# BUILDING A SPACE BECAUSE you are not alone







During the past 47 years, our programs have **EXPANDED & EVOLVED** to meet the needs of the survivors we serve.

## NOW WE ARE FACED WITH A DEMAND TO GROW YET AGAIN

Once this new property is renovated, **survivors will have a one-stop shop** where they can explore options for support and safety and get the goods and services they need to **move towards an economically stable future, free from abuse.** 

## **OUR PLAN**

#### INCREASED ACCESS

RECEIVING

Our new space is still adjacent to an area of our county with one of the highest rates of domestic violence calls to 911. But now it's also closer to other areas of our county that have been underserved, while still being near the interstate and served by a major bus route.

#### STREAMLINED SERVICES

Survivors will be able to access multiple services under one roof. These services include safety planning, support groups in English and Spanish, assistance with injunctions for protection, housing stabilization support, licensed mental health counseling, advocacy with community resource partners, and access to clothing, furniture, household goods, and other basic needs supplies from our donation center.

#### COMMUNITY PRESENCE

With more space we have room to explore onsite partnerships with other organizations that can be of service to survivors and their kids, like law enforcement, the faith community, the court system, and the child welfare system.



In our new space, survivors can explore options for self-sufficiency so they are positioned to continue making gains towards an economically stable future, free from abuse.

## OUR GROWTH

INCREASED COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

> INCREASED LEGAL SUPPORT

#### INCREASED HOUSING STABILITY

INCREASED ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



Domestic violence survivors and their children need all of us, working together, to keep them safe and hold batterers accountable. Recognizing our system could do even better when we spend time understanding how we interconnect, we launched a high-lethality partnership with law enforcement, a DV/child welfare partnership, and a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to domestic violence that regularly gathers 30+ partners around the table to improve our community's response to violence. And our newest collaboration launched this year – we are an official full-time onsite partner at Feeding Tampa Bay's Cause Way Center.

In 2017, The Spring hired two attorneys to provide legal representation and advice to survivors around injunctions for protection and other related matters, and over the last seven years we have grown to a team of 12 full-time attorneys throughout the state, including 8 attorneys serving Hillsborough County. Our attorneys help survivors understand their legal rights, and they represent them in court, so they don't have to face their abusers alone.

Often, the very real risk of becoming homeless and losing financial support for themselves and their children prevents survivors from seeking help. Our expanded housing program helps survivors secure stable housing so they can leave, and continues working with them so they are set up for a successful future.

Our commitment to the mental health of survivors and their children is reflected in our expanded therapy services. With licensed therapy services available on-site at our emergency shelter, and now at our new outreach office, we make prioritizing and accessing care convenient.

## **OUR NEW SPACE**

For over 20 years, we've rented buildings for our Tampa non-residential survivor services programs and for our thrift/donation center, and now we're finally able to consolidate these programs into a building we own that is wholly designed to meet survivors' needs and improve our donors' and volunteers' experience.

### **ROOM FOR GROWTH**

We will increase from 10 offices to 24, providing survivors with advocates, therapists, and community supports in one convenient location. The facility will be secure from threats and includes a computer lab for survivors to safely complete injunctions, check messages, and submit important paperwork free from their abusers' surveillance. The facility includes a Children's Playroom, supervised by certified staff and volunteers, so that parents can talk to their advocates without their kids listening in

Our donation center and retail operations will also expand, allowing for more storage capacity, volunteer workspace and an expanded retail experience for community members. Our new space creates a one-stop shop for survivors. Not only can they meet with all care managers and services providers, they can also shop our retail stores free of charge on survivor-only days, visit survivor closets to receive essential items like linens, hygiene supplies, baby items, cleaning supplies, furniture and pantry staples.



## THE NEED FOR THE SPRING'S SERVICES IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH

Since 2017, the rate of reported DV offenses in Hillsborough County has

> INCREASED 23%

In 2022, the rate of reported DV offenses in Hillsborough County was

## 35% HIGHER

than the average rate for the state of Florida The Spring has grown to be one of the largest domestic violence centers in the State of Florida with 128 beds in our emergency shelter, 12 units of transitional housing, and a significant Rapid Rehousing program. Beyond our residential and housing programs, The Spring provides a multitude of services that give victims the opportunity to regain their financial independence, stabilize their future, and gain new skills to help them succeed.

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The Spring of Tampa Bay saved my life. My abuser made me feel worthless. The abuse was so bad, I was thinking about giving up. I just didn't have any more fight in me. Luckily, I got connected with The Spring. I am most grateful for the weekly group meetings. At every meeting, I learned something new. Each lesson helped me get closer to the goals I set for myself. Today, I am free, happy, and moving forward with my life. I got a great job at a bank and I plan on moving into my own apartment!



## JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

If you would like to join us in our effort to provide expanded survivor services, we have many named funding opportunities, ranging in support levels from \$10,000 to \$250,000. Your gift will fund programmatic offices, specialty areas for survivors, and highly visible spaces in our new donation center.

You will be recognized and your name will live physically in our new space. Gifts can be made in the name of an individual or corporate donor, or in honor or memory of a loved one.

## **OUR GOAL**

The Spring has set a capital campaign goal of \$5,2 million to fully fund this project and create a building maintenance reserve. Thanks to an incredibly generous gift from a longtime donor, we were able to purchase our building in 2023. In total, we have raised \$2.7 million of our goal. During the first phase of our capital campaign in 2024, we need to raise an additional

## \$2.5 MILLION

to renovate our building and add essential security features.



Only with your help as an investor in this campaign can we truly fulfill our mission and provide life-saving services to survivors of domestic violence.

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