



Tapestri
diversity. advocacy. empowerment.

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Serving immigrant and refugee survivors of
domestic violence and human trafficking



Our Mission

Tapestri is dedicated to ending violence and oppression in immigrant and refugee communities using culturally competent and linguistically appropriate methods. As advocates for immigrants and refugees affected by domestic violence and human trafficking, we use education, community organizing, direct services, and advocacy to improve our clients' lives.

Our name, Tapestri, symbolizes the different threads of society coming together to form a safe cover to protect our diverse communities.



Letter from the Board Chair

Dear Tapestri supporters,

At Tapestri, we believe that no person, regardless of national origin, language, or gender, deserves to experience violence. Every day, Tapestri's 13-member staff and countless volunteers, donors, and partners work to make this vision a reality.

When I think back to when I joined Tapestri's Board of Directors five years ago, **one word comes to mind – resilience**. Resilience is critically important for our clients. Resilience is what gives a woman the courage to leave an abusive partner and move to a shelter. Resilience is what gives a man who has been trafficked into this country and held against his will the courage to tell the truth about his situation to law enforcement. We see so much resilience in the unaccompanied children we work with who have crossed borders alone and the men who come to us without a framework for a healthy relationship yet who come week after week to learn how to process emotions in a safe, healthy way.

I see resilience in the staff as well. **Fiscal year 2016 was Tapestri's fourteenth year in operation**. The organization has grown from a small project at Refugee Women's Network to a 13-person organization serving nearly a thousand clients each year. **In 2016, we were able to grow our staff**, adding or converting part-time to full-time positions in domestic violence casework and volunteer management.

We often receive questions about the political and economic landscape around immigration and social services. Will our funding be sufficient? Are more clients coming in? Are resources available for our clients? Despite all these questions, one thing is certain – Tapestri remains focused on and dedicated to our clients' well-being. We will continue steadfastly leading our immigrant and refugee clients from crisis to stability. Our expanded staff - with a focus on growing volunteer involvement and diversifying our funding sources - is strengthening our organizational capacity to serve immigrants and refugees leaving domestic violence and human trafficking.

We are optimistic about Tapestri's future and renew our commitment to foreign-born survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. **We invite you to stay involved and connected through our e-newsletter, our website (tapestri.org), Facebook (/TapestriInc), Twitter (@Tapestri_Inc), and Instagram (@Tapestri_Inc)**. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this annual report's review of our 2016 accomplishments. Our name, Tapestri, symbolizes the different threads of our community uniting. You are one of those threads, and we could not be more grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Rosalie S. Collado
Chair, Board of Directors
Tapestri



Human Trafficking

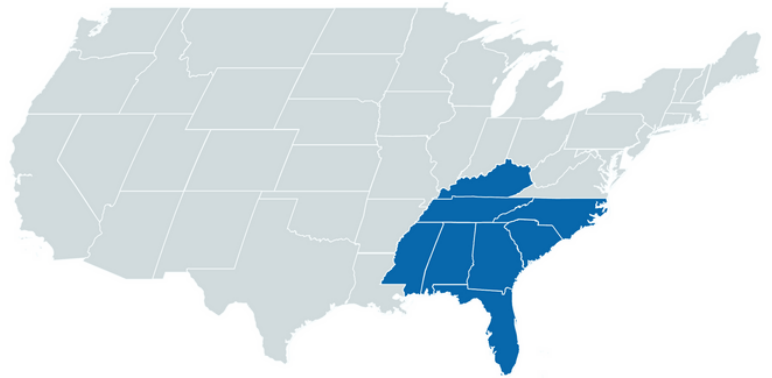
55 human trafficking clients served directly by Tapestri in Georgia

1600 individuals trained in **62** sessions on best practices for working with foreign-born survivors of human trafficking

56 clients served by Tapestri's sub-contractors through Region 4 of the U.S. Administration for Children & Families, which includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee

29 training webinars held for sub-contractors

440 instances of technical assistance provided to other human trafficking-serving organizations



Unaccompanied Children

21 clients served, ranging in age from **8 months to 17 years old**

Countries of Origin:

El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, and Mexico

Counties of Residence:

Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, and Troup



Domestic Violence

85 clients served through individualized case management

280 people trained in best practices for working with foreign-born survivors of domestic violence.

16 Temporary Protective Orders (TPO) filed

17 women's support groups sessions

"Because I am educated, I always thought I cannot be wrong, but I realized this is not the case. I was using it to control my partner."

- Men's Program Client from Ethiopia

Men's Program

12 refugee men completed our 24-week Family Violence Intervention Program.

220 men and women attended community education sessions on domestic violence.

Countries of Origin:

Bhutan, Burma, Congo, Ethiopia, and Eritrea



Throughout our programs, we worked with more than **15 volunteers** who served more than **1250 volunteer hours** in fiscal year 2016. We couldn't be more grateful!

6th Annual Live Without Fear

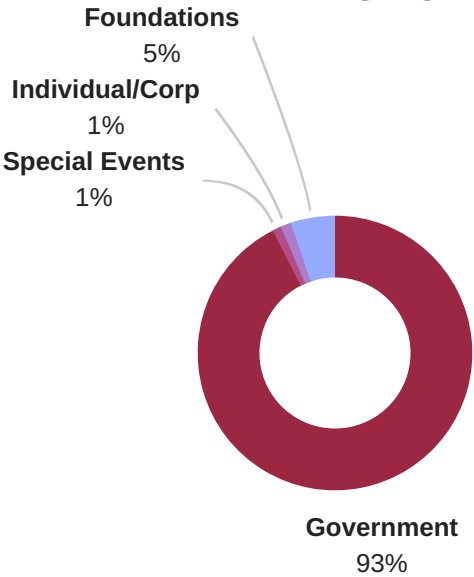
We are so grateful to everyone who made our sixth annual fundraiser a success. We were honored to have Sara Nelson, International President of the Association of Flight Attendants, as our keynote speaker. We thank the following **sponsors** for their support:

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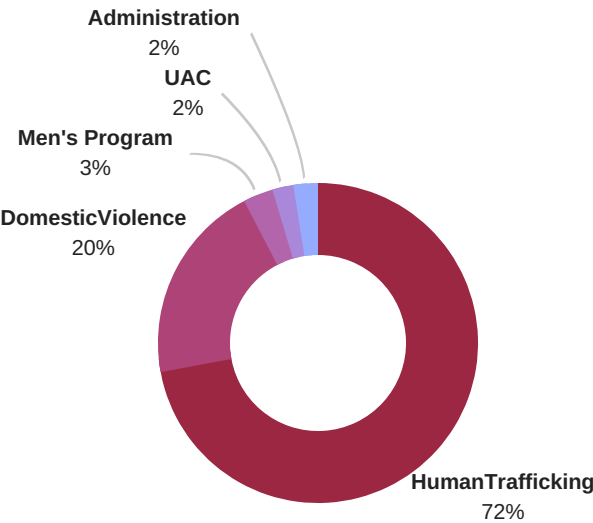


Financial Report

Revenue



Expenses



Volunteers of the Year



Jennifer Parker
**Human Trafficking
Program**



Meiriely Amaral and Samantha Alexander
Domestic Violence Program



Staff


Vanisa Tabakovic, Executive Director
Maja, Human Trafficking Program Director
Limia Obadi, Domestic Violence Program
Director

Anonymous, Human Trafficking Program
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Caseworker
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language...*

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