

2023-2024

Impact Report



Our Mission

The Grateful Garment Project's (TGGP) mission is to ensure that every victim of a sexual crime who crosses the threshold of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) facility or who seeks medical attention and/or law enforcement involvement is provided with whatever new clothing, toiletries, snacks, and other miscellaneous items that they may require. TGGP has further expanded its mission and vision to encompass all victims of sexual violence. This includes, but is not limited to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) and victims of Human Sexual Trafficking (HST).

TGGP's scope is wide but the purpose is narrow: The vision of TGGP is that no victim of sexual violence in our communities should ever experience further suffering due to a lack of clothing to wear home after he or she receives services from a Sexual Violence Service Provider.

A Message From Our Executive Director

As we reflect on our ongoing work, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride. The Grateful Garment Project continues to be a light in the darkness, offering hope and healing for sexual violence victims. This impact report reflects the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, partners, and generous donors like you.

We are 100% Donor Supported

Each year, we witness the resilience of the human spirit and the power of community. As a 100% donor-supported organization, we remain committed to providing crucial support to those affected by sexual violence, offering resources that aid in reclaiming dignity and fostering healing. The impact of our work is seen in the lives we touch and the support we provide during an extremely vulnerable time. And you, as supporters of our work, are a crucial part of this solution.

I am deeply moved by the stories of action, strength and courage that underscore the importance of our mission. These stories remind us that our work is not just about providing essential resources; it's about offering a pathway to recovery and empowerment. A significant portion of the resources we provide directly supports children and students, who are particularly vulnerable to the devastating effects of sexual violence.

Preparing for the Special Challenges We Face in 2026

We anticipate a significant increase in the need for our resources due to the correlation between all of the major sporting events to be held in our communities and the increased risk of sexual violence, including child sexual abuse, sexual assault, human sexual trafficking, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Our commitment to addressing these challenges remains steadfast. We are dedicated to ensuring that every sexual violence victim, especially our children and young adults, have access to the resources and support needed to heal and rebuild their lives. Your commitment is critical to our ability to fulfill this mission.

What Can You Do?

Your support makes this vital work possible. By contributing to The Grateful Garment Project, you directly empower survivors on their journey to healing. Your donation, no matter the size, helps us operate our six programs which provide essential resources such as new clothing, toiletries, therapeutic resources, transportation cards and ensures that we can continue to offer these services free of charge.

We invite you to join us in making a tangible difference. Please consider making a gift today to help us sustain and expand our services. You can donate online at <https://gratefulgarment.org/> or send a check to 1777 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 2280, San Jose, CA 95125

Thank you for believing in our mission, for your unwavering support, and for being a part of The Grateful Garment Project family. Together, we are making a difference. Together, we are bringing hope.

Gratefully yours,

Lisa J. Blanchard
Founder & CEO

Our Programs



RESOURCE CLOSETS: Provides emergency resources for victims of sexual violence once they have undergone a forensic examination or have sought Sexual Violence Service Provider services



BEYOND-THE-CLOSET (HUMAN TRAFFICKING/CSEC RESOURCES): Provides additional resources (clothing, toiletries, etc.) to safe houses, shelters, and group homes for victims who don't have a safe place to return.



PACK-IT FORWARD: Emergency portable packs provided to Law Enforcement/Sexual Violence Service Providers for Human Sexual Trafficking and CSEC victims.



OPERATION ESTEEM: Gift cards provided to encourage youth to attend follow up medical and/or counseling appointments.



DRESS FOR DIGNITY: Gift cards provided to our clients to be used for the purchase of court appropriate clothing for low income and/or foster care survivors; helping to provide dignity and confidence during the court process.



BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS: Helping transform service provider atmospheres into settings conducive to healing.

Ways You Can Make a Difference

CLOTHING AND IN-KIND DONATIONS:

View our Wishlist at: <https://gratefulgarment.org/wish-list/>

HOST AN EVENT OR CLOTHING DRIVE. BE AN EVENT PARTNER.

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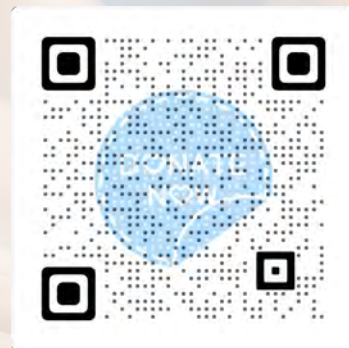
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Check if your employer offers donation matching.

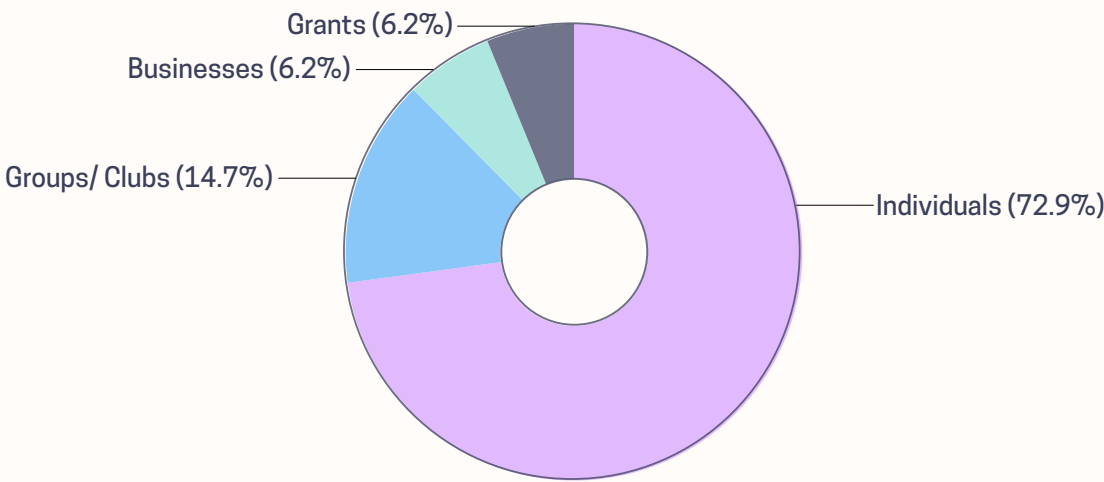


Did You Know:

It takes approximately 3.5 hours to complete a rape kit. This thorough process is essential for collecting evidence and documenting injuries, but it also highlights the importance of providing trauma-informed care to survivors during such a vulnerable time.

Our Stats | FY2023 - 2024

Funding Sources



More than
39,000
Items Distributed
FY 2023-2024

Across
45
out of the 58
California Counties

Helping
approximately
100
Partner Agencies
across
our communities

Did You Know:

The life expectancy of a commercially sexually exploited child under the age of 10 is tragically short—often less than 18 months. This devastating statistic underscores the urgent need for intervention, advocacy, and systemic change to protect these innocent lives.

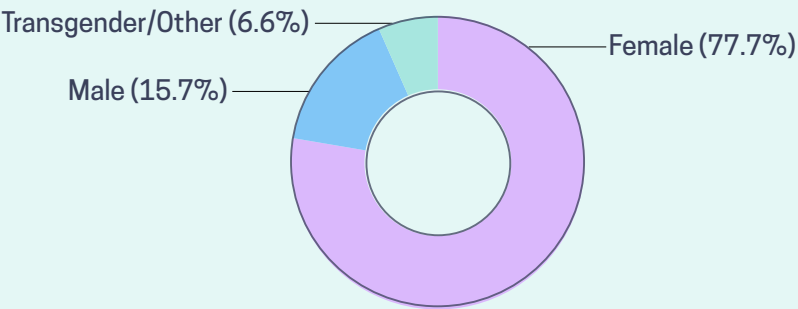
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Number of victims provided access to our six programs totaled more than...

34,000

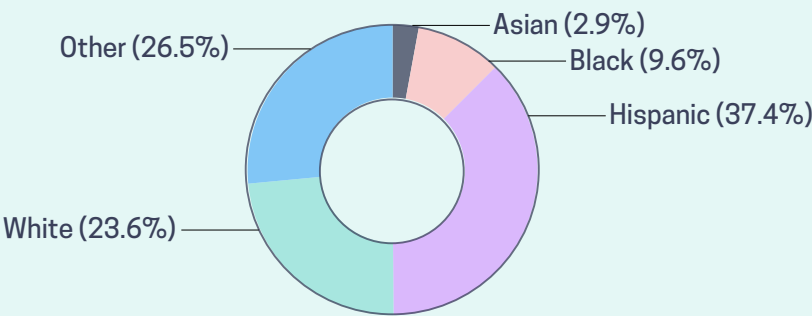
Demographics by Gender of Victims Served

Note: Females are more likely to report sexual violence committed against them than males.



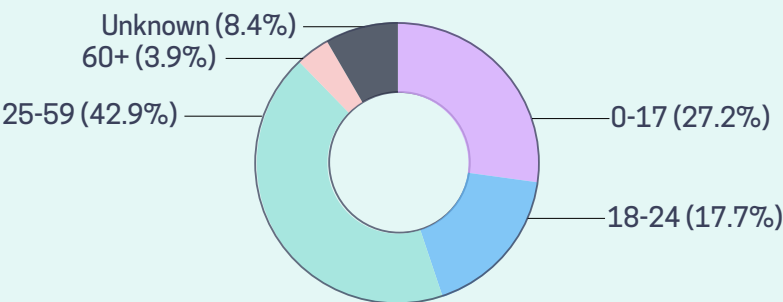
Demographics by Ethnicity of Victims Served

Note: People of color are the largest population we serve.



Demographics by Age of Victims Served

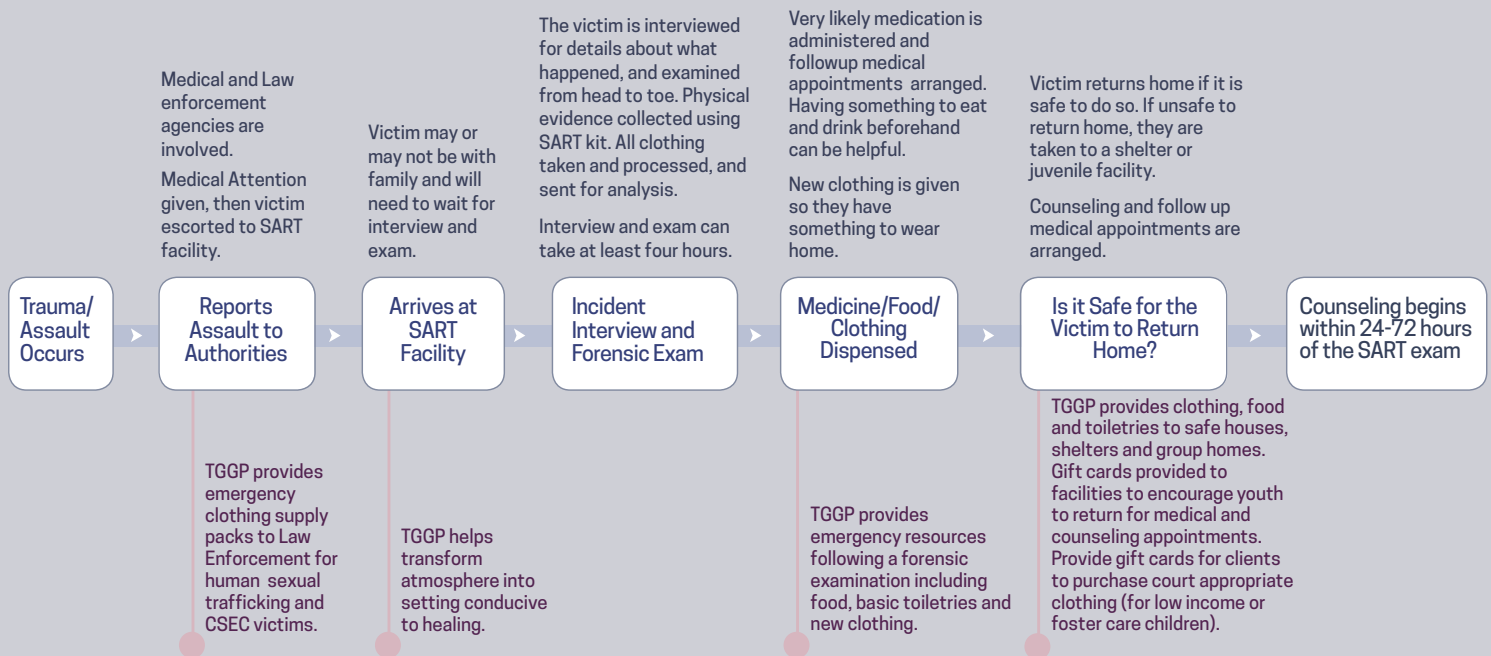
Note: The 0-17 and 18-24 age groups, when combined, represent the largest demographic among victims served—emphasizing the vulnerability of student-aged individuals.



Restoring Dignity

When sexual violence victims seek medical attention and rape kits are performed, those women, men, and children are asked to surrender their clothing for DNA evidence. Once clothing has been surrendered, the traumatized victim has nothing else to wear home but a hospital gown...only adding insult to injury. Together, with your help, we can provide victims with the resources necessary to take the first step on the road to healing.

What Happens After an Assault



Did You Know:

Bras are one of the least donated clothing items, yet for many women, the lack of one can bring the greatest amount of shame—affecting dignity, confidence, and daily life. Survivors of trauma, sexually assaulted women, deserve the essentials that help them feel comfortable and empowered.

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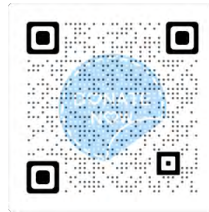


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