## 2023 Annual Impact Statement

OUR MISSION Provide safe housing for survivors of Human Trafficking and Exploitation which encourages hope, healing, empowerment, security, and long-term aftercare and support.

## FROM OUR FOUNDER

As I look back on this year I think "Wow! We made it!" The dream has become a reality. In just one year, we've hired staff, built community partnerships and lifelong friends - and most importantly we housed, supported, guided, and empowered those we started this program for – 11 Survivors of Human Trafficking! 11 people who experienced extreme trauma, who felt lonely, hopeless, and left without options in life. But they also said I want better, I want safety, I want a community, I deserve better, and I will put myself first. These residents accepted help and support – the hardest choice many made - and trusted us - even if only for a brief time. They felt care and empathy, hope, and resilience; they saw options and people who will carry their hope, even when they want to give up. These residents did the hard work, they took the leap, they trusted strangers, and they chose themselves. Without Brigid's House – this would not have been possible for most of them. But it doesn't stop here. We have so much more to do, sustainability of the program, continued support of those who trust us and are building their tribe of support for their independence, and continued support of our staff and our community. Brigid's House - residents, staff, and partners, deserve all that and more.

Join us as we reflect, process, and dream - we need you to keep walking this walk with all of us because our work is far from done and those who trust us need to know we are all in this together.

Bethang Cottrell Founder/ Executive Director

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Thank you for always believing and walking with us. I look forward to what this next year brings and continue to dedicate my passion to this effort.





Wellness exercise using mindfulness & creativity to construct terrariums



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