

Sons & Daughters

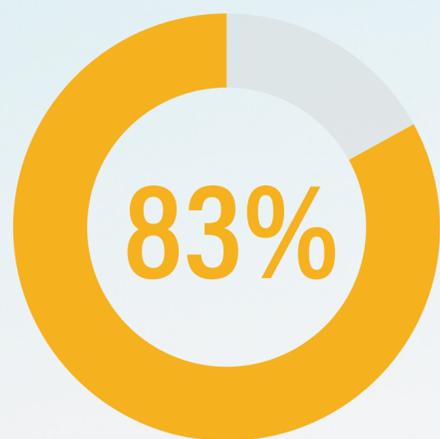
Annual Report 2021



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



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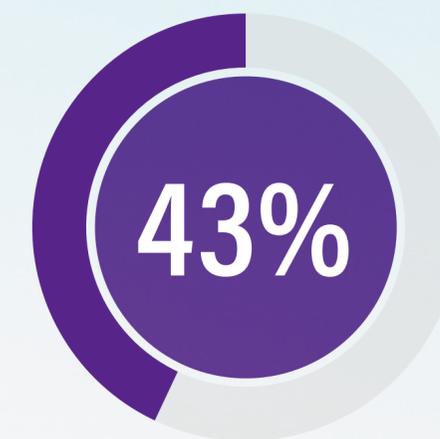
of the women are the
main breadwinner
in their family

The COVID-19 pandemic may have halted many plans for most of us, but commercial sexual exploitation did not stop. Across the red light districts of Hong Kong, we saw many new women entering the commercial sex industry as vulnerability to sexual exploitation increased due to job losses or financial instability in the midst of lockdowns and periodic closures of the businesses which once provided them with an income. Our outreach teams found many new women resorting to selling their bodies in the bid to provide for their families.

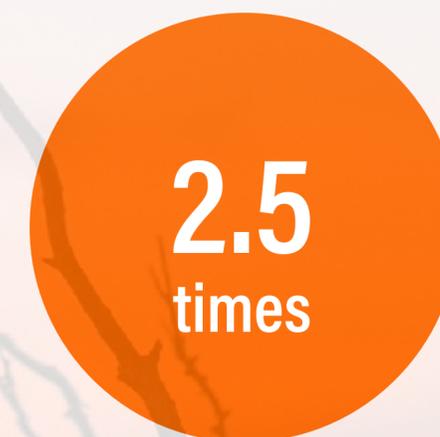
Since the onset of the pandemic, there has been an increase in uptake of Sons & Daughters' services by women from the red light districts. More brothel doors were opened to our outreach teams as workers were hit by the reality of the unstable and unforgiving nature of the industry in which they once placed their sense of security. With tightening of social distancing measures, and closure of CSE sites such as massage parlours, many workers felt forced to go underground, shifting to advertising sex for sale online. More hidden, and more isolated, they were exposed to increased risk of violence, robbery and abuse.

With the false sense of security of the commercial sex industry exposed, **43% more women came to our drop-in centre as they began to think about other means to sustain the livelihoods of themselves and their families.**

In 2021, we witnessed more women making the courageous decision to leave the sex industry behind for good and join our Aftercare Exit programme: **2.5 times more than the previous year.**



more women came to our
drop-in centre this year



more joined the Aftercare
Exit programme this year
than the previous year

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The energy, vibrancy and passion of S&D's staff and volunteer team were displayed as they continued to press forward with our beneficiaries to reclaim lives of love, family and freedom. With your generosity, prayers, and helping hands, we were able to not only continue, but expand, our reach and support to one of Hong Kong's most vulnerable, most ostracized, and oftentimes unseen and forgotten populations.

We wait in expectant anticipation for the unfolding of God's promises in the lives of the women in the coming year. A heartfelt thank you to all of you, our wonderful supporters, and we look forward to continuing to partner with you in 2022.

Janice Chan

Luke 1:46-55

I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Savior God.
God took one good look at me, and look what happened— I'm the most fortunate woman on earth!
What God has done for me will never be forgotten, the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others.
His mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before him.
He bared his arm and showed his strength, scattered the bluffing braggarts.
He knocked tyrants off their high horses, pulled victims out of the mud.
The starving poor sat down to a banquet; the callous rich were left out in the cold.
He embraced his chosen child, Israel; he remembered and piled on the mercies, piled them high.
It's exactly what he promised, beginning with Abraham and right up to now



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MISSION & VISION

**Sons & Daughters helps those caught
in sexual exploitation to reclaim a life
of love, family, and freedom in Christ.**

We long to witness transformation in the red light districts of Hong Kong. We strive to see workers, managers, and customers abandon the sex trade. We aim to help those who are caught in sexual exploitation walk freely into their destinies as sons and daughters of God.

WHO WE ARE

This year has been full of change and growth, including the addition of one full time staff, Ashley and two part-time staff, April and Elli!



Janice Chan
CEO



Ashley Lui
Operations Director



Elli Boyer
Aftercare Manager



Belicia Wong
Volunteer Manager



April Peng
Drop-in Center Manager

STATISTICS

Together, we achieved...



169

hours of casework sessions



189

hours of counselling sessions



394

hours of skills training



1105

outreach interactions



59

online outreach interactions

27

new volunteers trained

12

women

left the sex industry



686

health/hygiene items given out



163

hours of spiritual development

21%

social media growth



3940

food items given away

STATISTICS


Yuen Long

86

Total number of outreaches, we also started netreaches this year due to the pandemics to find those who went underground.

 Temple Street
 Sheung Wan  Wan Chai  Causeway Bay

*Outreaches had been affected because of the pandemic

HIGHLIGHTS - VOLUNTEERS



Team Member Days

This year, S&D held two all volunteer days to foster team building and to better equip all team members with the skills needed for our ministry. In June, we partnered with Crossroads Foundation to bring 18 members of our staff and volunteer team to participate in an eye-opening poverty simulation. We learned about the difficult process of breaking the poverty cycle. In November, team members gathered at our partner venue, Union Church, to receive training in active listening, suicide/critical incident response. The afternoon was a time of fun and team-building with a game of virtual around the world.



Community Education

Our on-going mission is to increase public awareness about human trafficking issues, and the impacts of commercial sexual exploitation in Hong Kong. This year, we held 12 info sessions and experiential walks, which were attended by churches, community groups, secondary schools and university students. As well as gaining knowledge, the sessions aimed set the community into action through helping with tasks such as packing outreach packages, writing greetings cards, and buying/making Christmas and Chinese New Year care packages.

Community groups got involved in emergency relief response through organizing donations of much-needed items such a baby diapers, formula, supermarket coupons.

HIGHLIGHTS - OUTREACH

In 2021, Sons & Daughters conducted 76 outreaches to the streets, bars, brothels and strip clubs of Causeway Bay, Wanchai, Temple Street, Yuen Long, and the newly-added area, Sheung Wan. Our teams reached over 1000 workers in the commercial sex industry—even amidst the COVID-19 global pandemic.



Causeway Bay

The Causeway Bay team saw much fruit this year as they continued to alternate outreaches to two brothel buildings on a weekly basis throughout 2021. This year, several of the women with whom the team had been developing relationships with over months and years decided to step out of the brothel to come to join activities provided by Sons & Daughters, such morning runs, lunches and classes at Promise House. Our team supported the women through personal tragedies, medical scares, legal problems, housing issues, as well as caring for the children of the women. The largest celebration for the team was being able to witness the transformation process of one of the women who after we met her at the brothel, made the decision to turn away from the commercial sex industry for good, and join our Aftercare program.



Temple Street

2021 was a year full of surprises for our team going on outreach twice a month to Temple Street. Deeper relationships were developed with mamasans and papasans who previously treated us with cautious suspicion. The greater trust led to these gatekeepers to now allow us to visit and talk with the working women in a less controlled way. The team is eagerly hopeful in walking alongside one woman in particular, who has been awaiting her permanent residency so that she can leave the commercial sex industry and find a job in the mainstream workforce. Another highlight for the team was connecting with a missionary who has been working closely with sex workers, drug users, and street sleepers in the Temple Street area. Two members of our team have been joining the weekly lunchtime sessions organised by this missionary, excited to partner with him to support more women to connect with community resources.

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Yuen Long

During the social restrictions of the pandemic in 2021, the Yuen Long team displayed resilience and flexibility by switching to doing outreach online (netreach). Several women accepted our offer of masks, which provided a chance to visit them in person. Also due to netreach, we identified a new brothel building. During our first visit there, we found that the women inside had open hearts that welcomed us into their rooms, even upon first meeting. Most of them were doing sex work to support their family economically. They shared their worries and difficulties with us, which gave us the opportunity to bless them and build deeper relationships. We additionally discovered at least 2 more brothel buildings in Yuen Long, and hope to be able to uncover more in the coming year.



Wan Chai / Sheung Wan

Around Spring 2021, we were finally able to go back on the streets of Wanchai. Doors to clubs that we've never been invited into started to open. The timing was perfect because at this point almost all except one strip club had closed down. We were able to build relationships with owners, bouncers and bartenders; reaching a whole new group of individuals caught in the commercial sex industry.

In November, we launched our Sheung Wan outreach to the brothel buildings in the area. In only two months, we've seen growth in the responsiveness and trust from the women that we have met there. 2021 has been quite a year for our team transition from netreach back to physical outreach, to now doing 2 outreaches a night! However, it's been nothing less than rewarding to see the womens' eyes light up with hope, knowing there are people that love and care for them.

HIGHLIGHTS - DROP-IN

Our drop-in centre, Promise House, is a safe and welcoming space for the women from commercial sex industry to come to rest and restore. This year, we have witnessed much learning, healing and breakthroughs in the lives of the beneficiaries.



Special Events

In 2021, we hosted several special events such as such guest workshops, birthdays, mother's day, Chinese New Year, and Christmas celebrations with the women.

We invited the founder of Ahava Embroidery to give the women a 101 embroidery workshop, and together they learnt 3 foundational skills in hoop embroidery. The ladies enjoyed it so much that they asked for a second round of embroidery skill training in 2022.

Our Christmas party was also one of the year's highlights. Our little living room was teeming with joy and people - beneficiaries and team members came together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We shared home-cooked food, games, carols, and was blessed by Christmas message from Union Church pastor, Michele Bland, about "treasure".

Another highlight was the birthday celebrations. The women's special days were filled with decorations, cakes and surprises. We are so grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the women as a reminder that they are created in God's image, full of beauty and worth!

HIGHLIGHTS - DROP-IN



Interest Classes

Interest classes are a great way to foster relationship with the ladies and help them to experience joy and healing while learning in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. We organized a variety of classes such as baking, cooking, facial treatment and nail polishing. Our classes provided the women with much-needed respite and warmth from the dark and oppressive places where they usually spend their days.

Skill Classes

We provided 63 hours of Chinese writing and English classes to beneficiaries who struggle to find satisfying employment due to lack of literacy skills. In our Chinese course, we started from scratch by introducing strokes and orders of characters. By laying a foundation in writing, we aim to help beneficiaries to learn to read/write basic Chinese language so that meet basic literacy requirements for a work setting. We continue to cheer on their hard work, and feel so privileged to see the joy of learning on their faces! The English course offered foundational principles of grammar, vocabulary, reading and conversation.

Women also came to drop-in to join computer classes, which equips them with skills such as browsing the internet, using Microsoft Office to prepare a personal document, create spreadsheets, and write emails in a business format.

***"I didn't even know I could do this [use a computer]. Now you have helped me to realise that I can learn anything".
Computer Class Beneficiary***

HIGHLIGHTS - DROP-IN



Bible Study

Our weekly Bible study class has enabled the ladies to develop a closer relationship with Jesus through the practice of studying scripture and prayer. We introduced the women to the "SOAP" method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer), which they can easily apply by themselves in their personal devotion times. Through attending this class, 3 beneficiaries began to attend international churches in Hong Kong.



Candle Making & Alpha Program

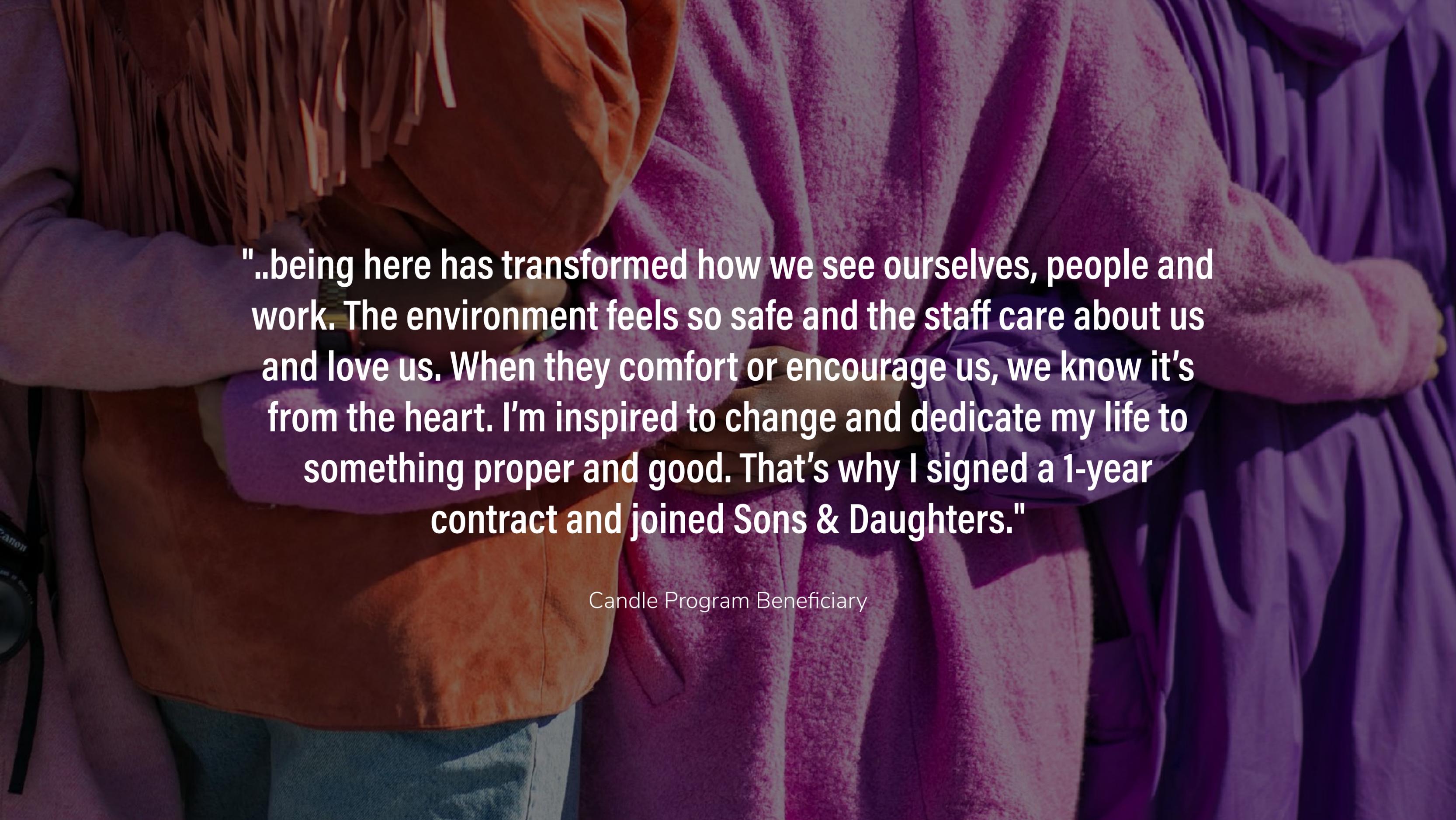
This year, we completed two rounds of our 10-week candle-making & Alpha program, with 7 beneficiaries graduating with an official certificate. This program is designed to be a stepping stone for the women to develop trust, confidence and relationship to transit into our Aftercare program. One of the 7 graduates progressed on to become our candle program instructor and is now working full-time in our social enterprise, ReStore. Another graduate gained the confidence from learning new things to enable her to secure employment at an embassy as her part-time job!

The Alpha course facilitated the women to lay foundations in their understanding of the Christian faith, and to explore a different outlook on the meaning and purpose of their lives through discussions about the Living Hope that is found in Jesus.



Food Pantry & Supplies

We have been partnering with organizations such as Feeding HK, Jireh International Health, and Rotary Club to distribute food and essential supplies to the women who come to our drop-in centre. In total, we have gave out 3940 food items and 686 health/sanitary supplies to support the women's health during the pandemic in which many suffered loss of income. We were also blessed with gifts such as back-to-school stationery packs for the women's children, clothing and supermarket coupons from various churches and individuals to support the practical needs of the women.

A photograph showing a person in a purple robe being held by a caregiver in a brown jacket. The person in the purple robe has their eyes closed and appears to be resting or sleeping. The caregiver is holding them from behind. The background is dark and out of focus. A quote is overlaid on the image in white text.

"..being here has transformed how we see ourselves, people and work. The environment feels so safe and the staff care about us and love us. When they comfort or encourage us, we know it's from the heart. I'm inspired to change and dedicate my life to something proper and good. That's why I signed a 1-year contract and joined Sons & Daughters."

Candle Program Beneficiary

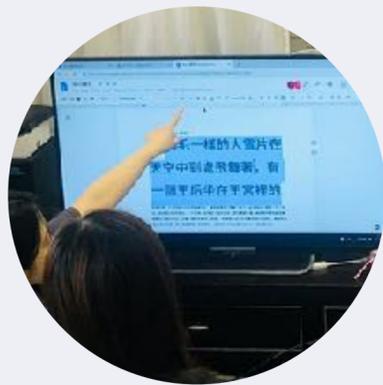
HIGHLIGHTS - AFTERCARE

2021 has been a year of preparation and sowing for our Aftercare Transition Programme and beneficiaries. From April until the end of the year, we welcomed seven new Aftercare beneficiaries into our Transition Programme. It has been incredible to see these precious souls take the bold step to leave the commercial sex industry behind, and embark on the journey to a better, healthier life ahead.

Our faithful team of caseworkers, counsellors, and skills instructors has been integral to the programme as we charted a new path forward this year, opening up the ReStore Traineeship, which provides 12 months of full-time, paid employment to women leaving commercial sex industry.

Over the course of the 12 months, the trainees are trained in skills such as financial stewardship, business planning, computer literacy and English language while receiving counselling to recover from trauma and improve mental health, and weekly meetings with a dedicated caseworker to address practical needs and to plan and prepare for a new career.

We look forward to this coming season of harvest with great anticipation and hope as our 2021 Aftercare cohort graduate and springboard into new careers in 2022.



Computer literacy classes



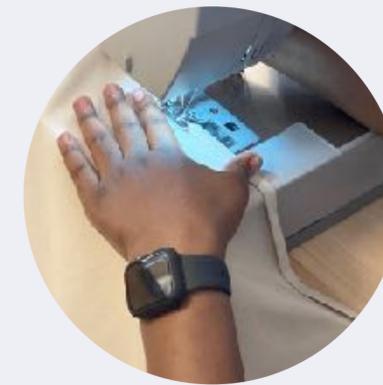
English lessons



Financial stewardship / business skills lessons



Candle making lessons



Sewing lessons



Counselling sessions



Casework sessions

HIGHLIGHTS - AFTERCARE



Sweetie

We met Sweetie during our Causeway Bay outreach, and after completing our 12-week candle-making program, she decided to permanently leave sex industry. Sweetie represents a milestone for S&D as became the first ever beneficiary of the new ReStore Traineeship Programme where she earns a monthly wage while receiving holistic support through counselling, casework, and business classes among other skills trainings.

Sweetie has proven to be a leader and an inspiration to the other women with her strength, vulnerability, and positive outlook. Sweetie shared with us that she hopes to give back and be a light to other women caught in sexual exploitation through her future plan to open a nail salon, which she will use to empower and inspire other women. Towards the end of 2021, she joined our outreach team and has been speaking life and love into the women who are stuck in the life that she once was. In December, Sweetie gained her professional nail technician certification.

"My kids are so happy that I can spend much more time with them now. In my old work, my kids didn't want to talk to or pay attention to me because I was away from home so often. But these days, because they see me more often, they're more happy to see me and they'll ask about/for me more. My daughter especially now calls and messages me to see if I'm coming home for dinner and want food!"



Princess

Princess originally began as a participant of our drop-in Bible study and cooking classes, but felt ready to transition into our full-time programme at the end of November after reflecting on her own personal growth and goals. She has an eye and passion for design and is constantly seeking to learn more and to better herself. Princess brings a presence of grace and humility into our centre and she plans on returning to her home country this spring to open up her own nail salon. Throughout 2021, Princess has been blossoming from the inside out as she has gained confidence and conviction in pursuing her dreams and focusing on her physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

"When I started taking classes here, I struggled with being punctual and would not even show up sometimes. The classes and culture here has helped me grow...I also see myself differently and treat others differently...a future version of myself in two years would be someone who is accomplished in their goals; to have a stable business and good relationships with people; to be healed."

HIGHLIGHTS - RESTORE

It has been three years since our social enterprise ReStore was launched, and it has continued to grow steadily. As part of the Aftercare Program, ReStore provides an avenue where our beneficiaries can learn and practice new skills. Through our sewing and candle-making programs, our beneficiaries are given the space to use their creativity and recognize their talents and capabilities. It is so empowering when our beneficiaries see their handmade soy wax candles, beeswax wraps, and hand sewn products purchased by the public. Our mission is to...



Reclaim Freedom

We empower men and women caught in exploitation to reclaim a life of autonomy.



Refresh Vision

We provide a holistic care program and skills training for all our beneficiaries to recover their talents and abilities.



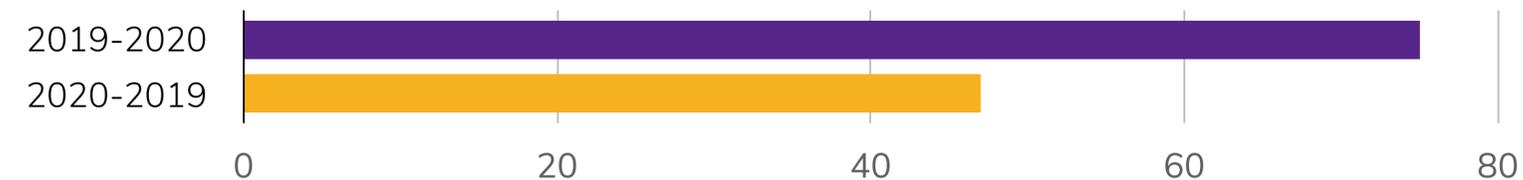
Restore Identities

We walk alongside every individual, helping them discover their intrinsic value, leaving behind their past and restoring self acceptance and dignity.

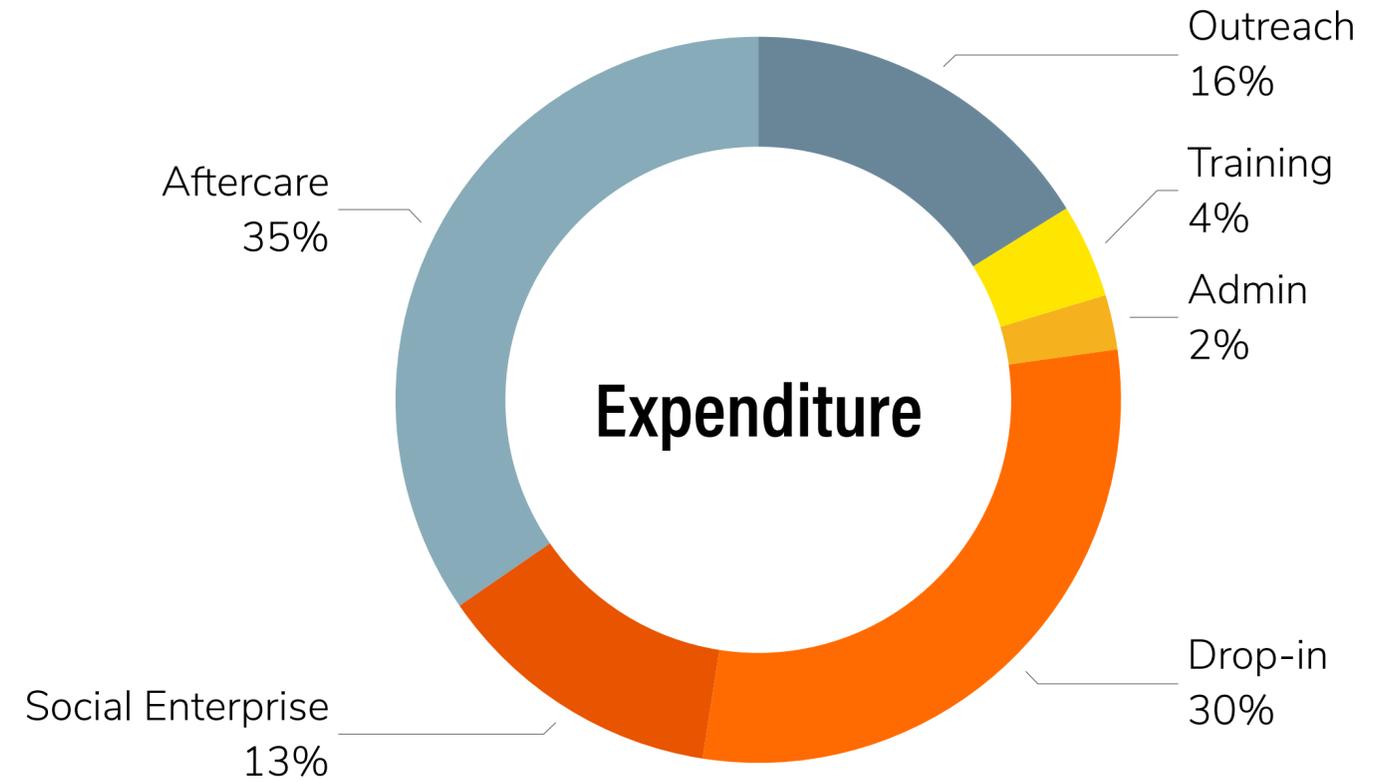
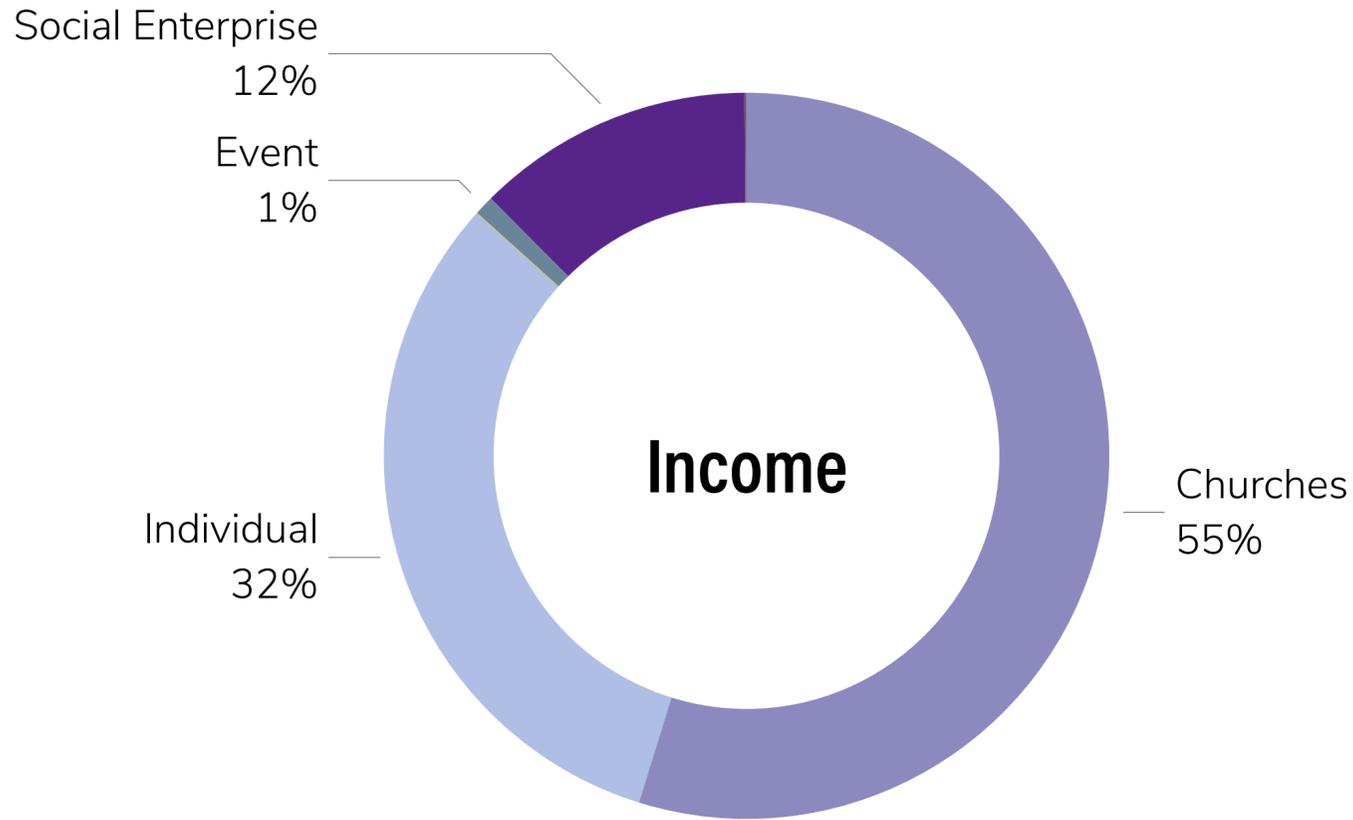
This year we were able to hire our first ever ReStore trainee, Sweetie. In her role, Sweetie has assisted the ReStore manager in creating new candle scents, production, inventory keeping and marketing. She was also the main instructor for our 10-week candle-making course. Sweetie's diligence and hard work have helped improve the quality of our candles, and the other beneficiaries are greatly encouraged by her story. It has been beautiful seeing Sweetie passing along the skills she has learned and motivating the other beneficiaries to dream for themselves.

With the Covid-19 restrictions easing in 2021, we were able to participate in multiple in-person sales events and bazaars once again. We built new relationships with different event holders and venues and hope to continue to strengthen those relationships in the coming year. In November, ReStore launched its first ever Christmas candle collection with four delicious scents—Alpine Forest, Mistletoe, Mulled Wine, and Holiday Spice. We made over 400 candles and were sold out before Christmas Eve! We are extremely grateful for all the support we received and hope that we were able to help this year smell more like Christmas. It is our aim to make this an annual tradition, and as we continue to bring new products and limited edition scents throughout the year, our beneficiaries are delighted to be able to contribute to so many special occasions.

% Growth in sales



FINANCIAL REPORT



Churches	\$1,065,888
Individuals	\$619,686
Corporate	\$562
Events	\$17,020
Social Enterprise	\$240,587
Interest	\$1,735
Total	\$1,945,478

Outreach	\$320,807
Drop-In	\$589,229
Aftercare	\$686,994
Social Enterprise	\$257,019
Training	\$83,200
Admin/HR	\$48,206
Total	\$1,980,340



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