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2022 Annual Report

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THE SEX TRADE IS ROOTED AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF EXPLOITATION AND INEQUITIES. WE CONTINUE WORKING TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC INEQUALITIES LEADING TO ABUSE AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.

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SAFE EXIT
INITIATIVE



Prostitution is the outcome of systemic oppressions rooted in racism, misogyny and bigotry. It is the product of poverty, educational inequities, lack of access to quality healthcare, safe and reliable childcare, and societal acceptance of these outcomes.

We cannot effectively end the sex trade without acknowledging the roles that institutionalized hatreds and social conditioning play in societies' ability to ignore, subjugate, and blame vulnerable populations for situations and circumstances out of their control.

MISSION

CREATE SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE EXITS FROM EXPLOITATION AND THE SEX TRADE THROUGH QUALITY PROGRAMMING, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES.

VISION

SEI is committed to unifying like-minded organizations across the globe working to eradicate the sex trade and the exploitations that function as push and pull factors.

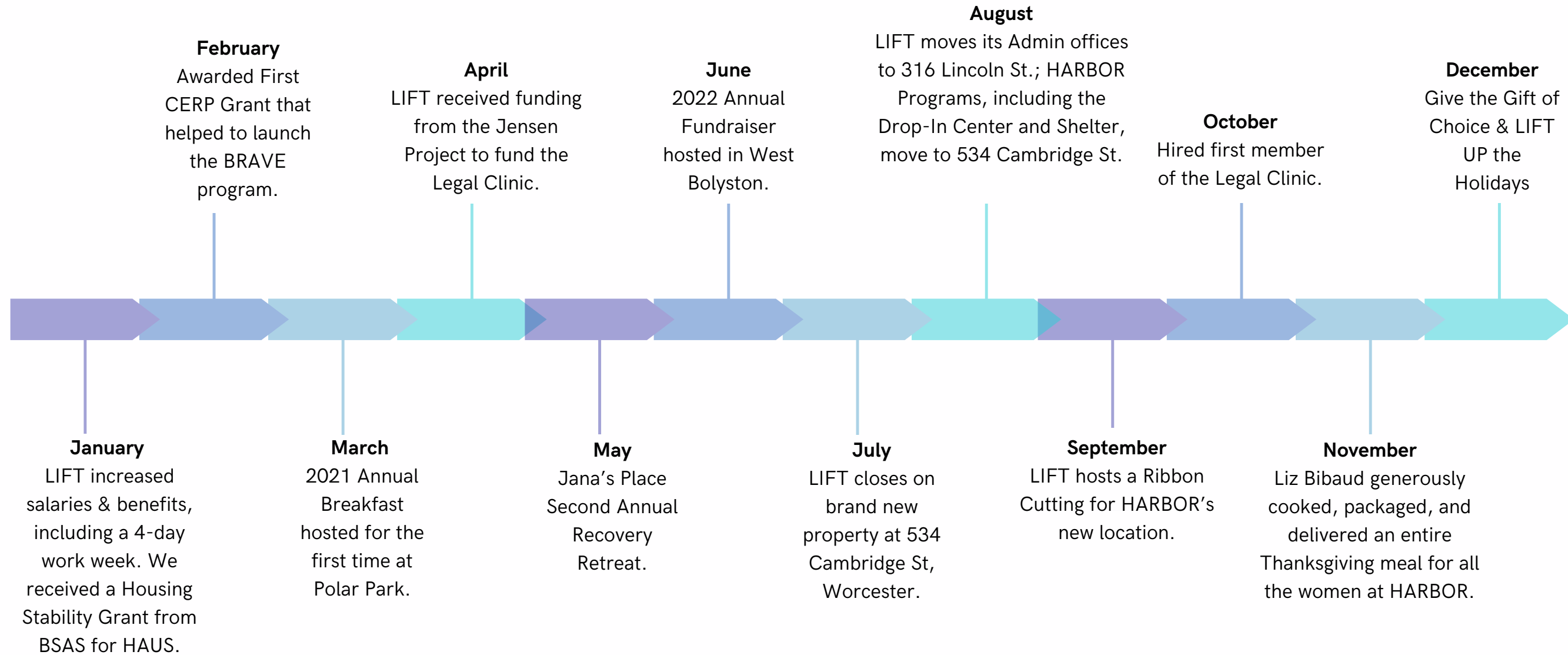
The strategic expansion of our mission and vision to recognize the environmental factors that sustain this system of oppression will make dismantling it that much more of a reality.

It paves the way for more significant legislative work and the expansion of our service model through training initiatives.



2022 TIMELINE

An overview of some key moments, from challenges to celebrations.





The Equality Model in MA (EMMA) Coalition is a Survivor-led community effort working to dismantle systems of violence and inequity against prostituted people and is dedicated to ending the sex trade through Survivor-informed policy change.

Proposed policy changes challenge social misconceptions around systems of prostitution through legislative initiatives and policy reforms, all of which reflect the Equality Model's key goals.

The Equality Model Bill (H.1597/S.983, "An Act to Strengthen Justice and Support for Sex Trade Survivors") was sent to study by the Massachusetts State Legislature in 2021. This first-of-its-kind law was created, drafted, and supported by Survivors across the Commonwealth. Legislative change is a critical component to ending systems of prostitution and providing accessible, viable pathways out of "the life."

We are proud to be part of a growing global network of organizations providing resources and supporting Survivors as they step into their own power. Learn more about this Bill and our legislative work with the EMMA Coalition visit EqualityModelMA.org.

The
EMMA
Coalition

THE EQUALITY MODEL

We work to end systems of prostitution through the implementation of the Equality Model.

This comprehensive approach to ending the sex trade and providing viable pathways out of “the life” for prostituted people has been adopted in Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Northern Ireland, Canada, France, Ireland, and most recently, Israel.



Full decriminalization of prostituted people.
Ensure people are not penalized for their own exploitation by eliminating crimes such as sex for a fee and common night walking.



Addressing “Push Factors” that funnel young people into the sex trade (poverty, racism, misogyny, failed child welfare systems) and investment in Survivor-led programming to address housing, employment, and other related needs.



Decreasing on-ramps to, and increasing exit-ramps from, the sex trade.



Coordination of this holistic approach
Public information campaigns, education and training, legislative and penal code changes, and services must be present and coordinated to support the common goal.



High-quality programs for people in the sex trade.
Survivor-developed and led programming that addresses the unique needs of this population.



Strong anti-sex trafficking legislation & enforcement.
Laws which penalize third party exploiters and protect prostituted people must be strengthened.



Buying sex remains criminalized.
Demand, not supply, fuels the sex trade. Ensure sex buyers are penalized for purchasing access to the bodies of vulnerable people.

STREET OUTREACH

Between November 1st - December 31st, 2022, LIFT's Street Outreach Van tallied 92 interactions with individuals in and around Worcester's Main South neighborhood. Out of those 92, 82% of individuals that connected with street outreach traveled to HARBOR, SEI's Emergency Shelter and Drop-In Center to access programming.

We are grateful to the Greater Worcester Community Foundation for providing funding for this vital programming!



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Based on LIFT's data reports, we know that on average it takes 7 points of contact with an individual during Street Outreach for them to feel trusting enough to self-refer to HARBOR.



LEGAL CLINIC

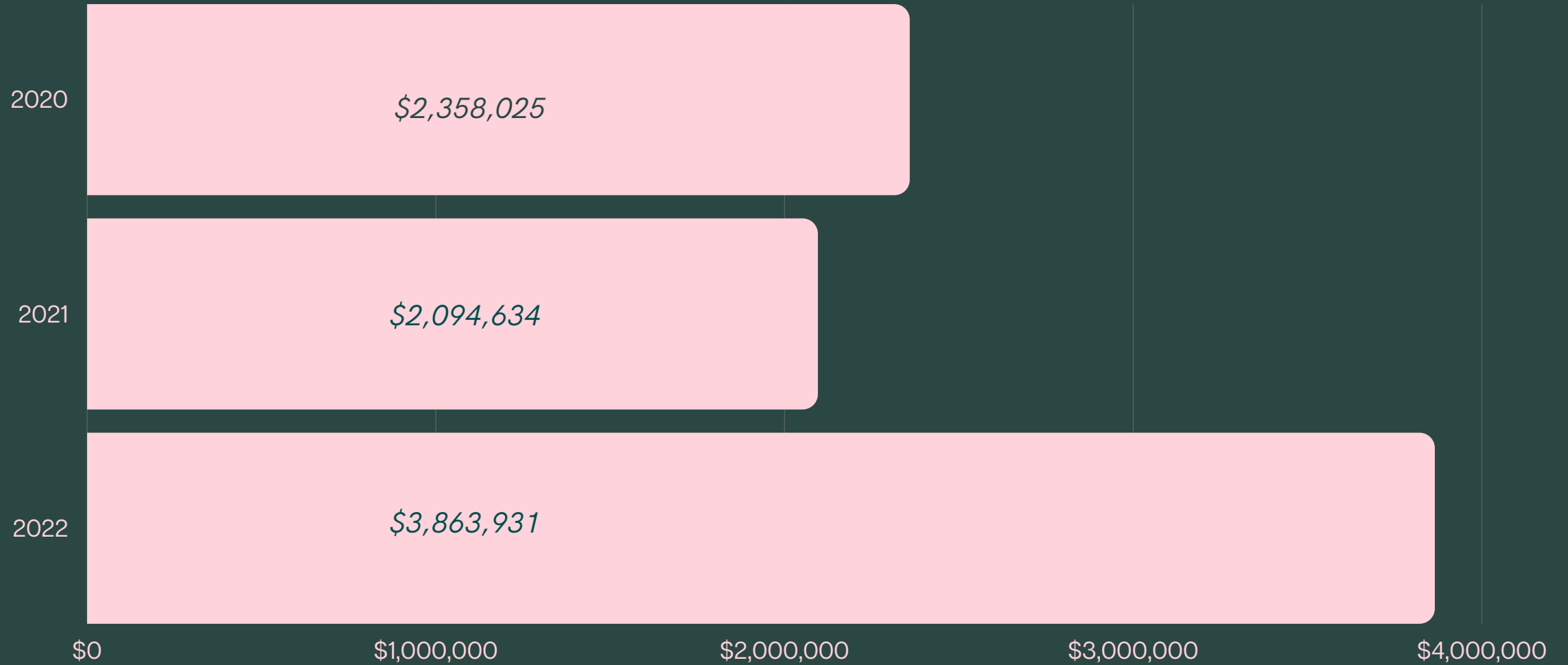
Through trauma-responsive legal representation, Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and sex trafficking are able to work alongside Survivor Court Advocates, our Paralegal, and Managing Attorney to remove barriers to care and navigate the complex criminal justice system.

Legal Representation

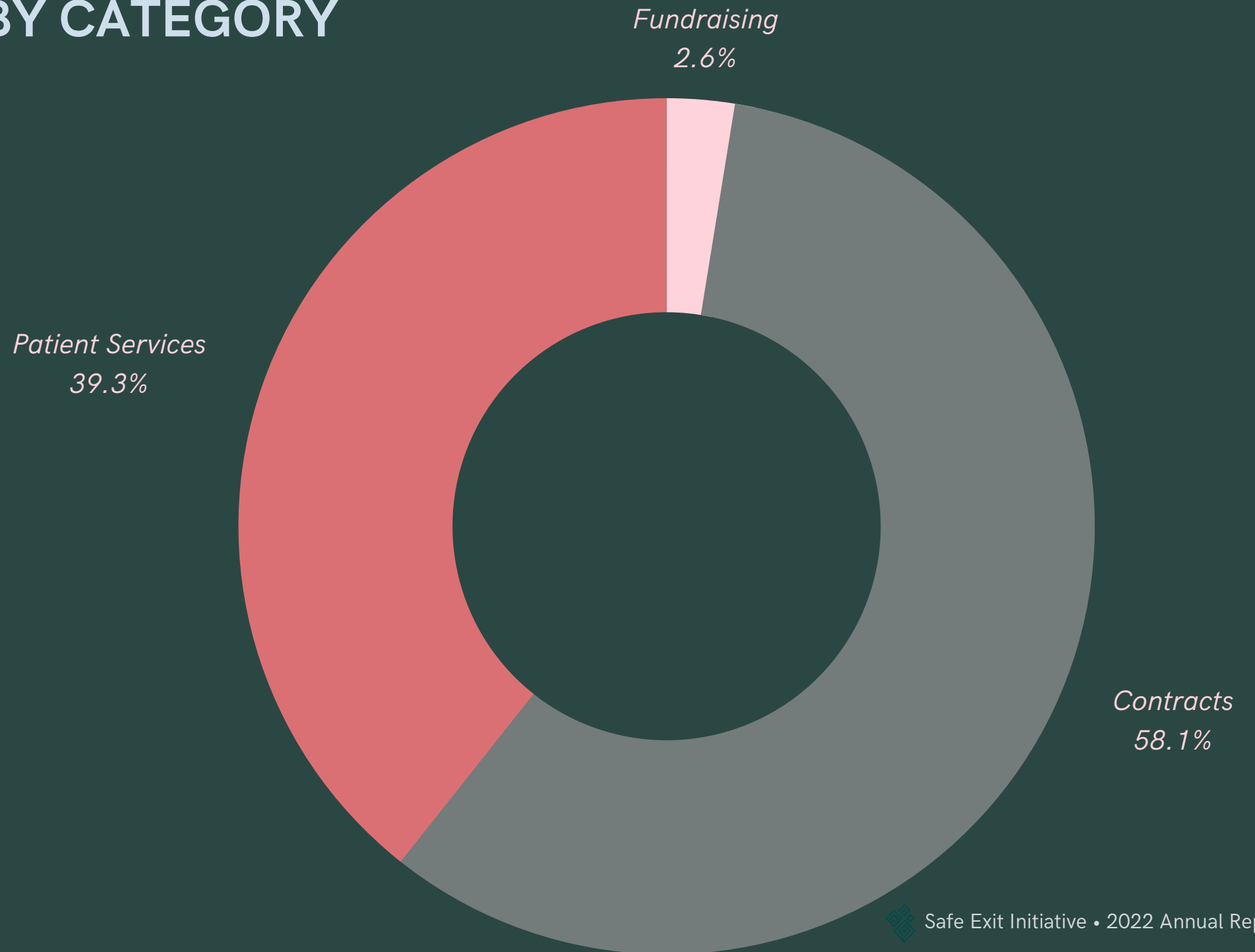
Staff collaborate with individuals across all programs to create tailored plans to assist each individual - this includes representation at no charge for Survivors for matters involving criminal, family, probate, housing, and immigration law. The clinic also has access to a network of pro-bono attorneys to support each case when needed.

2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR OVER YEAR REVENUE AND SUPPORT



REVENUE BY CATEGORY



THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 AMAZING SUPPORTERS!

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Additional Major Supporters of 2022:

- Fletcher Foundation, for supporting the transition of HARBOR to its forever home at 534 Cambridge Street.
- Greater Worcester Community Foundation, for supporting LIFT Admin and HARBOR.
- Massachusetts Bureau of Substance & Addiction Services, for supporting Jana's Place and HARBOR.
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development, for providing seed funding for our BRAVE program.
- Mildred's Dream Foundation, for generously supporting HARBOR.
- Reliant Foundation, for providing funding towards essential software updates to support our ever-evolving programs.
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2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP



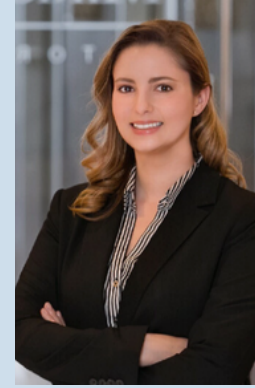
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LOOKING AHEAD

In 2023, we will continue to provide a holistic approach to trauma-responsive programming with a focus on the sex trade and connect with other Survivor-led agencies to strengthen the movement to end exploitation.

Recently, SEI was awarded a contract for Low-Threshold Housing, a housing-first model for Survivors. This is an evidenced based model that has proven people are more likely to seek treatment, find gainful employment and have the safety and security they need succeed.

