



**RAPHAEL HOUSE**  
of PORTLAND

# A Brighter Future

“When I was  
lost and had  
nowhere to  
turn, Raphael  
House was  
there for me  
and my kids”

—LAINE,  
*Survivor and Mom*



Raphael House was here for over **5,239** survivors of domestic violence and community members in 2023 thanks to our supporters — including you!

Each leaf represents one person served in 2023.



**What a remarkable year!** We adapted to meet ever-increasing survivor needs, provided culture-shifting education and support to high school students across Portland, and this spring celebrated being one of three agencies in Oregon to receive a national grant from MacKenzie Scott's philanthropic organization Yield Giving.

Now, we're envisioning next steps as we work on our new 5-year strategic plan. We're gathering feedback from survivors, advocates, our board, and supporters so we can respond to what our program participants and community need most.

I'd love to learn what inspires you to show up for Raphael House—please reach out anytime. Your gifts are helping make a brighter future possible, and we're all truly grateful!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emmy".

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We are not only a resource during times of crisis—Raphael House provides survivors with long-term support, all while working to stop abuse before it starts!



Learn more about how your gifts are helping us create a future without violence through our three-part approach.



# Our Triangulated Approach

## EMERGENCY SERVICES



Where Safety Begins **P. 7**

**Our shelter and hotline are open 24/7**, providing confidential support and resources to survivors of domestic violence and their loved ones.

## ONGOING SUPPORTS



Rebuilding and Stabilizing **P. 8-9**

**We're here for survivors throughout their journey**, providing help with housing, financial literacy, addiction recovery support, and essential resources to foster lasting safety and stability.

## PREVENTION EDUCATION



Shifting Culture **P. 6**

**From classroom workshops to confidential student advocacy**, our services in Portland high schools ensure teens have the support and information they need to safely navigate relationships.


## PREVENTION EDUCATION



“The students we work with believe in the possibility of cultural change, and they are smart, capable, and willing to work for a better world. It’s an honor to be involved in that process.”

—ELIZABETH MCKEEVER, *Education Programs Manager*

We are working towards a future without domestic violence! Our Prevention Education team engages with teens and adults to help build school-wide cultures based on consent. Through our classroom workshops, high school students are learning new skills in building equitable, authentic, and safe relationships. Plus, we provide nationally award-winning Confidential Advocacy services for students in all 9 Portland Public High Schools (alongside our partners at VOA Oregon Home Free), so teens can get the support they deserve in the face of dating and sexual violence.

**2,557**   
**teens and adults**  
reached via  
presentations

**86**   
**high school**  
**students** supported  
via confidential  
advocacy

**18**   
**years providing**  
prevention education  
in Portland schools

*All stats reflect impact in 2023.*

## EMERGENCY SERVICES




“Calling Raphael House was a life-changing moment for me. I don’t know where I’d be. I don’t know if I would be alive.”


—ROX, *former shelter resident*

We’re proud to be a confidential and inclusive shelter where all survivors (along with their pets!) are welcome as they flee abuse. Our expert advocates work alongside families to help them get into safe housing and overcome challenges with accessing health care, parenting, basic needs, navigating the legal system, and more.

Our shelter and hotline are open 24/7, so there are always resources available for survivors seeking safety. This is especially vital since domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women and children.

**6,901**   
**safe nights** spent  
in our shelter

**57%**   
**of residents** were  
youth

**1,200+**   
**callers** supported  
on our 24-hour  
hotline



## ONGOING SUPPORTS



“The community, support, and guidance at Raphael House have been pivotal to my stability and moving towards safety. Now I’m working on rebuilding my financial security.”

—BELEN, *survivor and parent*



Healing after domestic violence is a long-term process, and that’s why we’re honored to be here for families with wraparound support for as long as they need. **Our individualized services and supportive community helped 505 survivors remain safe and stable in 2023!**

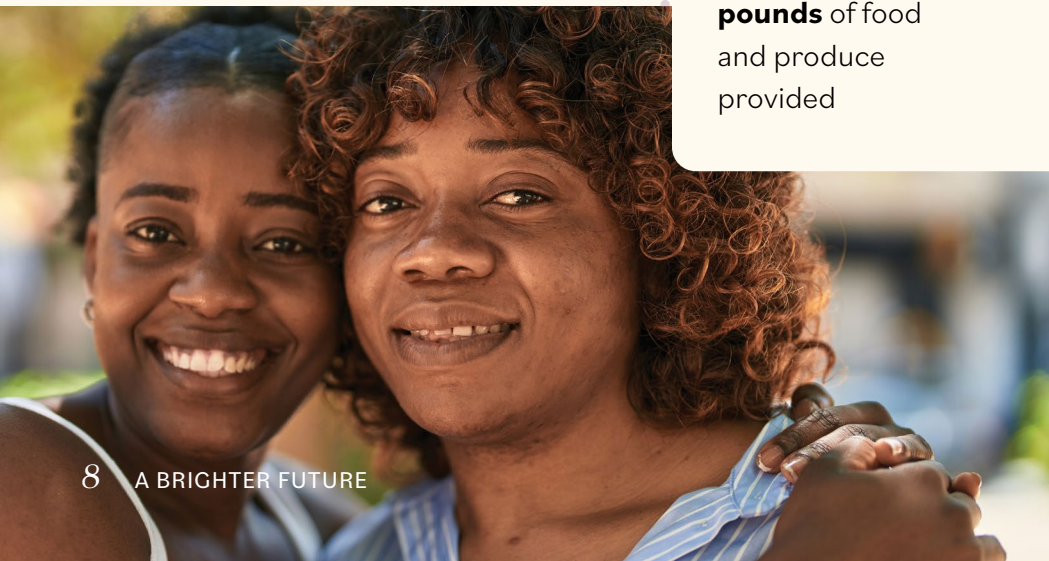
**90%**   
**of families** in our ongoing programs are in safe housing

**\$728,990**   
**distributed** to help survivors pay critical expenses like rent

**29,102**   
**pounds** of food and produce provided

### OUR EXTENSIVE PROGRAMMING OFFERS:

- **Housing aid:** Rental and utility assistance, eviction prevention, and stability resources like tenant and financial education.
- **Holistic resources:** Support groups, case management, youth and family activities, safety planning, food and hygiene items, and more through our Advocacy Center.
- **Domestic Violence Recovery Mentors:** This survivor-led program, specializing in support for people at the intersection of domestic violence and addiction, is the first of its kind in Oregon. Mentors each have lived experience in both recovery and as survivors themselves, so they’re uniquely able to provide a wide range of help to survivors as they transition from violence to safety. This could be anything from connecting with addiction treatment services to navigating family court systems to applying for jobs.
- **Health care advocacy:** Stationed at OHSU’s Richmond Clinic, our advocate is able to meet with survivors in the safety of their doctor’s office, while also providing training for staff.



# Survivor Feedback

We believe survivors are the experts in their lives and in what they need most. So every year we survey all our program participants at Raphael House, to learn about their experiences and adjust based on their input. Here's a glimpse at some of what was shared:

"I am really grateful for everything! I feel appreciated and understood."



have a connection to an advocate at Raphael House they trust



are more stable since connecting with Raphael House

"My teen looks forward to coming. They feel safe to express themselves and be creative with the friends they've found here."



feel hopeful about the future for themselves and their family

"I love the connections I've found and all the support of my community! So I would love for my support group to be in person even more often."

"If I'm stressed, my son says to call shelter and talk to my friends to feel better."

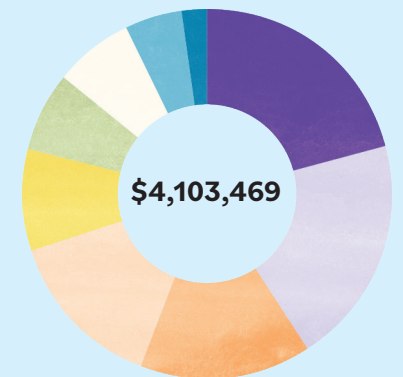
# Financial Snapshot

We were able to provide our life-changing services last year because of 2,098 generous contributions from our community. Thank you!

## 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

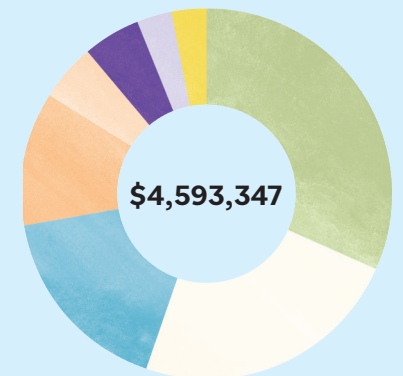
### EXPENSES

- Housing and Support Programs: **21%**
- Emergency Services: **20%**
- Development: **15%**
- Advocacy Center: **14%**
- Recovery Mentors and Health Care Advocacy: **9%**
- Administration: **7%**
- Prevention Education: **7%**
- Youth Program: **5%**
- Volunteer and Internship Program: **2%**



### REVENUE

- Multnomah County: **32%**
- City, State, and Federal Grants: **24%**
- Foundations: **17%**
- Individuals: **12%**
- Corporate: **5%**
- Special Events: **5%**
- Donated Materials and Services: **3%**
- Investments: **3%**



Closing the fiscal year with unexpected revenue from grants and contracts enabled us to invest in growing our impact, and also to increase pay for our dedicated staff! This is critical as we prioritize living/thriving wages and for our team to be even more reflective of the community we serve.



RAPHAEL  
HOUSE *Gala*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 • 6PM

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Join us to celebrate 46 years of life-saving services with inspiring guests, a live auction, gourmet meal, dessert dash, prize dig, and music.

Purchase tickets, tables, and sponsorships, or make a gift at [raphaelhouse.com](http://raphaelhouse.com)

**WE'RE HERE  
TO HELP**

Get support on our 24-hour hotline at (503) 222-6222, or visit [raphaelhouse.com/get-help](http://raphaelhouse.com/get-help) to learn about resources.



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