



**Sojourner
Center**

Transforming Lives

ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2021

*Our vision is a world free
from domestic violence*

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Dear Friends,

Trauma affects people differently. Every healing journey is a unique experience.

In FY21, Sojourner Center expanded the depth and breadth of our trauma-informed knowledge through training and education. This empowered us to intentionally meet survivors where they were on their healing journey and provide caring services. We did this by focusing on being sensitive to the impact of trauma on our participants and provided support that recognized the role of trauma in their lives.

This approach to healing requires empathy and understanding of individual needs. To honor every experience, we moved our service to a higher understanding of trauma. We incorporated trauma-informed principles in all that we do to meet the requirements of Trauma-Informed Care certification, which we achieved in 2021. We are one of only two domestic violence shelters in Maricopa County with this distinction.

These times have been financially difficult for many people. Financial abuse is one of the most common reasons that individuals experiencing violence stay in or return to their relationships. More survivors needed financial assistance in 2021 than at any other time in our history. We supported medical and children's needs, transportation, and costs associated with employment, moving into affordable housing, and securing identification that is often left behind when fleeing violence to empower individuals and families to move forward with confidence.

There are more exciting accomplishments on the horizon in 2022: training on sexual violence to become a dual agency and makeovers of our residential shelter units. We are also planning an in-person event in September to celebrate our 45 years of history in serving individuals and families.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to restore dignity and hope to those living with abuse.

With heartfelt gratitude,

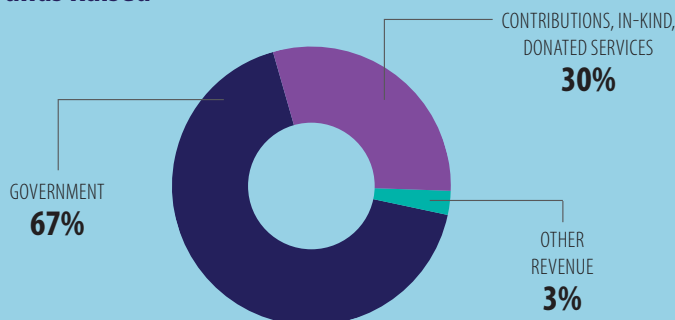

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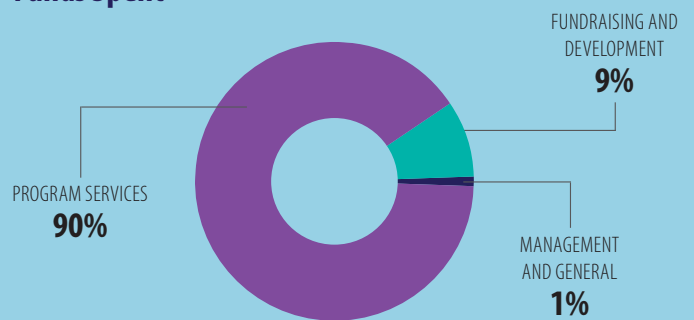
EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Every dollar you give helps us empower individuals and families to live their lives free from abuse. You are key to the success of our mission to overcome the impact of domestic violence, one life at a time.

Funds Raised



Funds Spent





OUR IMPACT

1,303

Individuals found refuge at Sojourner Center

45,663

Nights of crisis shelter and supportive services



OUR WORK

“I didn’t want to give up because of my children. I feel empowered. I’m a survivor, and stronger than I think.”

~ Sojourner Center Participant

79

Pets were kept safe from harm through our Pet Companion Shelter

1,611

People created safety plans and connected with local resources through our hotline shelter advocates

82

People strengthened their economic empowerment through Workforce Development Program activities

79

People began rebuilding their lives while living onsite in our transitional housing program

356

People learned how to navigate the legal system for orders of protection and other civil legal matters through Lay Legal advocacy

181

People not requesting shelter received community-based case management and housing assistance through our Community Outreach Program

73

People received screening and treatment for Traumatic Brain Injury

74,640

Meals and snacks served to survivors of domestic violence



Sojourner Center

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Phoenix, Arizona 85036

602.244.0997 phone
602.244.0089 crisis number

If an emergency, consider calling 911

Learn more about Sojourner Center and how you can get involved through volunteering, corporate matching gift programs, fundraising events, and online fundraising campaigns by visiting sojournercenter.org

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SOJOURNER CENTER'S AREAS OF FOCUS

- Residential programs
- 24-hour crisis line
- Mobile advocacy
- Lay legal advocacy
- Child development center and youth programming
- Personalized safety plan
- Individualized case management
- Workforce development program
- Pet companion shelter
- Traumatic brain injury collaborative

MAKING A LASTING IMPACT

We are grateful for these partnerships that were critical to our ability to serve survivors from October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021.

\$20,000 and above

Catholic Community Foundation
Johnson Family Foundation
ON Semiconductor Foundation
Pakis Family Foundation
PURE Insurance
Rio Verde Country Club's Women's Golf Association

\$10,000 and above

Arizona Republic/azcentral Season for Sharing
Bank of America Charitable Foundation
Barbara E. Kaestner Hughett
Charles A. Sullivan Charitable Foundation
Jim Troxell Foundation
Kimberly J. Dwyer
Mapfire Insurance
Marcia R. Rudd
Richard and Karen Macleod Charitable Lead Trust
The Moreno Family Foundation
The Noel C. and Ida B. Smith Charitable Foundation
Sharon L. Salazar
Signeski Family Foundation
The Surplus Line Association of Arizona Foundation

\$5,000 and above

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