

# Results of GG 2352037

“Early Intervention and Referral Program for  
Victims of Trafficking  
in The Greater Houston Bay Area”

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# Grant Objective

- ❑ Implement a comprehensive project aimed at addressing the increasing demands for
  - human trafficking survivor advocacy and
  - prevention servicesacross the four counties in the Greater Houston Bay Area and adjoining coastal region.
- ❑ There had been a persistent rise in human trafficking caseloads since January 2020, requiring substantial survivor advocacy services.
- ❑ Integral to addressing this problem was the need to deploy prevention service programs that will enable and encourage potential victims to recognize and reject coercive tactics of predators.

**Grant Value ? \$108,000**

# Recipient of Global Grant **Unbound-Now Houston**

## ■ Was selected because:

- Their comprehensive approach to addressing sex trafficking, supporting child survivors through a 24/7 crisis hotline and a robust advocacy program.
- Their advocates
  - Are trained in complex trauma, and
  - Foster goal-oriented relationships that enable survivors to regain autonomy and navigate multiple barriers.
- They collaborate with key local partners like CACs of Texas, CASA volunteers, and medical providers including UTMB and Texas Forensic Nurses.
- They facilitate essential access to education, healthcare, and legal services.
- They are recognized by the Child Sex Trafficking Team in the Office of the Texas Governor
- They serve as the designated CSEY Advocacy Agency for Galveston, Brazoria, and Harris Counties, collaborating with three other agencies to ensure continuous crisis response.
- Their preventative efforts have reached over 21,000 youth in the Greater Houston area through validated programs such as Keeping Students Safe program

# Defined Solution via this Project

1. **Provide a 24-Hour Crisis Response** - Maintain a continuous crisis response service, providing immediate support and intervention for trafficking victims.
2. **Training for Collaborative Agencies** - Essential training will be delivered to partner agencies to enhance their capabilities in identifying and responding to human trafficking situations effectively
3. **Youth Screenings** – Conduct “proactive” screenings for youth to identify those at risk of trafficking, ensuring early intervention.
4. **Specialized Advocacy Services** – Provide comprehensive case management and connection to wrap-around services such as trauma counseling, integrative health education, and safety planning for clients.
5. **Early Intervention Services** – Target youth identified as at-risk or showing signs of potential trafficking involvement.
  - a. Provide tailored prevention education and advocacy to those flagged by screening tools as “possible concern” for trafficking
6. **Awareness and Outreach** – Promote all the above services through brochures, care coordination protocols, and during awareness events and trainings for new partners.
7. **Partnership and Community Engagement** - Existing relationships with local partners will be leveraged to enhance service delivery.
  - a. Establish and steward these relationships and facilitate trainings to increase identification of trafficking victims.
8. **Educational Workshops** - Organize at least three integrative education transition classes, which will also facilitate access to community resources and wrap-around services.



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# Training Classes

44

# Individuals Trained

5,379



# Prevention Education  
Sessions Facilitated

46

# Youth who participated

176



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# Youth Who Received Early  
Intervention Services

12

# of Presumed Victims Identified  
and Referred to Survivor  
Advocacy Services

5



- # of Calls to 24/7 Line

431

- # of Survivors Served

219

# Survivor Advocacy

- ▣ Rotary funding has been a lifeline for Survivor Advocacy at Unbound Now Houston. With Rotary's support, we've been able to:
  - **Bring trafficked youth home** from across state lines when no other agency could.
  - **Support survivors in court**, including covering travel for a youth to testify twice against her trafficker—leading to conviction.
  - **Provide emergency shelter** during Hurricane Beryl when systems were down and families had nowhere else to go.
  - **Offer healing experiences**, like zoo visits, giving survivors and their children moments of joy, stability, and trust-building outside of crisis.



# Next Steps for the Rotary- Unbound Now Partnership

- **New Global Grants to serve  
Metropolitan Houston**
  - 6 times the geography
  - 3 times the population

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