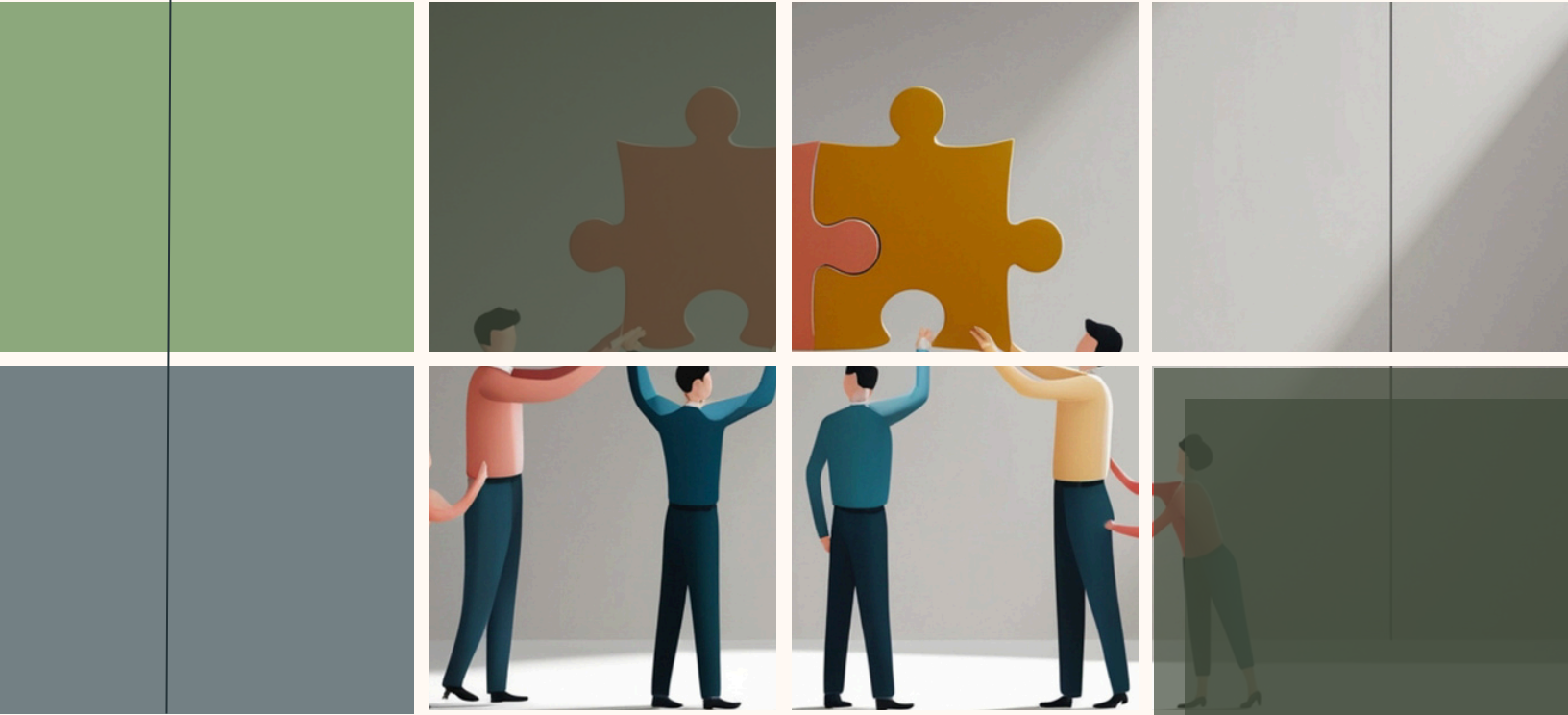


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*Impact Report*  
2025



**ILLUMINATE**  
ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS



THE SALVATION ARMY BRITISH COLUMBIA  
MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESPONSE:

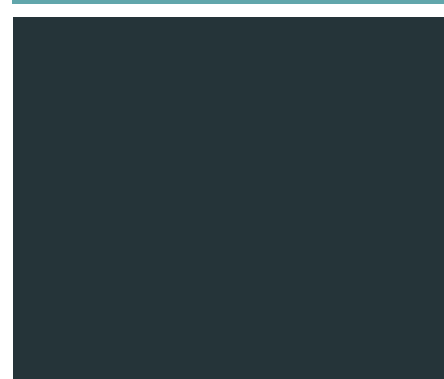
# Illuminate

The Salvation Army is deeply committed to fighting modern slavery and human trafficking on a global scale. Modern slavery is an umbrella term including human trafficking for sex, labour or organs, exploitative labour practices, child labour and early or forced marriage. It involves not just individuals but also social and economic systems. Illuminate is The Salvation Army's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking primary response initiative in British Columbia. Leading the way in 2009, The Salvation Army Illuminate opened the first high-security, rehabilitative safe house for survivors of trafficking in Canada. Our goal has always been to provide a secure, stabilizing environment where survivors can flee their perpetrators and begin to regain control of their lives. Since opening our doors, we have received thousands of referrals from individuals seeking not only a safe place to stay, but the wrap-around supports essential for exiting exploitation and building a life defined by dignity and freedom.

Guided by the voices and needs of survivors, we have continued to expand our services. In 2020, we opened the Propel Survivor Development Center, offering non-residential supports to any trafficked person in Canada. Through virtual and in-person programming, survivors receive personalized support that helps them navigate their next steps toward healing. Illuminate is a recipient of Canada's Department of Justice Excellence in Victim Services Award, recognizing the impact of our innovative and groundbreaking work with survivors. This impact is made possible through strong collaborative partnerships and the generosity of donors who share our commitment to end human trafficking. Thank you for standing with us in this work. Together, we look forward to another year of advancing safety, stability, and hope for survivors everywhere.

With deep gratitude,

*Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Response  
Team - BC Division*



# Survivor Advisory Council

Our organization is committed to centering survivor voices in all areas of our work. This commitment is supported through the ongoing leadership of a Survivor Advisory Council.

The Illuminate Survivor Advisory Council is a collaborative group of survivor leaders who bring vital insight, experience, and guidance to our efforts to combat human trafficking. The purpose of the Council is to ensure that survivor voices are meaningfully included in all aspects of our work.

Members of the Council are invited to contribute insights and resources that inform how Illuminate staff identify, respond to, and support survivors; share perspectives that strengthen survivor-centred and trauma-informed approaches; and review materials and initiatives that impact the survivors we serve.

*Survivors are compensated for their expertise, choose their level of involvement, and are never expected to share their personal exploitation experiences.*



# Year in Review

The Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Response Committee of The Salvation Army in Canada has committed to investing in the following 4 key areas. This is what it has looked like for BC in 2025;

It has been an incredible year, strengthened by a dedicated team, growing partnerships, and a commitment to building community awareness and professional capacity. With 15 full-time staff, 10 part-time staff, and 8 volunteers across the province, we continued to expand our expertise and reinforce our ability to respond to the complex needs of survivors presenting at our diverse service locations.

## **Raising Awareness and Educating People**

- Our team co-hosted the launch of the *Innovation in Public Safety Series: Advancing Survivor-Centred Solutions*, bringing together leaders to explore innovative approaches to trafficking response.
- Guided by survivor insights, we provided feedback to *Canada's House of Commons – 44th Parliament, 1st Session* for its study on gender-based violence and femicide affecting women, girls, and gender-diverse people.

## **Preventing MSHT & Engaging Outreach**

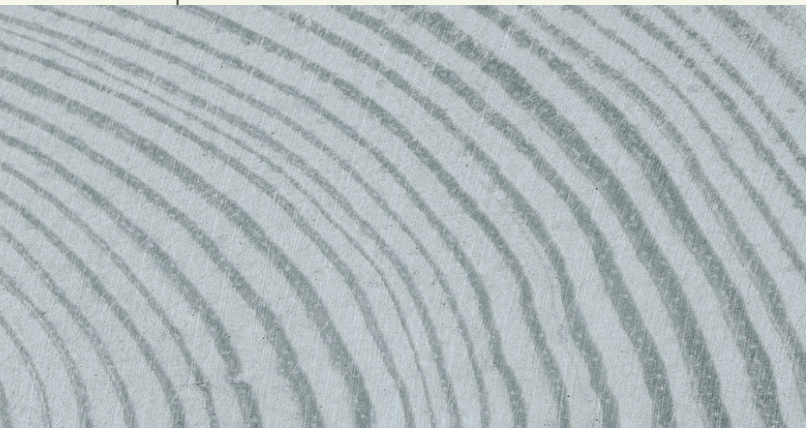
- As part of our organizational commitment to ethical sourcing and compliance with the *Modern Slavery Act*, we introduced mandatory training for all staff with purchasing authority to support the prevention of labour exploitation worldwide.
- Across the province, we delivered 11 staff training sessions and participated in 12 community awareness events. These sessions covered key topics such as forced labour, sex trafficking, grooming, supply chains, survivor recovery services and effective response practices.

## **Supporting Survivors & Responding Holistically**


- Our team arranged 11,100 crisis and emergency support interventions, providing food, clothing, transportation, shelter, spiritual care and other basic needs.
- We recommitted to our *Survivor Advisory Council*, with 8 members participating in person and 3 members participating virtually.

## **Partnering With Others & Advocating for Change**

- Our work was strengthened by 19 collaborative partnerships, task forces, and coalitions that support coordinated responses and shared learning across sectors.
- TSA - Illuminate served as the validator for the *BC Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General's* announcement of a new counter-trafficking RCMP unit for British Columbia.



# Survivor Support



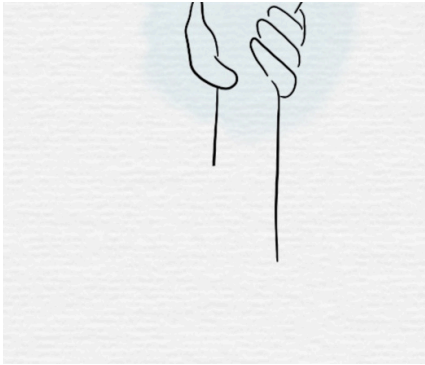
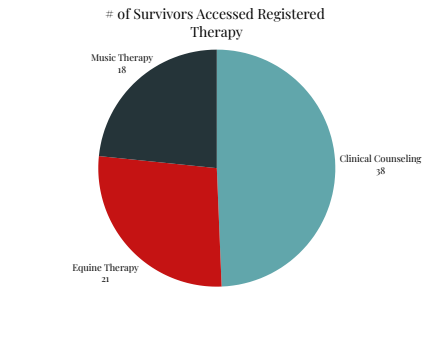
9 Prevention Programs  
Across BC With 417  
Participants




234 Survivors Served


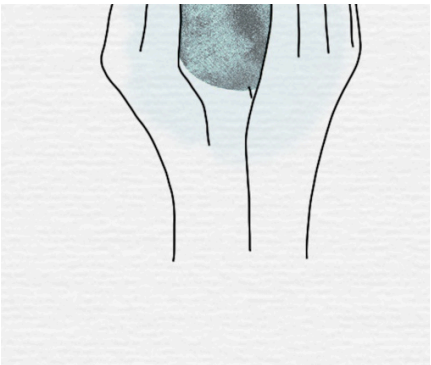



294 Therapy Sessions




4070 Nights of Shelter

65 girls participated in 3 prevention programs

- 36 Survivors received specialized services
-  Tattoo Removal
  -  Emergency Flights
  -  Court Support
  -  Repatriation
  -  Exploitation Related Debt Relief



17305 Outreach  
Contacts with Survivors

# Stories of Hope

Sex Trafficking Survivor, Aaron:

*"I've gained A lot here. I'm gaining more confidence to go about and do things myself and get things done. I'm feeling like I'm really safe. Like I'm able to get my own routine. Like I'm able to talk to you guys and come to you guys. I know I need to learn to build independence and do stuff on my own, but I'm equally grateful that I know you are there in case an issue comes up. I feel I'm gaining emotional stability here. And the support with all my stuff, like legal, medical, housing, etc., that is also so valuable."*

*"I'm not just a survivor, I am a warrior."*

Labour Trafficking Survivor, Alex:

*"I was dangerously close to being spiritually broken. I knew I wanted to get out of the vicious cycle, but how? [This program] paid for my cab ride, which was a good thing because I had nothing, just the clothes I was wearing. I was a victim!! Not even knowing who to trust!!! I became involved with Illuminate, that's when I fully realized that yes, I was a survivor of human trafficking. Now, I'm not just a survivor, I am a warrior."*

*\*Shared with permission. Names have been changed for anonymity.*



# Goals and Gaps

In the year ahead, we've set goals across our four commitment areas, and with your support, we can close the gaps to make them possible.

## Raising Awareness and Educating People

Host a community screening of Butterfly with a live panel and engagement.

*Support by funding or connections to:*

- Screening rights
- Survivor honorariums
- Venue and event logistics

Enhance survivor pathways into peer-mentor and advisory roles.

*Support by funding or connections to:*

- Survivor Honorariums
- Peer-leadership development

## Preventing MSHT & Engaging Outreach

Strengthen prevention initiatives for vulnerable youth in partnership with BRAVE Global.

Become our Brave Partner.

*Scan the QR code to learn more:*



Increase access to culturally grounded and spiritually integrated survivor supports.

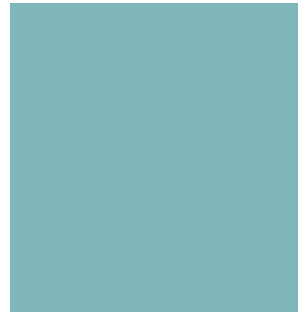
*Support by funding or connections to:*

- partnerships with cultural knowledge-keepers, Elders, and faith leaders.



# Goals and Gaps

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## Partnering with others & Advocating for Change

Develop and deploy a response protocol to equip TSA employees and volunteers.

*Support by funding or connections to:*

- Printed and digital reference tools

Advocate for stronger PCEPA enforcement and a provincial sex-buyer accountability program in British Columbia.

*Support by offering:*

- Strategic connections
- Targeted resources

*Scan the QR code to learn more about PCEPA*



## Supporting Survivors & Responding Holistically

Strengthen access to safe housing for survivors exiting exploitation.

*Support by funding or connections to:*

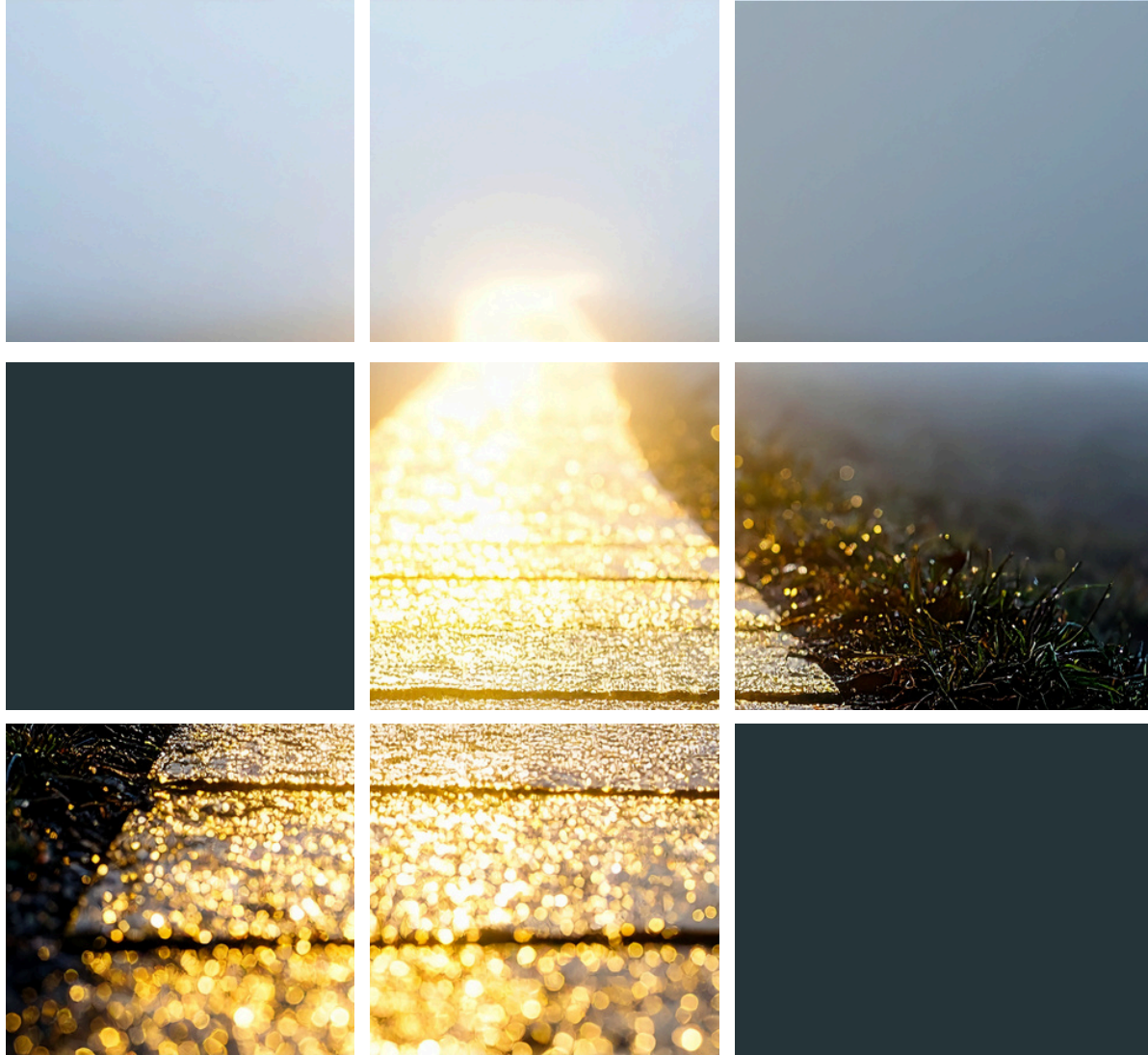
- Transportation (flights, trains, taxis)
- Emergency shelter nights

Engage in consultation to ensure programs reflect best practices.

*Support by funding or connections to subject-matter experts in:*

- Adult education
- Rehabilitation
- Newcomer care
- Trauma-informed practice

Thank You



We are deeply grateful to all who have strengthened our work through partnership, collaboration, prayer and financial support over the last year. We look forward to continuing this momentum together in the year to come.



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