**First, I want to talk about my growth in trust.** In trusting the wrong people in the past, it got me hurt and made me afraid to let anyone in. With Naomi's House showing me kindness, patience, and love, and allowing me to show my feelings without relationship issues, it helped me to realize that I could trust people. I am excited about building new friendships, without worrying about letting the wrong people in.

**Second, the healing I have found here has been amazing.** I found the courage to heal from the trauma that kept me stuck in the life I didn't want. I've learned more about myself and who I truly am without fear of others judging me. Also, the relationships I have built will be long lasting—from the church family, to the staff, volunteers, and peers who have been a big part of me reaching my goals and have been a huge blessing to me. With this new awareness, I have been able to dream and plan for the future, instead of just moment to moment living.

**Lastly, I found courage while at this program.** I became an advocate for myself and found the ability to use my voice without the fear of losing those closest to me. With God, I know there is nothing I can't do. I have peace that if he brings me to it, he will bring me through it. The Lord gave me the courage to come to Naomi's House and complete this program. And for that I'm grateful. I am free from the control of others who have used and hurt me. They have lost their power over my life. I get to make the choices over my life and that—with God—is the best freedom anyone can hope for. All in all, I'm a changed and powerful woman, like God has always intended me to be.

In closing, I want to thank everyone once again for the support that you've shown me. All the growth, strength, and freedom I have in my life came while at Naomi's House, and this train doesn't stop here! It is only the beginning. May God bless all of you for pouring into me and to my peers. Stay encouraged on this road and know people have your back!

**"I believe the hurdles Hazel came to Naomi's House with became a launching pad for her to build community and identify what she wanted for her future. For the first time in her life, Hazel now has the ability to see herself walk out her hopes and dreams."**

Asia, Reside Program Advocate

GROWING STRONG, THANKS TO YOU

YOUR  
SUPPORT  
MAKES  
GOODNESS  
GROW

*Thank You!*

SHARING GOD'S GOODNESS

## Naomi's House is planting roots

We've seen goodness rising in a significant way this year: By answering the call to mentor other agencies as they answer a similar call to launch agencies to help survivors. With great intention and strategy, we've stepped forward to mentor several organizations on how to launch an effective, trauma-informed, and gospel-centered program.

Our first invitation was an NH veteran: meet Julie Ipema.

Julie started working with Naomi's House Survivors in 2017 as an intern Shift Supervisor for our Reside Program. She was in her second career, with six grandchildren, and a graduate student studying social work. She went on to complete a second internship with us.

That's when Julie sensed the Lord call her to serve survivors in Northwest Indiana and approached us with the mentorship idea. We are so excited to assist Julie and her team in launching Sheltered 91. Each month, they receive customized coaching from the NH Leadership Team. Sheltered 91 is set to begin serving women in spring 2023.

And now, we've added to the mentoring effort by adding two more groups from two more states. Planting other organizations to do the good work of serving survivors is a beautiful and strategic way to multiply hope and healing!

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I'm so excited to see how God will use Sheltered 91 to help even more women. If God can use me to do this, with the help of Naomi's House, I can only imagine how many more women will experience hope and healing.

Julie Ipema, Founder of Sheltered 91

YOU MAKE AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT

## Even more goodness ahead

We believe that **healing takes place in community**. Survivors know this firsthand, and we see evidence of it every day through Naomi's House. We also know that **healing takes place because of community**. Naomi's House serves Survivors because of your faithful partnership, and it is only with your partnership that we will be able to step into greater service in 2023.

The 12-month future of NH includes a second Reset Program in Kane County, followed by a second Rise Day Program, and by 2024, a second Reside Residential Home.

These are big goals—big solutions—to address an even bigger problem. Women and girls are still being sexually exploited and suffering from sex trafficking throughout Chicagoland. We will not—we cannot—tire of helping relieve suffering and doing good to our sisters and daughters. Our model has been effective, not just in offering hope to Survivors but also in assisting them to take back the autonomy of their lives and believe God for true reconciliation and healing.

There is much to do. And there is so much more goodness ahead for Survivors and for Naomi's House. But it's only possible with your continued partnership and support. Your goodness is the solution and the hope that fuels healing.

**We look forward to all that's possible in 2023 as we partner together. Thanks for being a vital part of the goodness to come!**

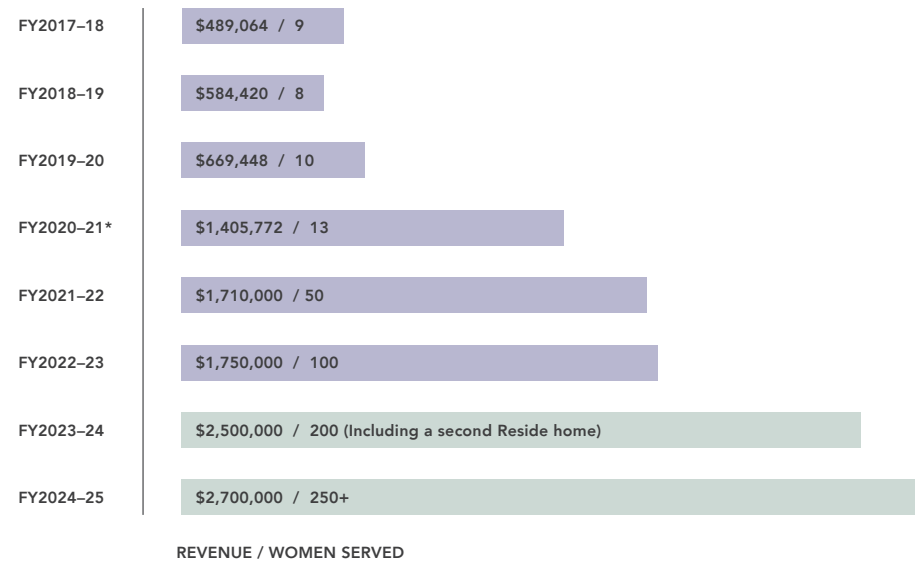
## INVESTMENT SUMMARY

# FY 2021–22 Financial Overview

### A GROWING REACH

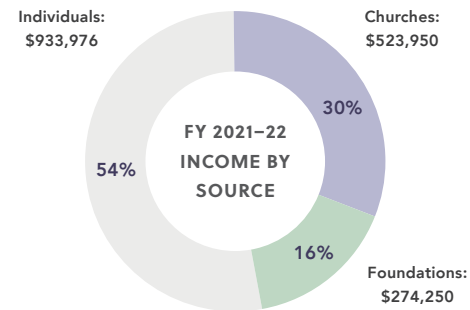
Since 2017, generous partners of Naomi's House have made significant growth possible to provide hope and healing to women who experienced sexual exploitation.

### ANNUAL REVENUE BY YEAR



### THE POWER OF OUR COMMUNITY

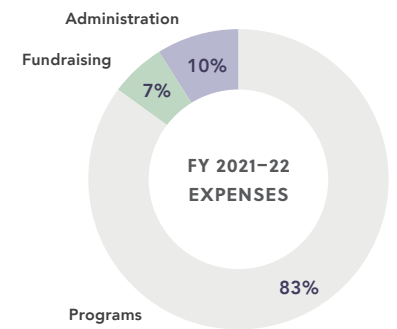
Here is how the Community has come together for the Survivors at NH in FY2021-22.



Total FY 2021-22 Income \$1,732,176

### YOUR DIRECT MISSION IMPACT

More than ever before, women in need of hope and healing from sexual exploitation have been directly supported by YOU through Naomi's House.



Total FY 2021-22 Expenses \$896,272



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**Jesus said to her, 'Daughter, your  
faith has healed you. Go in peace and  
be freed from your suffering.'**

**MARK 5:34**



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