

2026 RESTORATION REPORT

# RESTORE & PREVENT



WILLOWBEND FARMS  
*Restoring human trafficking survivors*

# A Message From Our CEO

2025 stands as one of the most faith-filled years in the history of WillowBend Farms. As we look back, our hearts are full of gratitude for all God has done and for the hope that continues to guide us forward. This year reaffirmed our commitment to place the heart of God at the center of every interaction, allowing His love and justice to shape the way we serve survivors of human trafficking and their families.

Throughout the year, we witnessed restoration deepen as survivor voices informed and strengthened our programs. A comprehensive evaluation of our residential services provided invaluable insight, leading to meaningful, survivor-informed adjustments that affirmed our mission is not only compassionate, but truly justice-driven. At WillowBend Farms, we are reminded often of Micah 6:8—to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God—and this truth continues to define our work. As one survivor so powerfully shared, God’s justice does not simply make things right; it makes hearts whole. Beyond direct restoration, our prevention and community-based efforts gained broader recognition, yet our focus remains rooted in faithfully following God’s leading, step by step. As we look toward 2026, we move forward intentionally—advancing our strategic vision, investing in survivor leadership, and strengthening sustainability for the future.

Thank you for walking alongside us. Your partnership makes this work possible, and it is an honor to serve together.

Blessings and Prayers!



CEO & Co-Founder  
WillowBend Farms, Inc.



# Justice Through Our Eyes

## SURVIVOR PERSPECTIVES

As a survivor of human trafficking, justice didn't come quickly for me, and it certainly didn't come all at once. For a long time, I didn't believe justice would ever be part of my story.

This year, I experienced justice—but not in the way I expected. It wasn't about someone being punished for what was done to me. Instead, it was something far deeper. Through a simple piece of mail, God opened my eyes to how He had already been at work—quietly, faithfully bringing justice into my life long before I could see it.

That moment helped me understand something I had never fully grasped before: justice is more than punishment. It is redemption. It is restoration. It is God stepping into broken places and bringing healing to wounded hearts.

I began to see that justice isn't just about fairness; it reflects God's very character. His justice flows from His goodness, His love, and His perfect knowledge of all things. And through it, He doesn't just make things right—He makes hearts whole.

*TE is a graduate of our long term program and currently serves on staff as the assistant residential coordinator.*

This year I received justice for crimes committed against me—not just any type of justice, but God's justice. You might assume this took place in a courtroom with a jury and a judge. You would be mistaken. Everything I owned was taken from me previously—not just my material items, but also my dignity as a human being. I was completely lost and broken. This year I have been restored. I now have a personal relationship with Christ and seek to love, honor, and serve Him. That close relationship has developed because I have individuals that care about me as a person. They pour into me and advocate for me, even when sometimes I don't have the courage or strength to advocate for myself. They treat me with dignity and respect, how a human being is supposed to be treated. I am stronger and more capable due firstly to God and secondly to this program. I know He has plans for my life and He gives me purpose (Jeremiah 29:11).

I now know that I have received the most precious gift—salvation through Christ. By belonging to Him, I have become a new person, the old life is gone, and the new life's already begun (2 Corinthians 5:17). There is no better justice than to be loved by Christ and called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). He has completely restored me as a person and has repaid me for my lost years (Joel 2:25).

*TD is a resident in phase three of our long term program.*

# Restore

RESTORATION OF SURVIVORS | EMERGENT CARE HOUSING



Restoration was at the heart of everything we did in 2025. Throughout the year, we conducted a comprehensive evaluation of our entire program—examining each service, structure, and support with humility and intention. Survivors’ voices guided this process, resulting in survivor-informed adjustments that strengthened care, increased dignity, and better supported long-term healing.

We witnessed powerful restoration stories unfold. Some survivors were reunited with their families and children, rebuilding relationships once thought lost. Others maintained hard-won sobriety, bravely faced deep trauma in therapy, and celebrated milestones like completing GEDs or beginning college courses. Each step forward reflected resilience, courage, and the steady impact of consistent, holistic support.

Our workforce development efforts also expanded in meaningful ways. Through partnerships across multiple sectors, survivors gained job training, mentorship, and employment opportunities that empower them to pursue sustainable careers and lasting independence.

The annual Rise Up Retreat continued to be a highlight for both current participants and graduates—a time of reflection, renewal, and shared hope.

Together, these moments tell a story of restoration taking root and lives being rebuilt with purpose and promise.

# Survivor Informed Program Updates

After five years of operating our residential program, 2025 marked a meaningful season of renewal. We refreshed the home with new furniture, décor, kitchen supplies, and thoughtful accessories—many generously donated by supporters who believe in dignity and restoration. These updates were more than cosmetic. Our residents deserve a home that is comfortable, up-to-date, and beautiful, and one they can enjoy for years to come as they focus on healing and growth.

Alongside the physical updates, we revised our residential handbook for the first time in several years. The updated handbook is distinctly WillowBend Farms, clearly outlining our program values while reflecting current evidence-based, trauma-informed standards of care.

Every change was made in partnership with survivors currently in the program and graduates who have already walked this journey. Their insight and lived experience guided the process, reminding us that their voices matter and make our programs stronger.



## Program Values

These six values guide everything we do in the residential program.

Atmosphere of Abundance:  
John 10:10

We live the abundant life Christ promised with every need met.

Atmosphere of Positive  
Presentation:  
Isaiah 32:18

We make sure the spaces we inhabit reflect peace and promote healing.

Atmosphere of Gratitude:  
1 Thessalonians 5:18

We keep a mindset of gratitude at all times and in all things.

Atmosphere of Unity:  
1 Peter 3:8

We are a family on a journey of healing, walking in partnership and positivity.

Atmosphere of Integrity:  
Psalm 25:21

We value honesty and stand for truth in all things—even the difficult ones.

Atmosphere of Self-Worthiness:  
1 John 3:1

We are daughters of God, worthy of love, kindness, opportunity, and everything He promised.



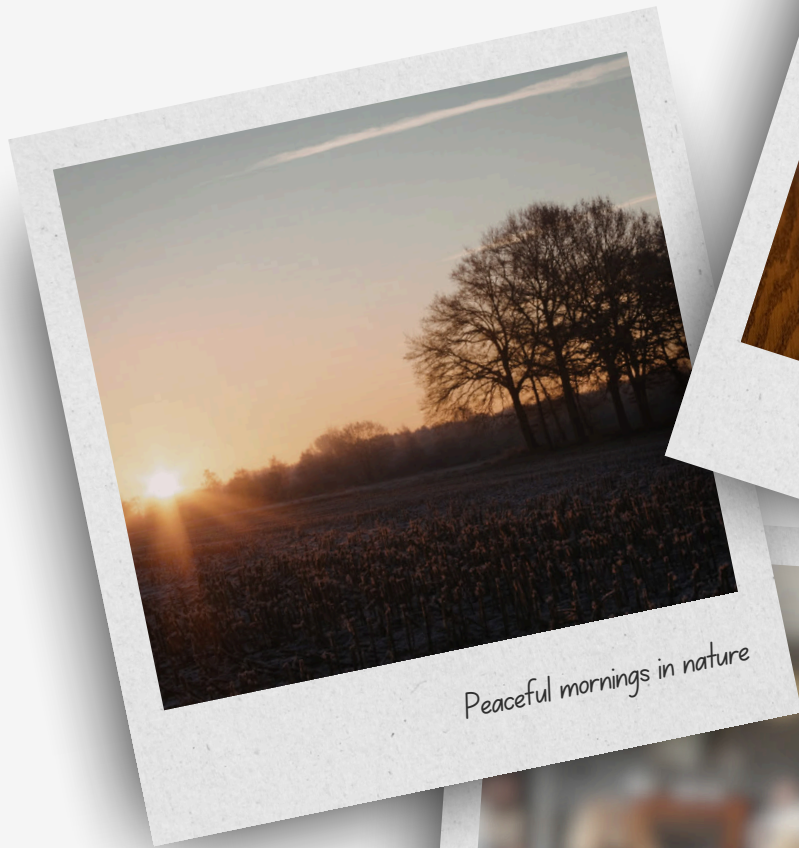
# Workforce Development

One of the leading contributors to re-victimization for human trafficking survivors is a lack of career skills, consistent employment, and access to meaningful opportunities. Survivors need more than short-term jobs that come and go—they need training that leads to sustainable, fulfilling careers and the confidence to envision a future marked by growth and security.

Our focus on workforce development is intentionally designed to change that narrative. By partnering with like-minded businesses across a variety of sectors, we are creating pathways for survivors to receive hands-on training, develop marketable skills, and gain real work experience in supportive environments. These partnerships help bridge the gap between recovery and long-term economic empowerment.

One partnership that stands out as a key highlight is our collaboration with Vision Hospitality. Alongside the AHLA (American Hotel & Lodging Association) Foundation, Vision Hospitality provides both financial investment and industry-specific training opportunities that open doors for survivors and their families. This support allows us to expand access to education, skill development, and stable employment.

These efforts work to ensure survivors can build futures rooted in dignity, safety, and self-respect—futures defined not by their past, but by their potential.



*Peaceful mornings in nature*



*Family dinners prepared together*



*Times of worship and prayer*

## Rise Up Retreat

The annual Rise Up Retreat is a beloved time for bonding, making memories, and refreshing the spirit. We look forward to this special week every year, where we can connect, grow, and enjoy being together. Set in beautiful natural surroundings provided by a generous donor, the retreat offers space for reflection, laughter, and celebration. It's a chance for staff to serve program participants and graduates while experiencing God's presence together. For many, the Rise Up Retreat isn't just an event—it's a highlight of the year that brings joy, hope, and community.



# Prevent

PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND AWARENESS |  
RESCUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WANTING A WAY OUT | DEMAND REDUCTION

Our human trafficking prevention efforts focus on education, awareness, collaboration, and action. We provide trainings to people of all ages and sectors to help them recognize trafficking, respond appropriately, and prevent exploitation before it starts. We also engage communities through awareness events such as the Red Sand Project and Run For Their Freedom, creating visible reminders that trafficking exists and action matters. Our annual conference equips and empowers attendees with practical tools, survivor-informed insight, and renewed commitment to this work.

We are honored to participate alongside federal, state, and local law enforcement in operations designed to identify victims, support safe exits, and connect individuals with services when they want them. In addition, we advocate for legislation that strengthens protections and resources for survivors. Our growing impact is gaining national recognition, allowing us to expand trainings and partnerships across the state and country.

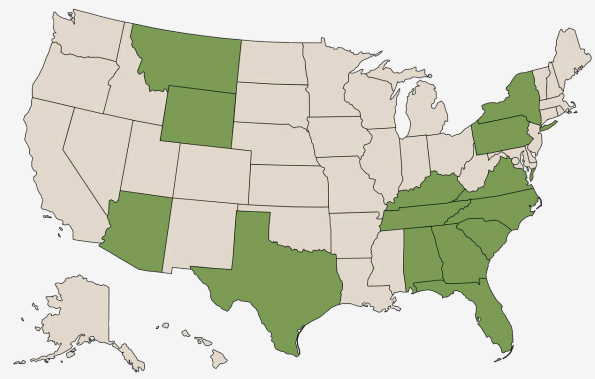
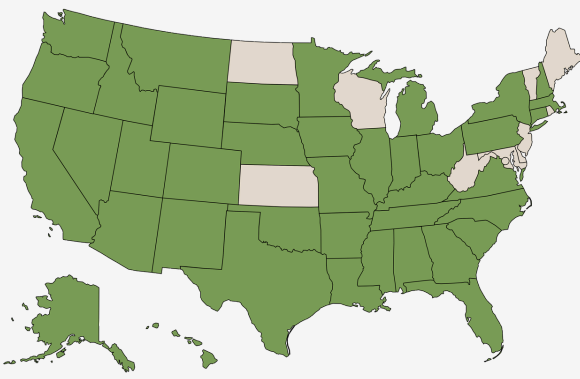
# Are You Awake? Virtual Conference

The 2025 Are You Awake Conference took place February 20-21 in Cookeville, TN—and like so many meaningful gatherings, it didn't unfold as planned. A snowstorm the morning before the conference made an in-person event impossible, but it didn't stop the momentum. With less than 24 hours' notice, our staff pulled together and successfully transitioned the entire conference to a virtual format, ensuring everything was ready to begin on time. Every session moved forward as scheduled, and each speaker graciously pivoted alongside us, bringing the same passion, insight, and commitment to the virtual platform. Despite the unexpected challenges, the conference proved to be a tremendous success. Attendees engaged deeply with the content, meaningful conversations still took place, and feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. The event served as a powerful reminder that flexibility, teamwork, and shared purpose can overcome even the most unpredictable obstacles.

Here's what attendees had to say about their experience at the 2025 Are You Awake Conference:

"The content of the conference was so good! I've attended before, and still learned new things! Thank you to the team for making this still happen with all the weather mess."

"Thank you for pivoting and doing this virtually. My only problem is that I wanted to attend more than one session during the same times!"



Left: States where we have partnered with organizations for safe client placement

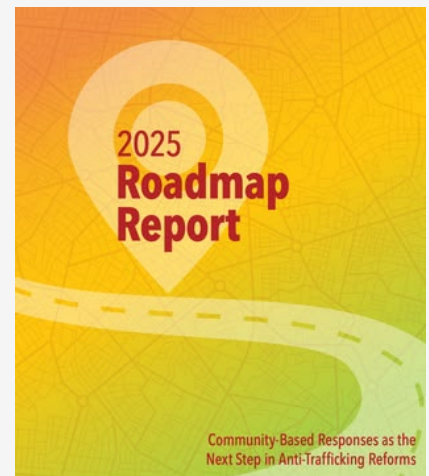
Right: States where we have presented on our comprehensive approach to addressing human trafficking

Our impact continues to grow—both across Tennessee and throughout the United States. Through strong partnerships with state and local law enforcement, school systems, health networks, fellow anti-trafficking organizations, and other community partners, we have provided direct services and/or training in 46 of Tennessee’s 95 counties. These collaborations allow us to respond where needs exist and to strengthen local capacity to support survivors.

Nationally, our reach has expanded as well. We have assisted survivors with safe placement in partnering communities throughout the country, helping ensure continuity of care and support no matter where the next step leads. In addition, we have recently been invited to provide our strategic blueprint in 14 states, reflecting a growing demand for practical, survivor-informed education.

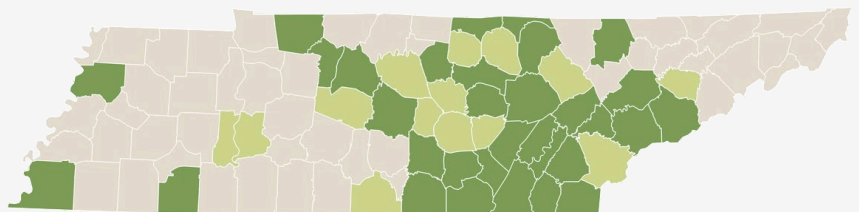
This statewide and national engagement signals increasing recognition of the effectiveness of our programs and the depth of our expertise. We remain committed to sharing what we’ve learned, working alongside others, and contributing meaningfully to a broader movement focused on prevention and restoration.

## Statewide & National Impact



We partnered with Shared Hope International on the 2025 Roadmap Report highlighting the Chattanooga Pilot Project.

Right: Tennessee counties where we have provided services and training (dark green) and training only (light green)



# Survivors Speak

## WHAT HAVE YOU GAINED FROM BEING IN THE PROGRAM?

“I now have achieved and maintained my sobriety. Recovery is a large part of this program and I take mine very seriously. Things were so bad before I came here. I was filled with despondency, despair, and utter hopelessness. I attempted suicide multiple times. My life is completely different now. Instead of filling my body and mind with drugs, I fill myself with the love, grace, and mercy of God. I have a family in Christ now that loves and encourages me. I know He has a purpose and plan for my life, which I am ready to step into. Since being here I've had a complete paradigm shift of outlook. Before WBF I had the courage to end my life. Now I have the courage to live it.”

“I pleaded for years for the Lord to bring me just one who sees me and He brought me a community. I am finally free to trust, bringing down years of walls built up, allowing me to establish safe boundaries and successful relationships.”

“The major things I have gained from the program is that it taught me that I am valued and loved, that I have a future that is so much brighter because of all I have received here. The other important major things that happened to me here is that WillowBend Farms showed me who I am and want to be.”

“I have knowledge about Christ, time management, healthy relationships, boundaries, effective communication, and self-awareness to name a few. All of these skills I now have I will use in the future.”

“I'm accepted. I gained what love really looks like and a closer walk with God. I'm thankful for WillowBend. They saved my life through God.”

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## HOW HAS THE PROGRAM IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

“My time at WBF has impacted me in such an amazing way. It helped me to heal. It created room for healing that my home couldn't do. It ignited a spark in my heart and soul for God.”

“They have helped me with my GED, etc. They have helped me get a safe place to stay at. WBF helped me with finding out who I really am in Christ and finding out what my purpose in life is. God has a plan for my life and for His Kingdom.”

“I felt the Love of Christ in the way people stayed, listened, and chose to love me anyway. To be loved while I was broken, hurting, and angry is something that still amazes me—and it continues to shape who I am today.”



“I am in the process of sustaining emotional regulation, letting go of fear and pride. The Lord is faithful in re-establishing my life and He is using WillowBend as a vital instrument. Thank you to all who support the journeys of so many women.”

“This program has impacted every aspect of my life. I am a changed person because of my time here. I am healthier in multiple ways. I do things with kindness and purpose instead of letting things be done to me. Because of therapy, I am healthier. I'm able to face my traumas head on instead of hiding from them, running, or numbing them with drugs. I now have a family in Christ that accepted me as I was when I first came here and has stuck it out with me as I have moved from an utterly broken person to a healed child of God that flourishes in His love. I am no longer a victim. I'm a survivor.”

# 2025: A Year of Impact



**3,518**

Nights in Safety



**308**

Survivors Served



**15,542**

Services Provided

## Skills Training

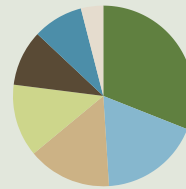
**2,033** Life Skills Classes

**305** Continuing Education Hours

**1,087** Vocational Program Hours

## Hotline Calls/Referrals

**546**



- Self/Family 31%
- Social Service Agency 18%
- Anti-Trafficking Partner Agency 15%
- Mental Health/Substance Recovery Agency 13%
- Court Referral 10%
- Law Enforcement 9%
- Hotline 4%

## Health & Wellness

**325** Therapy Hours

**86** Medical Appointments

**541** Recovery Classes

**330** Fitness Sessions

## Community Engagement

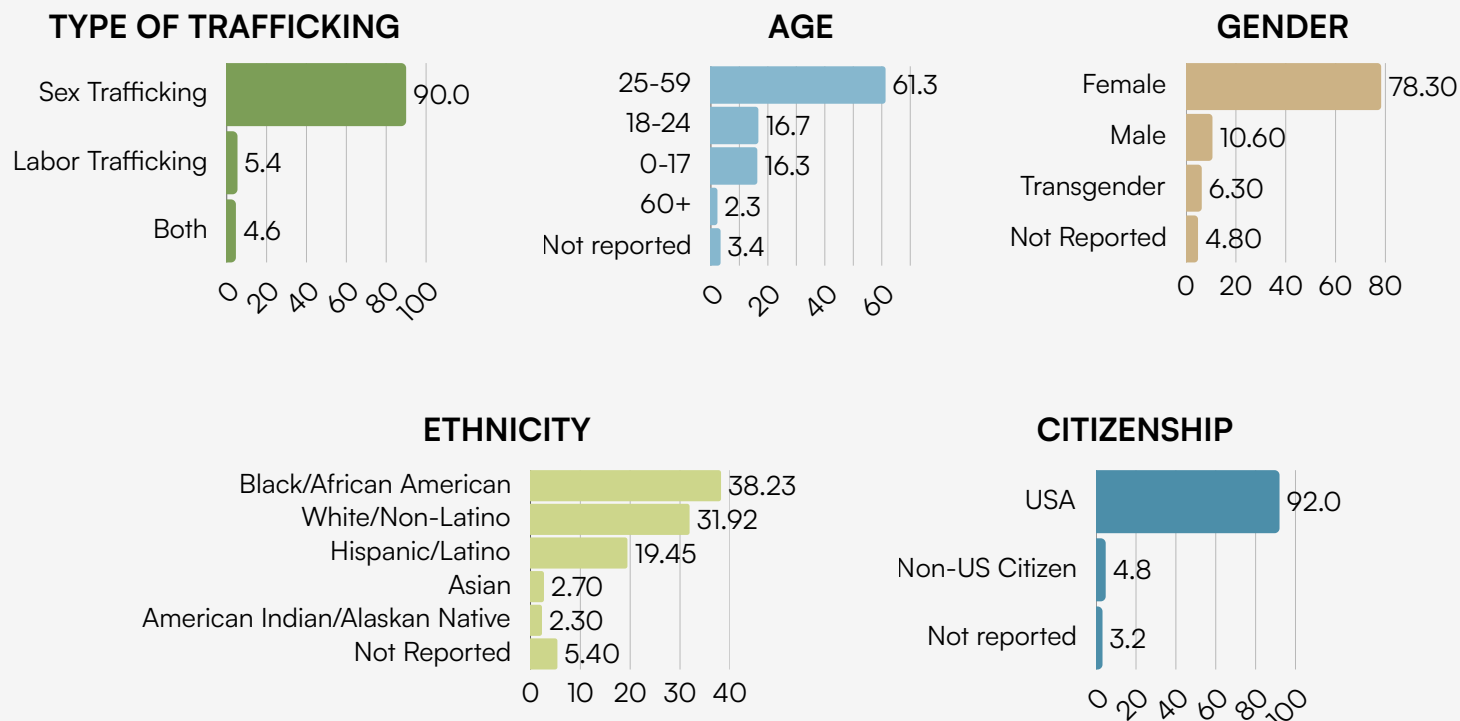
**1,435** Volunteer Hours

\$42,963.28 in-kind value

**9,748** Individuals Trained

50.9% youth and school involved professionals | 30.4% at risk youth | 13.1% law enforcement/justice personnel | 5.6% community members

# Demographics



# Financials

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$531,830.71**



**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$538,758.83**



**SURVIVOR SUPPORT EXPENSE BREAKDOWN**



# Engagement Opportunities



## VOLUNTEER

Volunteers make it possible for us to do everything we do. There is a place for everyone within our volunteer teams: administration, daily living, donations, events, prayer, transportation, and vocational. Get started by visiting our website and filling out an application.



## DONATE

When you partner with us through monetary or in-kind donations, you equip us to create new futures for survivors and impact great generational change. Through your generosity, we can dream big and achieve more than we thought possible.



## PRAY

We believe in the power and necessity of prayer. Our desire as an organization is for the heart and will of the Father to be present in everything we do and say. By linking arms with us in prayer, you provide support that enables all of our efforts.

*During my time here at WillowBend Farms I have learned who I am  
in Christ and what a family really is like.*

Phase 1 Resident

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