

Rising Together



RAPHAEL HOUSE
of PORTLAND

“I wish I could tell my younger self about all the love and support I’d receive at Raphael House. Leaving my abuser seemed impossible, but now I’m living my dream life.”

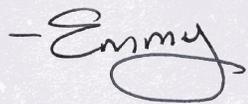
—MANNY, domestic violence survivor and dad of 2

Raphael House was here for over 5,542 survivors of domestic violence and community members in 2024 thanks to our supporters – including you!

Summing up our challenges and successes in this moment feels particularly difficult as survivors navigate barriers to safety beyond the danger posed by their abusers. Immigrant survivors are being threatened with deportation, trans survivors are experiencing dangerous rhetoric and policies, and everyone is struggling with the impacts of the affordable housing crisis and rising cost of living. Plus, the shifting federal landscape has hurt our current and future funding opportunities.

In the face of these immense pressures, our team is steadfast in our dedication to supporting families from the point of crisis, and then throughout the long process of rebuilding after abuse. This, along with our culture-shifting prevention work in local high schools, keeps me rooted in hope.

I'd love to learn what inspires you to show up for Raphael House and survivors – please reach out anytime. And if you're moved to donate, know that your gifts help us rise to overcome any challenge!



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2024 STATS



330 children and teen survivors served



91% of survivors in our ongoing programs report they're currently in safe housing*



75% of our staff identify as survivors themselves



75% of families in our programs were supported with housing-related needs



3,507 teens and adults attended our workshops on equitable relationships and consent



30,395 pounds of food and fresh produce distributed to families

All stats reflect impact in 2024

**Survey of 134 program participant households in Dec. 2024*

HOW WE'RE BUILDING A FUTURE WITHOUT VIOLENCE

From emergency shelter and 24-hour hotline, to ongoing and community-based programs, to violence prevention in local high schools, our interconnected services at Raphael House are promoting a safer community for all of us.



Emergency Services



Ongoing Supports



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IMMEDIATE SAFETY

Our life-saving emergency services are here for domestic violence survivors and their families around the clock. We supported 1,133 callers on our 24-hour hotline just last year alone, and our 11-room shelter - which is in a confidential location for safety - is always full.

We provide 25% of all domestic violence bed space in Multnomah County.



“Being a survivor of domestic violence and sex trafficking is the hardest thing I’ve been through physically, emotionally, and mentally. Each month that passes and I realize I’m still safe truly matters to me.”

—JESSI, survivor

HOUSING

The housing crisis continues to be a major hurdle for survivors seeking safety. In fact, domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women and children, both locally and nationwide.

That’s why we have 7 dedicated Housing Advocates who support survivors with apartment applications, rent and deposits, and advocating with landlords. Our unique Shelter to Stability program works with survivors at all 3 Multnomah County domestic violence shelters, removing financial barriers to housing (including debt caused by abusers) and then offering long-term peer support. In 2024, we distributed \$719,071 for critical housing-related needs.

“If Raphael House didn’t have the Shelter to Stability program, I would be houseless and an unstable caregiver for my grandchildren. I am truly thankful for the resources Raphael House has provided us.”

—MARILYN, survivor



YOUTH

“Raphael House welcomed me, my child, and my dog. My son looks forward to coming back for family activities, he feels safe to express himself and be creative with the community we’ve found here.”

—MAXINE, survivor

60% of the survivors we serve are kids and teens. So, our dedicated Youth Advocates are here just for their specialized needs – from one-on-one support, to taking teens on a transformational summer rafting trip with LEAP Wilderness Adventures; from providing respite care for parents, to leading family outings at OMSI.

All of our work at Raphael House is focused on preventing future violence. By modeling safe relationships with young people, and valuing their autonomy and boundaries, our advocates teach youth the tools they need to end cycles of abuse.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

“At the heart of prevention is uplifting youth voices. We create spaces where teenagers can be their whole selves, and they come to us to explore what they want in their lives. It’s like planting seeds – you see the change in a couple of students and watch it spread to their friends.”

—EMMA, School-Based Prevention Site Coordinator

Our Prevention Education program works across all 9 Portland Public high schools, in partnership with VOA Oregon Home Free, to help create a future without violence. Together we help thousands of students learn how to engage in meaningful, equitable relationships and practice consent, while also providing

one-on-one confidential advocacy and support groups for youth. Last year, we facilitated 134 classroom workshops and supported 109 teens who experienced interpersonal violence. We also held a summer Youth Advisory Council with high school students from across PPS – so teens can be leaders in prevention work!



ADDICTION RECOVERY

“Long-term support is where we see our success. A lot of agencies won’t support people when they’re in active addiction, but we’re there for the good, the bad, and the in-between. We’re here when they’re not ready, and when they are ready to start their recovery – we’re here while they’re changing, and to celebrate after things have changed.”

—ASHLEY ANN CROOK,
(CRM-II/PSS - Adult Addictions, CGRM),
Domestic Violence Recovery Mentor

Our Domestic Violence Recovery Mentor program – the first of its kind in Oregon – supported the unique needs of 335 survivors facing addiction last year. All 5 members of this team are survivors and in recovery themselves, bringing their valuable lived experience to help others. They offer a huge range of individualized supports – from accessing addiction treatment and connecting with legal aid, to helping people find meaningful hobbies and rebuild community after addiction and abuse.

WELLNESS

We nurture the well-being of families across our programs by providing essentials like food, hygiene supplies, and clothing, and by helping survivors access health insurance and counseling. We also offer healing activities like art projects, family nights, holiday parties, and 230 support group meetings last year alone! Plus, our dedicated advocate stationed at OHSU’s Richmond Clinic provides front-line support for patients experiencing domestic violence, and trains clinic staff how to recognize and respond to abuse.

“I recently worked with a survivor who opened up to her doctor about experiencing abuse. We worked together to find the resources she needed to get an apartment, and we just celebrated her first night in her new apartment after 4 years being homeless!”

—KAYLEE, Healthcare Advocate



STRATEGIC PLAN

Since last April, we've been gathering feedback from survivors in our programs, staff, board members, volunteers, and community partners and have been developing our new Strategic Plan. This will help guide our work over the next 5 years, and we look forward to releasing it later in 2025. In the meantime, we're excited to share our newly updated vision, mission statement, and values!

VISION

Together, we envision a future where our community prioritizes safety and freedom from violence for every person.

VALUES

- ♥ We center survivors
- ♥ We foster trust through respect
- ♥ We know we're stronger together
- ♥ We advocate for systemic change
- ♥ We propagate hope
- ♥ We act with integrity

YIELD GIVING UPDATE

Part of our strategic planning includes determining together how we can most impactfully use the \$2 million grant Raphael House received last year from Mackenzie Scott's national Yield Giving Open Call. While we're in this process, we're grateful to have interest from this reserve fund to help fill budget gaps and ensure no interruptions in our life-saving services, especially with federal and local funding cuts.

MISSION STATEMENT

Raphael House of Portland is dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence. We support survivors through emergency and ongoing services, while advancing systemic change through community-based education and collaborative advocacy. We are committed to building a future where survivors, their families, and our communities thrive.

"Knowing people out there care and will help many survivors like me helps me stay positive and patient."

—MOSS, survivor

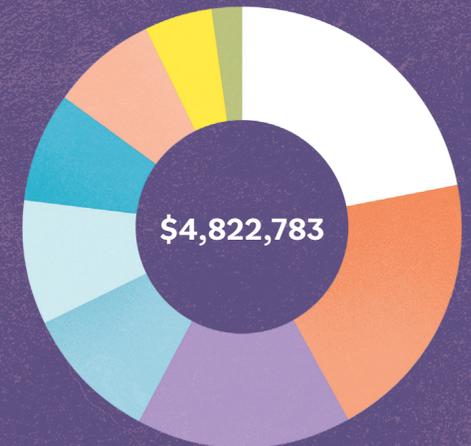
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

2023-2024
fiscal year

Thanks to each of the **1,880+ members** of our generous donor community!

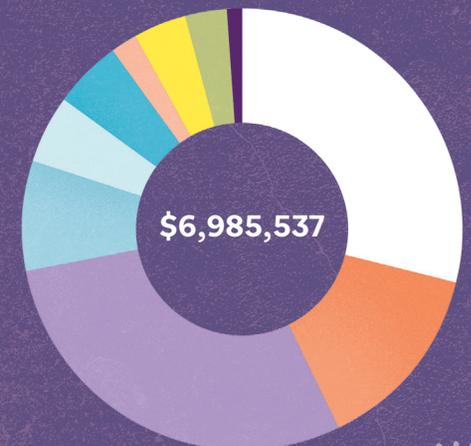
EXPENSES

- Emergency Services: **23%**
- Housing and Support Programs: **21%**
- Development: **14%**
- Advocacy Center: **10%**
- Recovery Mentors and Health Care Advocacy: **9%**
- Prevention Education: **8%**
- Administration: **8%**
- Youth Program: **5%**
- Volunteer and Internship Program: **2%**



REVENUE

- Multnomah County: **29%**
- City, State, and Federal: **14%**
- Yield Giving Grant: **29%**
- Foundations: **8%**
- Individuals: **5%**
- Special Events: **5%**
- Corporate: **2%**
- PPS and OHSU Contracts: **4%**
- Investments: **3%**
- Donated Materials and Services: **1%**



In addition to strategically investing Yield Giving award funds to generate revenue, we increased pay for our dedicated staff (75% of whom are survivors themselves). It's critical that we continue working toward thriving wages, to address rising cost of living and so our team can be more reflective of the community we serve.