

2025

Unbound Now Annual Report



Letter From Susan Peters

Founder & CEO

Dear friend,

Human trafficking remains one of the most devastating crimes affecting our communities. It targets the vulnerable, exploits the innocent, and leaves lasting harm in its wake. Yet because of your support, hope is reaching children, youth, and adults who need it most.

This year, your generosity helped make possible a comprehensive response to trafficking through prevention, training, and survivor care. The 2025 impact numbers reflect more than statistics. They represent lives reached, individuals protected, survivors served, and communities strengthened.

They also fit into the larger story of Unbound Now's impact. Since our founding, we have served over 6,000 survivors, in 2025 we had 847 visits to The Underground. Each of these numbers points to a person, a story, and a future changed through compassionate, consistent care.

I invite you to look at our 2025 Impact report on the next page to see the breadth and depth of the services you make possible 24/7/365. Through proven expertise, long-standing community relationships, and a commitment to excellence, Unbound Now continues to provide some of the most comprehensive anti-trafficking services in the field.

Thank you for standing with us in this work. Your support is instrumental in protecting children from exploitation and in helping survivors find safety, healing, and hope.

With great hope,
Susan Peters



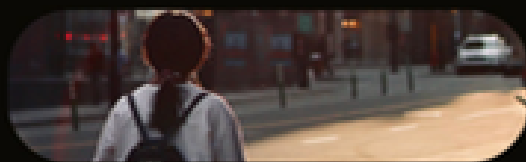


2025 Impact Report



2,011 individuals served &
105,060 services provided

Through Early Intervention, The Underground, Survivor Advocacy, and Care Coordination



235 in-person crisis responses



Accompanied in court
295 times & spent **480 hours**
in the courtroom



10,863 hours in-person
spent with clients



5,199 calls to the 24/7 response lines



327,997 miles driven
to meet with clients



19,853 individuals trained +
9,411 youth empowered

Empower Freedom Partner Award

Each year, Unbound Now has the distinct honor of recognizing individuals whose leadership and commitment have made a meaningful impact in the fight against human trafficking. This year, we proudly present the Empower Freedom Partner Award to Chief Al Jones and Sergeant Tarik Muslimovic (TANK) of the Arlington Police Department's Human Exploitation & Trafficking (HEAT) Unit.

Under Chief Jones' and Sergeant Tarik Muslimovic's leadership, the HEAT Unit demonstrated extraordinary impact across North Texas. In 2025 alone, the team issued 77 arrest warrants and executed 175 search warrants, while initiating and closing an average of 18 cases per month. Their work led to the identification and arrest of 22 suspects for human trafficking offenses.

Beyond enforcement, the unit conducted two victim outreach operations and two demand reduction operations, while also prioritizing prevention through more than 30 community presentations on human trafficking awareness. Their commitment to education extended further through three 8-hour trainings, equipping over 100 professionals, including law enforcement, district attorneys, and victim service providers with critical knowledge and tools.

Chief Al Jones



Sergeant Tarik Muslimovic



Key Partnerships

ASCO EQUIPMENT COMPANY

As ASCO expanded in North Texas, they intentionally sought organizations addressing critical, often unseen needs, with human trafficking rising to the top. What sets ASCO apart is that their employees help choose nonprofit partners, and Unbound Now was selected due to the clear impact and urgent need in our community. Through learning about our survivor-centered approach, from prevention and training to 24/7 advocacy and long-term care—ASCO saw strong alignment with their values. Their partnership goes beyond financial support, emphasizing meaningful engagement, awareness, and lasting impact while reflecting their belief that strong communities are built through shared responsibility.



DALLAS MAVERICKS FOUNDATION

The Dallas Mavericks Foundation and Unbound Now share a commitment to supporting vulnerable youth, which led to their partnership with The Underground. Focused on programs impacting children and families in North Texas, the Foundation was drawn to The Underground's role as a 24/7 drop-in center providing immediate safety, stability, and connection to care. Through research and community engagement, they chose to partner with Unbound Now by giving our organization \$50,000 because of the impact being made locally. Their support goes beyond financial investment, helping create a space where youth can find hope, healing, and a path forward, while reinforcing their belief that strong communities are built through collaboration.



Youth Prevention & Education

Sonya Brooks, Unbound Now

Director, Youth Prevention and Education

Youth Prevention is important to help our children understand the situations that can place them at risk of exploitation or trafficking. Most youth don't believe they can become a victim until it is too late. They are still thinking trafficking only happens to those who get "kidnapped or taken against their will." Youth are completely shocked to discover trafficking happens in the context of unhealthy relationships.

Over the last 3 years, NTX Youth Prevention has educated approximately 13,000 students in schools and over 1,000 youth in the Juvenile Detention Center. Educating our most vulnerable has led to over 100 survivor advocacy referrals and many of those youth have received justice as a result of disclosures. Prevention education is the key to protecting our youth and keeping them safe!

- **5,123** staff, students and parents were educated by Unbound Now youth prevention in **2025**.
- **47** unique youth made disclosures in **2025** as a result of prevention education in the Tarrant County juvenile detention centers.
 - Males accounted for **12** of those **47** unique disclosures and females accounted for **35**.



The Underground

847 Client Visits in 2025

The Underground Drop-In Center for trafficked and exploited youth is a vital part of Unbound Now's survivor services. It provides a safe place for youth in crisis to rest, enjoy comfort food, and access a hot shower. As a designated Safe Place site, we serve youth of all genders ages 10 through 22. Our philosophy of care is to meet youth where they are and ensure they feel safe and valued.

Under the leadership of Chris Cage, our staff delivers trust-based, trauma-informed care to every client. Youth may stay for up to 24 hours, and because most arrive in crisis, our immediate priority is helping them become emotionally grounded. We do this by meeting essential needs such as food, rest, hygiene, and security.

Theo, our service dog, specializes in anxiety care and often helps youth feel at peace. Studies confirm that homeless youth are at high risk of being trafficked, and the Underground plays a critical role in stopping trafficking before it starts. We also serve as a safe place for youth leaving trafficking situations. Come by for a tour and visit our staff, and of course, Theo!



2025 Supporting Partners

Foundations

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Foundation | R4 Foundation | Once Upon A Time Foundation | Paul E. Andrews, Jr. Foundation
| Sasser Family Foundation | Fash Foundation | Human Source Foundation

Organizations

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Wampold Companies

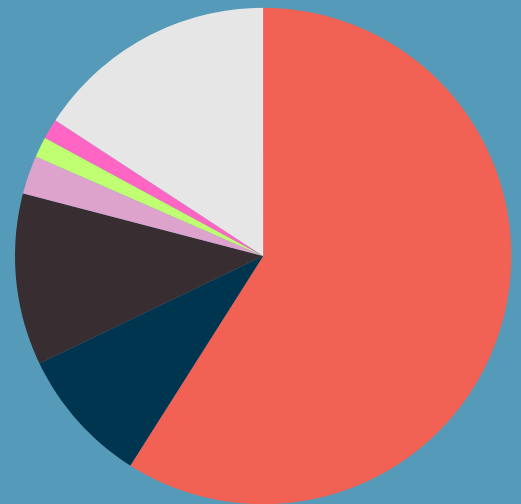
Churches

Antioch Austin | Antioch Baton Rouge | Antioch College Station | Antioch New Orleans | Antioch
Northwest Arkansas | Antioch Waco | Cedarcrest Church | Christ Chapel Bible Church | Christ
the King Methodist Church | Church of the King | Citizens Church Bryan | Congregation Ahavath
Sholom | Convergence Church | First Woodway Baptist Church Good Shepherd Catholic
Community | Lighthouse Fellowship | Mercy Hill Church | Searsville Baptist Mission
South Spring Baptist Church | The Church of the Highlands | Zion Church International

2026 Budget

Location	Budget	% of total
HQ*	\$2,980,654	20.36%
North Texas	\$2,891,769	19.75%
Louisiana	\$1,298,990	8.87%
Waco	\$1,077,655	7.36%
Austin	\$1,348,503	9.21%
Houston	\$2,200,431	15.03%
East Texas	\$1,301,896	8.89%
Bryan College Station	\$1,539,721	10.52%
Grand Total	\$14,639,619	100.00%

- Advocacy 58.99%
- The Underground 8.88%
- Care Coordination 11.19%
- Youth Prevention 2.50%
- Outreach Training 1.34%
- Task Force 1.38%
- Administrative 15.79%



The Unbound Now Board approved an annual operating budget of \$14.6 million to champion programmatic reach and operational excellence. Our budget reflects our commitment to the highest levels of financial stewardship. Unbound Now is accredited by the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability, has a four-star rating on Charity Navigator, is ranked as Platinum on Guidestar, and is certified as Transparent by Excellence in Giving. Audited financials and 990s are available on our website.

Headquarters Opening

We're grateful to share an important milestone in the story of Unbound Now. At the end of 2025, we officially moved our headquarters to Fort Worth, Texas, celebrating our grand opening on December 4, 2025 surrounded by friends and supporters.

While our headquarters is now in Fort Worth, our Waco office remains strong and continues serving the community where our story first began and is a foundation we will always be grateful for.

Our new home inside the One Safe Place building allows our North Texas Advocacy, Prevention, Outreach, and Underground teams, along with our leadership, to work together under one roof which allows us to continue strengthening collaboration and expanding our impact across the region.

This new chapter reflects both growth and opportunity, and we're deeply thankful for the community that has made it possible. We look forward with great hope to all that lies ahead in Fort Worth, and everywhere we serve.



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