



Impact Report



Vision Statement

To eradicate modern slavery and the cycle of domestic violence in refugee and immigrant communities.

Values Statement

We believe that every person has a right to live without fear. We exist to increase access to services for refugee and immigrant communities. We believe that everyone should be able to receive help and services that are respectful of his/her community, language, culture, race, age, disability, and religious beliefs. Recognizing that this is a lifelong process, Tapestri members attempt to live and model these values when we interact with our communities and among ourselves.

Letter from the Board Chair

At Tapestri, we believe that no person, regardless of national origin, language, or gender, deserves to experience violence. We will continue steadfastly walking our refugee and immigrant clients from crisis to stability.

The organization has grown from a small project at Refugee Women's Network to a 16-person organization serving nearly a thousand clients each year. In 2018, we were able to grow the staff, adding or converting part-time to full-time positions in domestic violence case work, volunteer management, and development.

Our expanded staff - with a focus on growing volunteer involvement and diversifying our funding sources - is one tool we are using to diversify and strengthen our organizational capabilities to serve refugees and immigrants 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. 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,

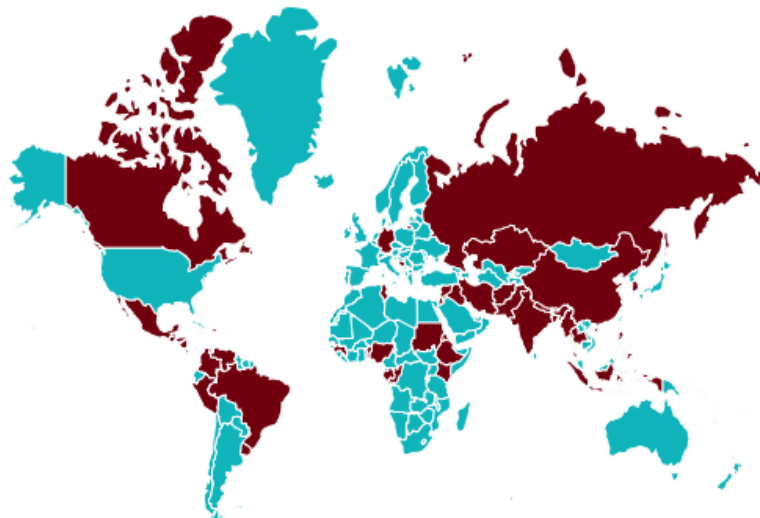
Rosalie S. Collado
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2018 Impact



Tapestri clients come from 60 countries

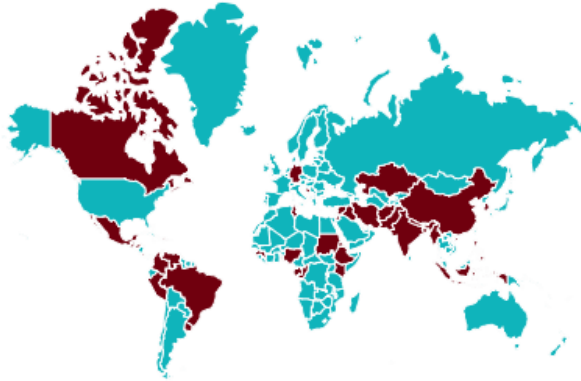
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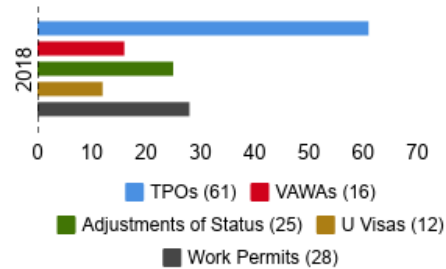
Domestic Violence

Tapestri's Domestic Violence Program supports immigrant and refugee victims during and after experiencing domestic violence. Through casework, crisis counseling, legal advocacy, and referrals to culturally-sensitive, pro-bono attorneys, we help our clients build safe, self-sufficient lives.

Clients' Countries of Origin



Paperwork Filed



186
Clients
Served

11
Outreach
Events

1209
People
Trained

14
Educational
Courses
Completed

10
Technical
Assistances

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Impact Stories: Domestic Violence Program

Helen, a young woman from East Africa, married a promising young man with a career in professional sports.

Together, they had two children. The father got an opportunity to come to the US. He moved, and a few years later, sent for his family. Once Helen and the children joined him in the US, his career as a professional athlete burned out and he became a truck driver. He took his frustrations out on Helen and the children. He began to tell the children daily that they would never amount to anything more than being common criminals, encouraging them to focus their energies away from school and towards the future careers he set out for them. He would often threaten Helen with her immigration status and taking the children away, given he was a citizen and her immigration status depended on him as her sponsor. The verbal and psychological abuse quickly escalated into physical abuse. Helen began attending a clinic in metro Atlanta for her health concerns. At the clinic, they realized what was happening to Helen at home and connected her with Tapestri. Through Tapestri, Helen was able to file a police report and obtain a Family Violence Protective Order to protect her against the abuse. Helen was able to apply for VAWA, allowing her to adjust her immigration status away from her abusive husband. Tapestri connected Helen with a more financially viable living situation so that she would be able to support her children on her own. Helen was also coached through the American job market, and eventually, she obtained a job at a printing press company, where she is now working.

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Human Trafficking

Tapestri's Human Trafficking program provides comprehensive case management services to foreign national victims of human trafficking, conducts trainings, conducts public awareness activities, and engages in direct outreach to potential victims. Additionally, Tapestri facilitates quarterly survivor focus groups in order to improve programing and implement survivor informed policies.



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Impact Stories: Human Trafficking Program

After three years of separation, two survivors of labor trafficking were able to reunite with their wives and children.

After having been brought to the US under false promises, our two clients were able to report their situation to law enforcement, access Tapestri's services, and obtain T visas. We assisted with reunification and accessing needed services for the two families.

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Men's Program

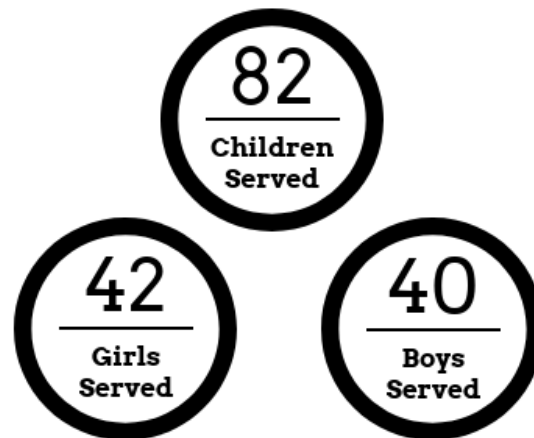
Holding men accountable for abusive behaviors to create safe communities for women and children.



Clients originated from Burma, Congo, Iraq, Guinea, Romania, Eritrea, Central African Republic, Syria, and Bhutan.

Unaccompanied Children

Our services center on case management, access to legal services, and family reunification.



Clients originated from Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras.

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Impact Stories: Men's Program

A man showed up to the orientation of the Family Violence Intervention Program, didn't write down any abusive behaviors in his application, and asked why he had to be in the class...

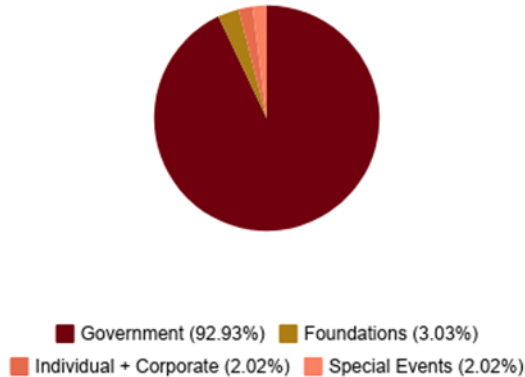
After few weeks of attending the class, he began to open up. He told the class about his physical violence towards his partner as well as the controlling behaviors he used when dealing with his family. He cried when he shared those incidents; those were healing moments for him. He started holding other men accountable for their check-in behaviors by giving feedback. In his last week of class, he did a community project and brought two men from his community to see his work. A few months later, a Tapestri staff member saw him with his family at the mall. He introduced them to his partner. She greeted the staff member warmly, and thanked them for everything.

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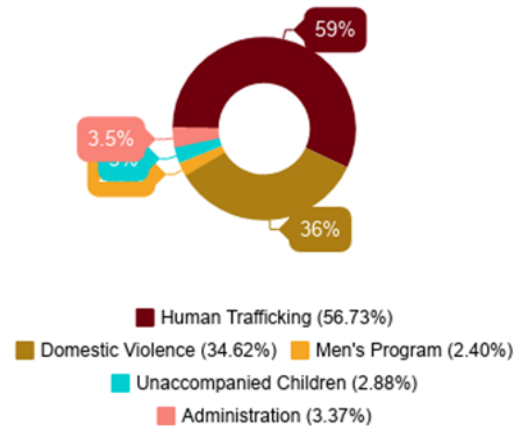
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Financials

Revenue (\$1,900,055)



Expenses (\$1,873,153)



Volunteers

Tapestri volunteers came from the Emory University, Georgia State University, Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty Internship Program, Georgetown University, and the University of Missouri.



Volunteers of the Year!

Marilyn Najarro, Tooba Anwar, Franchesca Rife, and Maheen Chanya are Tapestri's volunteers of the year! We're grateful for all of their help, and we're extremely thankful for all of our volunteers!

Get Involved!

Help End Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking

As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, Tapestri needs your help. Generous community support allows us to serve as many clients as possible in culturally competent and linguistically appropriate ways as they leave abusers. Unfortunately, the needs for these services never goes down. Can you commit to supporting Tapestri on a monthly basis? It's easy and makes a real difference: Set your donation amount, and support survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking monthly.

No amount is too small, and committing is easy: Authorize regular, recurring charges on a credit or debit card and choose how often your card will be charged when you sign up securely online at tapestri.org/ways-to-give/donate. You can also mail a check on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis to Tapestri, PMB 362, 3939 Lavista Rd., Ste. E, Tucker, GA 30084.

To learn more about these issues and to get involved contact us to request a free training at tapestri@tapestri.org.

Supporters Spotlight



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ALSTON & BIRD



AGNES SCOTT
COLLEGE

Tapestri Family

Staff

Vanisa Tabakovic, Executive Director
Nermina Silnovic, Finance Manager
Maja Hasic, Trafficking Program Director
Anonymous, Human Trafficking Program Manager
Anonymous, Human Trafficking Outreach Specialist
Valeria Araujo, Human Trafficking Direct Case Aid
Caroline Miller, Unaccompanied Children Caseworker
Mersada Mujkanovic - Human Trafficking Program Coordinator
Anonymous, Farmworker Outreach Coordinator
Limia Obadi - Domestic Violence Program Director
Nyaz Kirkuki - Men's & Volunteer Program Manager
Victoria Chen, Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
Lesley Santos - Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
Aruna Shrestha - Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
Priscilla Van Sui - Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
Rachel Stanley - Development Coordinator

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