

# Letter from the Founder/CEO



Dear Friends,

The year 2022 flew by as we served YOU and the community. **God gets all the glory** for everything He has done as He continues to carry us forward in our mission to provide community and connections to inspire hope and help transform lives of families of the incarcerated. I am beyond thankful and grateful for YOUR continued generosity and support which caused us to make an impact. **Impact isn't about numbers/transaction as much as it is about transformation and sharing tools for everyday living through FFL's 12 Steps to Inner Healing that when applied, cause us to be the change we want to see for ourselves and those in our circles of influence.** This creates healing for individuals, which leads to healing for families, and then our communities which helps to fulfill our vision that as families are healed, recidivism will be reduced.

This year's annual report highlights include: giving returning citizens Welcome Home Bags filled with hygiene and a gift card; provided a fully sponsored retreat for women impacted by incarceration; hosted workshops and a community event with pertinent information such as the need for mental health first aid training where we provided food, fun, and games; sponsored support group participants at Art of Becoming; provided access to spiritual direction/inner healing/trauma sessions; and provided a plethora of resources. We believe there is no refusal without referral. YOUR monetary and in-kind donations made all this possible.

We certainly need your continued support in 2023 to help bring about what God is downloading as we move forward into all He has called us to do, including the annual Women's Rejuvenation Retreat, more community outreach and expansion of support group. Friends, thank you for supporting FFL and helping to facilitate inner healing one person and family at a time.

Warmest Regards,

*Michelle Smith Lewis*

We have become his poetry, a recreated people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!

***Ephesians 2:10 TPT***

# Annual Snapshot 2022



## Expanded Access

- Virtual Support Group includes people across Ohio, Mississippi, Florida, Philadelphia and beyond



## Programming

- Guided Support Group participants through the *Faith Freedom Life 12 Steps to Inner Healing*
- Provided Support Group participants access to one-on-one Spiritual Direction/Inner Healing/Trauma sessions
- Sponsored 13 women to attend the two overnight Women's Rejuvenation Retreat
- Sponsored Support Group participants at Art of Becoming - *a time of discovery and self expression in the world* (facilitated by Maggie Beckjord)



## Partnerships

- Welcome Home Bags provided to returning neighbors through partnership with *St. Vincent DePaul*
- Provided Support Group facilitator training to formerly incarcerated women through partnership with *Ohio People's Justice Leaders*

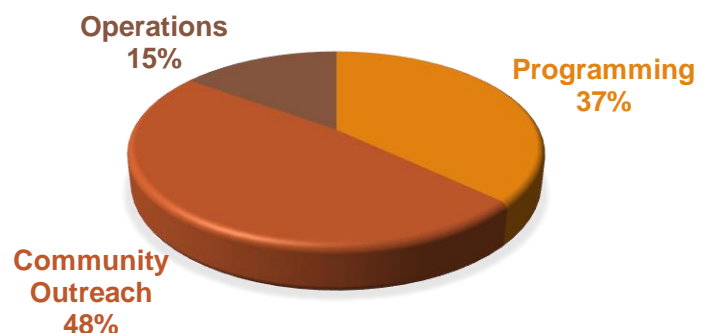
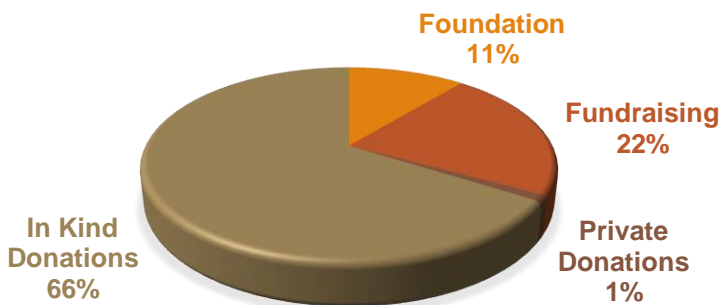


## Community Outreach

- Impacted the community through an outreach event with speakers, mental health first aid training information, food, games and giveaways
- Provided support to the community with resources and financial assistance
- Provided Christmas sponsorship for children through *Ladies of Leadership* and donated to *Ohio People's Justice Leaders Gifts Beyond the Gates* for children with incarcerated parents

**REVENUE - \$46,508.36**

**EXPENSES - \$9,360.59**





# 2022 by the Numbers

## 23

Virtual Support Group Sessions

## 50

Total Support Group Participants over 23 Sessions

## 3

Support Group Guest Speakers

## 3

Support Group Workshops

## 64

Total Served through Support Group, Resources, Website Prayer Requests, and Referrals

## 33

Welcome Home Bags Given

## 2

Community Outreach Events

## 5

In Kind and Monetary Donations given to Local Nonprofits



## Faith Freedom Life YouTube

*Tribute/Testimonial Video for "Breaking the Chains" Inaugural Fundraiser Banquet*

*Listen to Recap Videos of Every Support Group Session*



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## Testimonials

"I'm forever thankful for you and the ministry through the dream God gave you."

**Support Group Participant 2022**

"It was excellent! Definitely enjoyed it and certainly got a lot out of it."

**Workshop Participant 2022**

"This retreat was everything and more. God moved. The atmosphere was serene, and I was truly rejuvenated."

**Women's Rejuvenation Retreat Participant 2022**

"It was incredible! What an inspiring story and woman."

**Support Group Participant with Guest Speaker Lucretia Bowman 2022**

"I so enjoy group. It has really been a blessing."

**Support Group Participant 2022**

