# PAVING THE WAY TOGETHER 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



#### LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Dear Partners,

Looking back on this past year, I marvel at the impact you made in the lives of victims of sexual exploitation. Change and success are sometimes hard to see in the small steps that are taken day to day, however when you look at the whole year, the progress becomes abundantly clear.

In 2019, we acquired more physical space, allowing us to expand and create a dedicated drop-in center and host more individuals through mentoring, groups, and weekly connections. We had higher turnouts for our monthly peer events, building both more community and stronger resilience in the survivors in our programs. As we pushed to become more flexible and creative last year in order to meet the increasing demand for our services, you came alongside to make that happen.

Thank you to all who have given of your time, resources, and prayers for survivors of sexual exploitation and for being the hands and feet of God in our neighborhoods. For many of our participants, it was the first time they experienced safety and love and were able to think about their dreams and future. For others, it gave them the space and time to rest and contemplate their initial steps out of exploitation.

Thank you for being part of their journey into freedom.

Sincerely,

Rosie Garbe

Executive Director

# ABOUT US

Scarlet Road was born in response to the lack of support for victims of sexual exploitation on the Kitsap Peninsula in 2008. We remain centered on our mission, "Through holistic care, we offer the hope of freedom to those who have been sexually exploited."

We believe in a world where survivors of sexual exploitation discover their true value and voice.

# HOW WE DO THIS

At Scarlet Road, we carry out our mission through three strands of programming, that when woven together, make our community a stronger place. Each of these strands has its own unique goals and objectives.



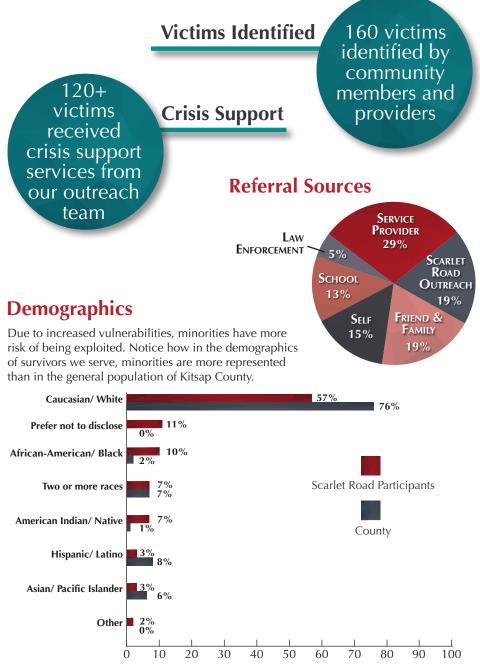
# PREVENT

Through survivor-created interactive training, our Outreach Team equips trainees to safely identify and respond to those in need, in addition to building an understanding of the local realities of the commercial sex trade. In 2019 we trained the following people:



# REACH

Connecting with local victims of sexual exploitation and validating their experiences, our Outreach Team offers hope and a safe way out of their situations.



https://censusreporter.org/profiles/05000US53035-kitsap-county-wa/

# RESTORE

Through our comprehensive Aftercare Program, holistic restorative care is provided to those who have experienced sexual exploitation, empowering survivors to establish healthy, independent lives.





### **JULIANA'S JOURNEY**

He was my best friend. He bailed me out and protected me during the worst abuses of my life. He was powerful and respected in the community. He is the father of my two beautiful and smart children. He also beat me and sold my body to others almost daily for 10 years. I'm learning that abuse can happen to anyone and that it's not my fault. I'm also learning that just because you leave, doesn't mean the battle is over. I'm still hiding from my trafficker even after I left him five years ago.

After I finally successfully left him, I was living out of my car with my children. I had no community or people to turn to outside his influence. I reached out to Scarlet Road who immediately made me feel heard and understood in a way that I hadn't experienced. I have charges on my record that made me fail all housing applications, so Scarlet Road vouched for me and met with a landlord to explain that I was exploited and helped me get into an apartment. They are also helping me get my charges removed and helped me get a job so I can provide for my children.

It's complicated and I am not completely healed from my wounds, but I am on the path to my own freedom and getting my voice back.

# RESTORE

#### WALKING WITH SURVIVORS IN COMMUNITY

#### **Increased Monthly Peer Events**

Mentors, staff and survivors and their families build community at our monthly peer events.





#### Launched Bible Study

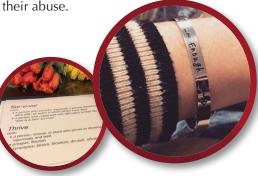
We host a weekly volunteer lead Bible Study and support group.

#### **Expanded Drop-in Center**

We almost doubled our space at our office and now have a dedicated drop-in center for meetings, groups and weekly drop-in hours.

#### **Celebrated Graduations**

We celebrated several graduations of survivors who have successfully left the sex industry and are no longer bound by their abuse.



## **VOLUNTEER IMPACT**

### Our community served survivors through multiple avenues:

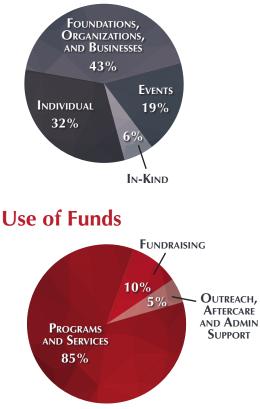
- Over 1,500 hours volunteered
- Essential supplies donated
- Over 200 drop-in center hours staffed
- Provided food, decor and activities for our client holiday celebrations
- Mentored our survivors
- and so much more!

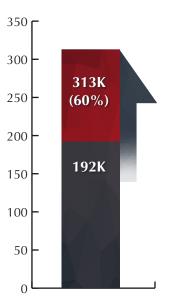


# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Fiscal Year: January 1, 2019– December 31, 2019

#### **Funding Resources**





Total Budget Increase from 2018 to 2019 of 60% (from 192k to 313k).

# Thank you to our Organization Partners who supported us in 2019!

#### \$10,000+

First Federal Community Foundation Gateway Fellowship Kitsap Community Foundation/ Premera Blue Cross Kitsap County 2020 Complete Count Census Committee Serving USA The Norcliffe Foundation Women's Giving Circle of the Kitsap Peninsula

#### \$1,000-\$9,999

Bainbridge Community Foundation **Bayside Community Church Boeing Employees Credit Union Bremerton Rotary** Caring Clowns International Cross Sound Church GracePoint Church Korum for Kids Foundation Naval Base Kitsap Religious Offering Fund Northwest Care Senior Living Port Gamble S'klallam Tribe Port Madison Enterprises Port Madison Lutheran Church Rathke Mechanical LLC Seaside Church Silverdale Rotary Suguamish Tribe StolenYouth The Medina Foundation **Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions** West Sound Dermatology

Also, **THANK YOU** to all of our donors! Each of you are making a difference and we are so grateful to do this work together!

### **2019 LEADERSHIP TEAMS**

#### **STAFF DIRECTORS**

Rosie Garbe, MA / Co-Founder & Executive Director Victoria Ahlfors / Co-Founder & Director of Outreach Jana Goyenechea, MSW / Co-Founder & Director of Aftercare Andrea Wilson, CPA / Director of Finance & Engagement

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Annie Ludlow / Chairman of the Board, Networking & Awareness Lisa Wray / Secretary of the Board, Marketing & Design Patty Schindler / CCP Emeritus, Health Services John Hays / Broker & Realtor John Garland / Family & Sexual Violence Investigator





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