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I am so excited for 2025! It will be a historic year as we commemorate 20 years of impact in Houston — but as we look forward to a year of celebration, we also look back, recognizing that 2024 was also one for the ages!

In the pages of this report, you'll read how in 2024 we:

- Elevated our work to provide more and higher-quality services to survivors of trafficking
- Purchased our first building
- Hired full-time staff in Louisiana and expanded our program offerings there

Our twenty-year history is filled with stories of leaders who saw a need and took action to meet it — often in the form of a significant leap of faith.

United Against Human Trafficking continued this legacy in 2024 by doing those three things — and much more.

It was a momentous year!

Maybe that's why we feel so much momentum going into 2025, and why I am excited to continue to elevate and expand as an agency — and unify the community in the fight to end human trafficking.

We're better together.

For twenty years, it has been our goal to ensure that everyone is free. The Houston Rescue & Restore Coalition — as we were called upon our founding in 2005 — was created to help anyone willing to engage in this task feel welcome. Even as we grew as an agency and began offering our own direct services, unifying everyone in the movement has remained a pillar of our efforts. After twenty years of community building, it's still not about us. We want to be survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent in our work — and unite with anyone who shares that goal.

As United Against Human Trafficking celebrates twenty years of impact in 2025, there is much to reflect on and celebrate! We hope you'll join us this year as we dance, sing, shout, hug, and honor those who came before us.

But anniversaries are not just about looking backward. We also intend to look forward, casting a vision for the future of the movement. In a world with so much division, we will continue to insist on following what President Abraham Lincoln called “the better angels of our nature.” We will meet each other in our humanity, understanding Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s premise that whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

In times like these, we must unite. Reflect? Yes. Celebrate? Of course! But above all, we will unite. Consider more wise words from Maya Angelou:

“I have learned that people will forget what you said, forget what you did, but never forget the way you made them feel.”

In my tenth year of leadership at UAHT, these words resonate. I stand on the shoulders of mentors and leaders who made me feel like I belonged, like I was able, like I could contribute — leaders like Dave Detcher, Angela Blanchard, Angiela Zielinski, and Kelly Young. But before all of them was my mama.

My mama always said, “You want to leave a room better than it was before you came in. And nobody is better than you, and you aren't better than anyone.”

That's precisely what we hope to do moving forward — as an agency and as a coalition of agencies banding together in Houston: make people feel like they matter. And make people feel like they're better off because we were with them.

For our partner agencies, for our community, and ultimately for survivors of trafficking, we want to build on our twenty-year history of making people feel more human, more loved, and more capable.

We have come so far. But we have so much more work to do.

Thanks for joining us in this important work. We are grateful for you.

Timeka Walker
Chief Executive Officer



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WHY WE FIGHT



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Mission

Ending human trafficking through preventing exploitation, educating the community, and empowering survivors.

Vision

We fight so that all may live free.



A HOME FOR HOPE

CELEBRATING OUR NEW BUILDING

This year marks a transformative milestone for United Against Human Trafficking—we purchased our very own building!

This space represents more than just bricks and mortar; it is a beacon of hope, a safe haven, and a Launchpad for empowering countless lives. Our new headquarters is dedicated to advancing our mission, expanding our reach, and creating a lasting impact for survivors and those at risk of exploitation.

Owning our building ensures long-term stability and sustainability for UAHT, allowing us to direct resources more effectively toward what truly matters: serving our community. Purpose-built to meet the unique needs of survivors, this space fosters healing, empowerment, and community connection. It lays the groundwork for growth, innovation, and the capacity to serve more individuals than ever before.



A NEW CHAPTER

The purchase of this building is a testament to the strength of our community, the dedication of our supporters, and the power of our shared mission. It symbolizes our unwavering commitment to creating a safe, supportive space where survivors can heal, grow, and reclaim their futures. This new home is not just a physical structure—it's a promise that together, we can build a world free from human trafficking.

Thank you for celebrating this incredible achievement with us. With your continued support, the possibilities for what we can accomplish here are limitless.



Client Services Hub:

A welcoming, confidential space for survivors to access resources such as transitional housing support, job training, legal services, ESL classes, and wellness programs.



Empowerment and Wellness Space:

Designed to host survivor-led workshops and classes—including fitness, cooking, and journaling—offering a nurturing environment for healing and personal growth.



Community Resource Center:

A venue for community events, partner collaborations, and outreach programs, strengthening ties with the broader community.



Long-Term Impact:

This building enables UAHT to scale its programs, enhance service delivery, and continue making a lasting difference for years to come.



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COFFEE FOR JUSTICE

BREWING CHANGE

UAHT TAKES THE HELM

AT A 2ND CUP

This year, we proudly assumed operations of A 2nd Cup, Houston's first nonprofit coffee shop dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking.

For years, A 2nd Cup has stood as a cornerstone in the fight against trafficking, serving as a hub for community connection, education, and exceptional coffee. By stepping into this role, United Against Human Trafficking ensures the shop's mission and impact will continue to thrive, creating an even greater platform for change.

A 2nd Cup is more than just a coffee shop—it's a movement. Through its welcoming atmosphere, educational initiatives, and commitment to social good, it has become a trusted community space where awareness transforms into action. By managing this beloved institution, UAHT seamlessly integrates its mission into everyday experiences, making it easier for the community to engage in the fight against human trafficking.

What This Means for the Community

A Space for Awareness:

A 2nd Cup provides a unique venue for raising awareness about trafficking, hosting workshops, survivor panels, and educational events for individuals and organizations.

Supporting Survivors:

Proceeds from every cup of coffee directly support UAHT's programs, helping survivors reclaim their lives and build brighter futures.

Community Connection:

The shop continues to serve as a welcoming space for meaningful conversations, collaboration, and reflection, fostering unity in the fight against trafficking.

A Growing Impact:

With UAHT at the helm, A 2nd Cup is poised to

expand its reach, introducing new initiatives that blend community engagement, awareness, and action.



Celebrating the Future

By taking over A 2nd Cup, we have deepened our commitment to creating a world free from human trafficking. This partnership underscores the power of community-driven action, showing that even something as simple as enjoying a cup of coffee can make a profound difference.

We invite you to stop by, savor a great cup of coffee, and join the conversation. Together, we can continue brewing change—one cup at a time.

CLIENT SERVICES

Client Services lies at the heart of our mission, offering personalized, client-centered support to survivors of trafficking as they rebuild their lives.



By addressing each individual’s unique needs and goals, we empower clients to overcome barriers, develop life skills, and achieve lasting independence. Whether it’s securing safe housing, finding employment, or accessing educational opportunities, our team is dedicated to walking alongside survivors every step of the way. We serve individuals of all gender identities, foreign nationals and domestic clients, and those who have experienced both sex and labor trafficking.

Survivors face complex challenges on their journey to healing and self-sufficiency, such as finding stable housing, securing employment, and overcoming language barriers. Our holistic approach ensures that no client is left to navigate these obstacles alone. By providing tailored services, we create opportunities for empowerment and transformation, helping survivors reclaim their dignity and independence.

Client Services embodies our commitment to fostering meaningful change in the lives of survivors. By addressing both immediate and long-term needs, we help clients build a foundation for a brighter, more independent future—one success story at a time.



Clients Served:
34 individuals received comprehensive support through our Client Services program.



Transitional Housing:
Launched a transitional housing initiative, providing year-long housing for three foreign national clients.



Key Successes:
Several clients successfully secured safe housing, gained employment, and advanced their education through ESL classes.



Holistic Wellness:
Hosted fitness classes led by a survivor leader at our Client Services building, inspiring others through her journey of resilience and strength.

★ Highlights ★

34 (case-management) clients

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS TO RECOGNIZE AND RESIST TRAFFICKING

Real Talk is a transformative program designed to support individuals at the highest risk of human trafficking or those who have already been trafficked.

Delivered in safe, judgment-free environments, Real Talk fosters open discussions about trafficking, healthy boundaries, trauma, coping mechanisms, and self-worth. By addressing the root causes and vulnerabilities that lead to exploitation, the program empowers participants to reclaim their lives and build resilience against future harm.

Traffickers exploit vulnerability, targeting individuals who lack access to support systems, education, or economic stability. Real Talk provides a critical space for participants to explore their experiences, recognize the red flags of trafficking, and connect with resources that pave the way toward healing and independence. Held in recovery centers, juvenile detention facilities, and county jails, this program meets individuals where they are, offering hope and practical tools for a brighter future. Described by participants as life-changing, Real Talk is a crucial step toward breaking the cycle of exploitation.

Through Real Talk, we continue to shine a light in the darkest corners, equipping participants with the knowledge and confidence to move beyond exploitation and toward empowerment.



Sessions Delivered:
185 group sessions, 1,819 participants in Real Talk sessions conducted across multiple locations.



Locations Served:
Cenikor Recovery Center, Fort Bend Juvenile Detention Center, Harris County Juvenile Detention Center, and Harris County Jail (including the Women's Empowerment Center, Harris County's LGBTQ+ unit, and Harris County's Men's Mental Health units).



Disclosures of Trafficking:
56 individuals courageously disclosed their trafficking experiences, allowing us to connect them to vital resources and support.

★ Highlights ★

185 Group Sessions
1,819 Participants
56 Disclosures of Human Trafficking Received through Real Talk and outreach

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

Preventing Youth from Trafficking empowers young people with the tools and knowledge to recognize and resist trafficking.

Through programs like Real Talk for Youth and Youth Awareness Workshops, we foster awareness and resilience, paving the way for safer, healthier futures.

Youth are particularly vulnerable to trafficking due to age, inexperience, or challenging life circumstances. Education is a powerful tool in combating this vulnerability. Our programs teach youth to recognize grooming tactics, establish healthy boundaries, ensure social media safety, and identify signs of domestic violence and trafficking. By engaging youth in schools, detention centers, and community organizations, we create a foundation of prevention that saves lives.

Preventing Youth from Trafficking is integral to our prevention strategy. By educating and empowering youth, we break the cycle of exploitation and lay the foundation for a generation that is informed, resilient, and ready to advocate for safety and justice.

★ Highlights ★

30 Trainings
674 Participants



Real Talk for Youth:

Delivered impactful sessions in juvenile detention centers across Houston, Fort Bend County, and Lake Charles, Louisiana, as well as in schools and community spaces like Tony's Place.



Youth Awareness Workshops:

Hosted workshops at Madison High School, North Houston Early College High School, Parks Youth Ranch, and the PAL Aging Out Seminar. These workshops provided students with practical tools to stay safe and recognize potential threats.



Reach:

30 Trainings, 674 participants youth served, equipping them to navigate complex social and digital landscapes safely.



REDUCING DEMAND TO END TRAFFICKING



SSE is a groundbreaking intervention program designed to address the demand that fuels sex trafficking. Using an intensive, values-based curriculum, it engages men who have been caught purchasing sex, challenging them to examine the social, ethical, and personal implications of their actions. By fostering empathy and understanding, SSE inspires transformative behavior changes, contributing to the broader fight against exploitation.

Sex trafficking persists because of demand. Addressing this demand is an essential yet often overlooked strategy in combatting exploitation. SSE provides a unique opportunity to engage directly with those whose choices perpetuate trafficking. By encouraging accountability and educating participants on the realities of trafficking, SSE fosters cultural shifts away from commodifying individuals for sex.



Engaged 66 men in the program, bringing total participation to over 200 since inception.



Delivered a life-changing experience, as participants consistently reported transformed perspectives and behaviors.



Expanded accessibility with sessions offered in both English and Spanish, fostering change in diverse communities.

★ Highlights ★

- 11 Cohorts
- 88 Sessions
- 66 Participants

SSE exemplifies our commitment to addressing trafficking from every angle. By reducing demand, we disrupt the systems sustaining exploitation and create a safer, more just world.



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PREVENTION

BUILDING AWARENESS AND STOPPING EXPLOITATION BEFORE IT BEGINS

Our Prevention initiatives equip communities, professionals, and at-risk populations with the knowledge and tools to prevent human trafficking.

Through targeted training, intervention programs, and youth education, we address vulnerabilities and foster a culture of awareness and accountability. Prevention is a cornerstone of our strategy to combat trafficking at its roots.

Front-Line Professional Trainings

Educating front-line professionals is essential to identifying and disrupting trafficking in real time. Healthcare providers, law enforcement officers, educators, and first responders are often the first points of contact for trafficking victims. Empowering them with knowledge and practical tools enables early intervention and prevention.



Trained over 4,965 professionals, including healthcare workers, first responders, educators, and law enforcement officers.



Partnered with organizations such as the Houston Police Department, Texas Children's Hospital, Houston Firefighters, and Houston Methodist Hospital.



Expanded influence by presenting at the Rio Grande Valley Medical Conference and collaborating with Midland Health Center.



Conducted quarterly training sessions at the Houston Fire Academy to prepare cadets to recognize and respond to trafficking scenarios.

These training sessions address challenges specific to each profession, from recognizing behavioral indicators in patients to identifying suspicious patterns during emergencies. They are instrumental in building a community capable of protecting vulnerable individuals and dismantling trafficking networks.

★ Highlights ★

71 Trainings
4,965 Participants

7,558 Total people served 374 Total groups, sessions, and trainings

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING

The United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT) Coalition is a dynamic network of over 60 organizations collaborating to combat human trafficking across Houston and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

By uniting diverse stakeholders—including nonprofits, government agencies, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community groups—the Coalition leverages collective expertise, resources, and passion to drive meaningful change in the fight against exploitation.

Human trafficking is a multifaceted issue that no single organization can address alone. The UAHT Coalition bridges gaps across sectors, fosters open communication, and inspires innovative solutions to protect vulnerable populations and dismantle trafficking networks. By aligning organizations under a shared mission, the Coalition magnifies the impact of individual efforts, creating a coordinated response that supports prevention, intervention, and survivor care.



The UAHT Coalition exemplifies the power of partnership. By uniting organizations across sectors and regions, we build a cohesive front against trafficking, demonstrating that together, we are stronger in the fight for freedom and justice.



Membership Growth:

Expanded to over 60 member organizations, underscoring a commitment to fostering collaboration and broadening the fight against trafficking.



Regional Reach:

Strengthened partnerships in Houston and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, promoting cross-regional knowledge sharing and collaboration.



Capacity Building:

Facilitated training sessions, resource sharing, and strategic planning meetings to enhance member organizations' effectiveness.



Collective Impact:

Identified and addressed service gaps, ensuring comprehensive care for survivors and equipping communities to prevent trafficking.



HTRASummit:

Successfully hosted the two-day Human Trafficking Resource Alliance (HTRA) Summit in partnership with the Houston Police Department. This impactful conference featured presentations and panels by law enforcement representatives, survivor leaders, and anti-trafficking experts, fostering collaboration and providing invaluable insights.



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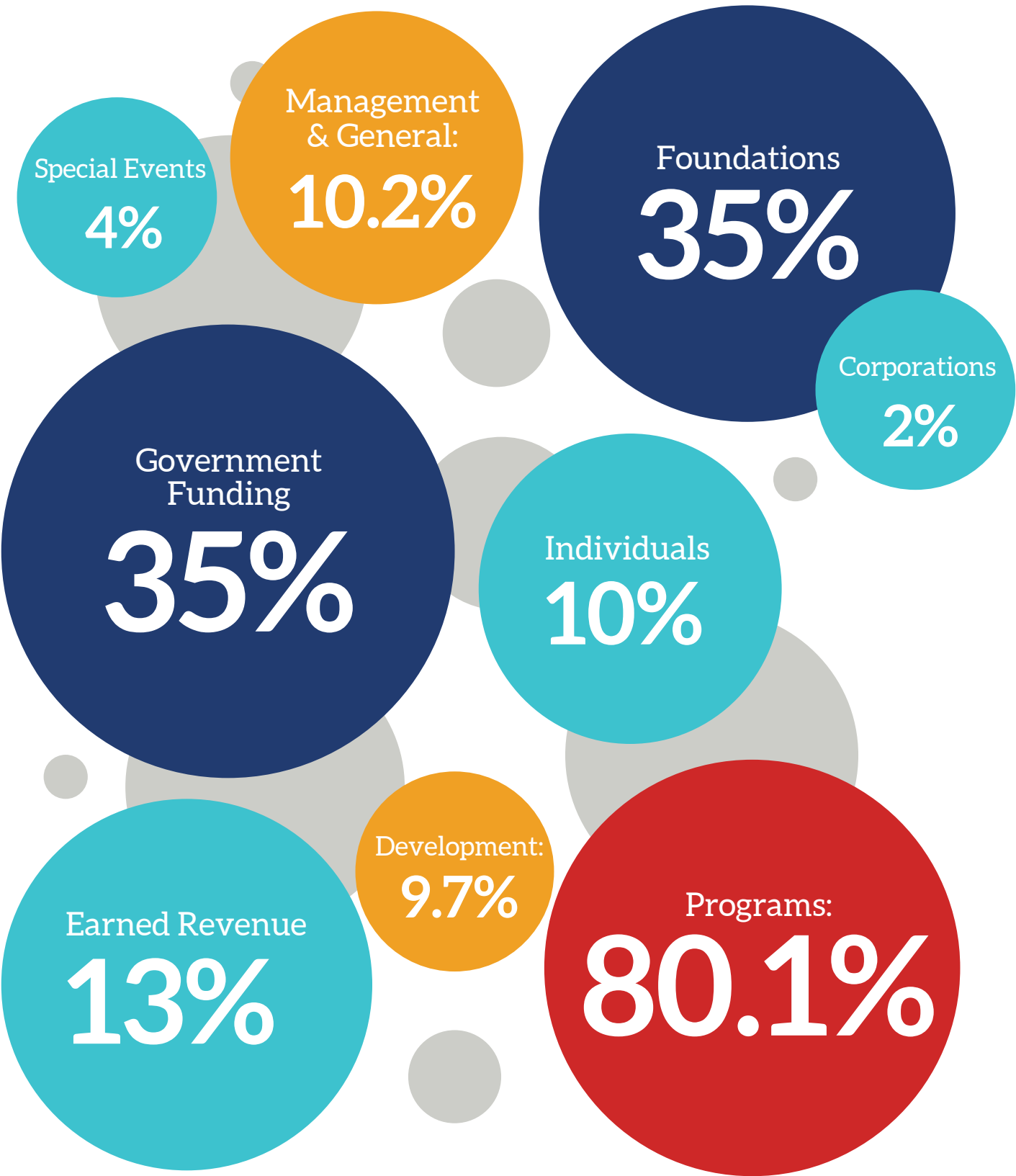
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 - Harris County GOP
 - Houston Area Women's Center
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 - Mahogany Project
 - Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center
 - Nomi Network
 - PATH Collaborative
 - Project Protect Our Children
 - RAICES
 - Refuge for Women Texas Gulf Coast
 - Street Grace
 - Texas Advocacy Project
 - Texas Children's Hospital
 - Thriveworks
 - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
 - U.S. Committee for Refugee and Immigrants
 - WorkFaith Solutions

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

To our supporters, thank you for making this journey possible. Your generosity fuels life-changing programs, empowers survivors, and paves the way for a brighter future. Together, we celebrate the past 20 years and embrace the promise of the next 20—united in our mission to end human trafficking.

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HOW TO TAKE ACTION

DONATE

Every dollar you give to UAHT keeps vulnerable people safe, empowers trafficking survivors to reclaim their lives, and equips community members to fight human trafficking together.

VOLUNTEER

Your interests and skills –public speaking, photography, art, legal aid, hospitality, or anything you do well! – can be applied to fight human trafficking.

MAKE AN INTRODUCTION

Do you know someone we should meet? Maybe it's someone passionate about our mission, has resources to share, or needs to receive our programs. Please, help us connect!

CORPORATE GIFT MATCH

Business owners can double, triple, or even quadruple the impact of their employees by offering a donation-matching program that changes lives.

SPONSOR AN EVENT

Invest in our events that provide resources to vulnerable communities, promote fair labor practices, and provide a platform for trafficking survivors to share their stories.



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