

# Annual Report

2020-2021

the**Network**la**Red**

Survivor-led organizing to end partner abuse  
Dirigida por sobrevivientes • Movilizando para acabar con el abuso de pareja

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# Dear Friends,

Welcome to TNLR's 2021 Annual Report. This year has been painfully challenging. While adapting to virtual reality, we have also spent this year grieving and organizing around instances of abuse and oppression against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, Black communities, Indigenous communities, LGBTQ+ communities, and all those who exist beyond and within the intersections of these identities. Our hearts are with the families and loved ones of the victims of the tragedies of this year, and with survivors who continue to experience abuse and oppression.

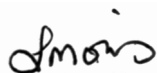
Our commitment to ending partner abuse remains as strong as ever. Our 24-hour hotline and conference call-based support groups are still remote, and we now provide trainings, conduct outreach, and hold events virtually to support survivors and educate our communities.

We must thank you – our donors, funders, supporters, volunteers, and community members – your support has made all the difference in working to end partner abuse. Thank you for all the good you have fostered during this difficult year. We look forward to many more years of continued growth together.

Sincerely,

Lisa Morishanti

President of the Board of Directors



Beth Leventhal

Executive Director



# About Us

## Mission

The Network/La Red is a survivor-led social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, BDSM/Kinky, polyamorous, and queer communities. Rooted in anti-oppression principles, our work aims to create a world where all people are free from oppression. We strengthen our communities through mobilizing, education, and the provision of support services.

## Anti-Oppression Principles

The Network/La Red defines anti-oppression as the beliefs, actions, and policies that aim to eliminate the imbalance of power within our society. Therefore, to do our work effectively, we believe that we must intentionally and consistently do the following:

Identify, confront, and take action against all forms of oppression.

Root our work in the experience of survivors.

Develop and encourage survivor leadership.

Support the ability and right of individuals—especially survivors—to make their own decisions.

Recognize that individuals can simultaneously experience multiple forms of oppression and privilege.

Work in solidarity with other movements striving to end oppression and violence.

Hold ourselves and one another accountable to these principles.

# Staff & Board

## Staff

**Capacity Building Manager**

Jenn Ho

**Co-Executive Directors** Sabrina

Santiago, Beth Leventhal

**Communications Associate**

Christani Pal

**Community Awareness**

**Associate** Erica Pérez, JP

Delgado Galdámez

**Survivor Leadership Associate**

Charly Robles

**Education Associate**

Mirian Amaya

**Grassroots Fundraising**

**Coordinator** Miriam Priven

**Director of Outreach, Education,  
& Organizing Programs**

Cristina Dones

**Operations Administrator**

Rebecca Pang

**Volunteer Manager**

Joha Mateo Van Osten

**Community Services Advocate**

Walter Kikuchi, Sophie Yi,

Alejandra Zarazua

**Community Services Manager**

Celia Castro

**Fundraising Events Planner**

Jay DeAmor

**Director of Survivor Services**

Katie Atkinson

**Housing Pathways Advocate**

Jessie Lowell, Tina Oza

**Housing Pathways Manager**

Kishana Smith

**Weekday Hotline Staff**

Elizabeth West, Rose Al Abosy,

Amber Villanueva

**Relief Staff** Rose Al Abosy, Tatiana

Gil, Michael Nylen, Kate Wechsler,

Elizabeth West

**Support Group Advocate**

Raymi Huerta, Patrick McGuire

**Support Group Manager**

Gaby Núñez Santiago

**Weekend Hotline Staff**

Lake Madden, Genessis Guzmán-

Betancourt, Yokaty Sálazar Reyes

## Board

**President** Lisa Morishanti

**Treasurer** Jere Schultz

**Clerk** Abelee Esparza

**Members** Beth Leventhal, Sabrina

Santiago

# Outreach, Education, & Organizing

## Services

### Training & Technical Assistance

Education on topics including, but not limited to:

BDSM Is Not Abuse

Screening Tool

Partner Abuse in LGBTQ+ Communities

LGBTQ+ Accessibility in Your Organization

Working with Transgender & Nonbinary Survivors of Partner Abuse

### Visibility & Outreach

Outreach and tabling at community events, community collaborations, and media advocacy.

### Organizing & Community Engagement

Fostering survivor leadership skills to develop community-based strategies to end partner abuse.

## Statistics

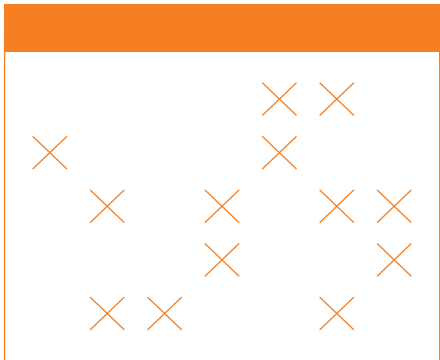
1,994  
materials/manuals distributed



114  
workshops provided

1,222  
workshop participants

13  
events attended

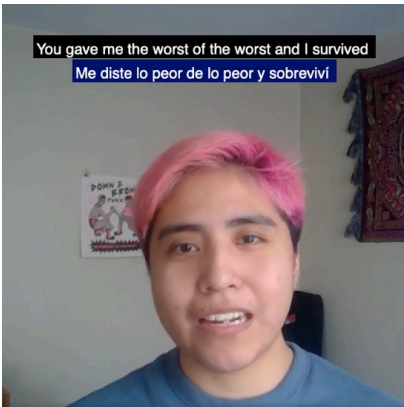




# Highlights

## Wild Tongues: (Re)Imagining Our Futures

This year’s show centered the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color survivors. We had the highest number of Black and POC performers to date and held a moment of silence for Black and POC folks that were killed by way of police brutality and for our Trans siblings that were taken from us in 2020. We also integrated jazz and artwork from Black artists throughout the event, displayed POC specific data points from *Survivor Voices*, the report from our 2019 community needs assessment. We ended the event with a guided movement exercise from a local Black yoga instructor.



## Survivor Leadership Series (SLS)

Designed to support the growth of survivors as community leaders, SLS engages a small group of survivors on TNLR's analysis of partner abuse and its link to oppression, leadership, boundary setting, facilitation skills, and public speaking. Eight Survivor Leaders completed our pilot series, and we continue to hold SLS on a confidential, virtual platform.

## Community Conversations

Four SLS graduates collaborated with TNLR staff to lead conversations in our communities about partner abuse and oppression with Community Conversations. Survivor Leaders decided on three events:

*Best Lives Forward:* An art workshop where survivors created vision boards of their lives free from oppression and abuse.

*Survivors' Mic:* An open mic for survivors and a facilitated conversation about our short film, *Surviving with Wild Tongues*.

*Accountability Dreaming:* An event for survivors to dream about survivor-centered accountability, justice, and healing.



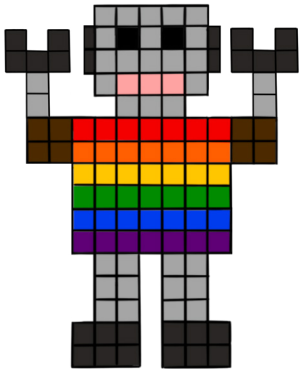
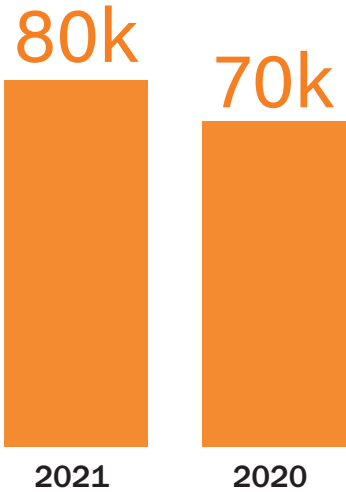
## Screening Tool Conference

130 providers at 24 different organizations participated in our 3-day virtual training to build skills to identify who is the abuser and who is the survivor in LGBTQ+ relationships where partner abuse is happening.



# Fundraising

Our communities came through big time in this difficult year. In the winter, 24 TNLR community members and our fearless fundraising icon, RobotDom, made a huge grassroots fundraising effort and raised over \$80K to support survivors. In the spring, virtual Paint the Web (la) Red offered a sweet space to gather, connect, and laugh over fundraising games. Shout out to Team LGBTQuties who raised a whopping \$600 in ten minutes! Finally, TNLR ran our first Pride Month Virtual Silent Auction with amazing items such as handmade jewelry and art, individual therapy sessions, and two virtual serenades. Thank you to every person who contributed to strengthening survivor-led services in our LGBTQ+, BDSM, and polyamorous communities.



## Grassroots Appeal Fundraising



# Direct Service

## Services

### 24-Hour Partner Abuse Hotline

Crisis intervention, supportive counseling, safety planning, information, and referrals, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

800-832-1901

### Housing Pathways Program

Transitional Housing: Up to two years of rental assistance for up to 16 survivors and their families.

Safehome: Up to a 1-month stay in a confidential location for an individual or family.

Both include ongoing supportive counseling and advocacy.

### Support Groups

Phone-based, peer-to-peer support groups including LGBTQ+ and QTBIPOC groups.

### Individual Support & Advocacy


Safety planning, court accompaniment, information and referrals, assistance accessing and navigating social, legal, medical, and/or housing services and systems, and supportive listening and counseling.

## Statistics



6,008 hotline calls 

5,958 individual services 

5,502 Transitional Housing bed nights 

800  
survivors served

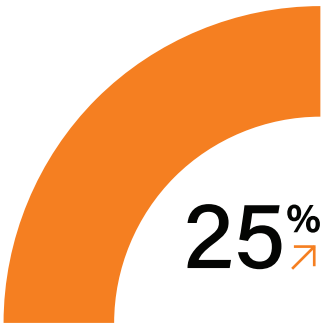
  
369 Safehome bed nights

// ...I've called many hotlines and sought help from many different resources. I kept calling TNLR back because I felt completely different calling them. I felt like it was safe here, that I wasn't going to be talked over, that the people actually wanted to hear from me, thanked me for calling, and urged me to call again. It felt very non-judgmental, unlike anywhere else... //

# Highlights

## Support Groups

The Support Group Program responded to need by offering 2-3 groups simultaneously. Additionally, for the first time ever, this year we had the capacity to offer groups specifically for BIPOC survivors! The addition of volunteer and intern facilitators also increased the capacity of the program throughout the year. This allowed us to expand group participation by 25%.



support group participation

“ It’s profoundly helpful and refreshing to speak candidly in a safe, welcoming, and open environment with the aid and support of experienced, kind, and knowledgeable group facilitators. ”

“ TNLR’s Support Group facilitators create a safe environment in which I can be as vulnerable as I dare, I can expose my 'hurt parts' and...gain new insights into my own story of growth and healing. ”



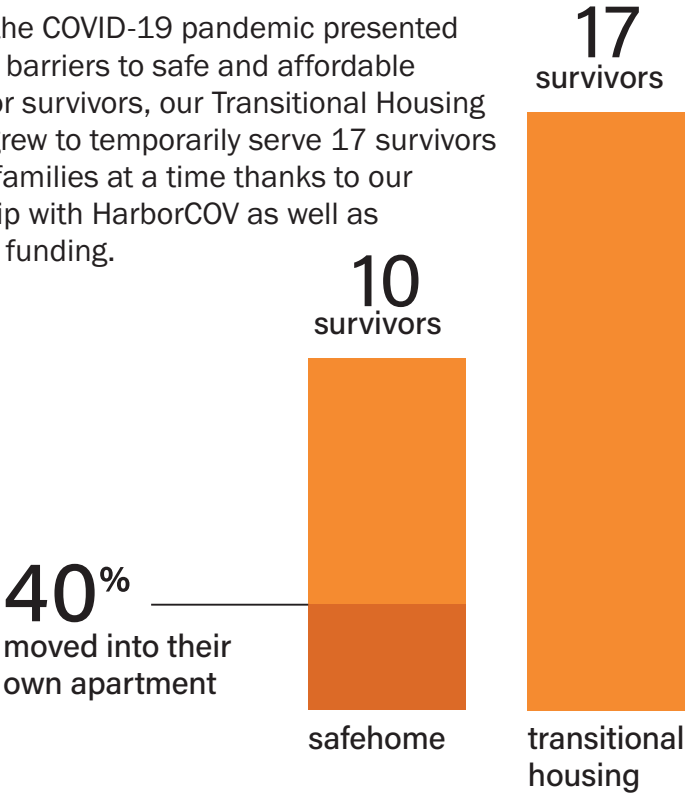
The support I receive each month enables me to take care of creature comforts — my home, my pet and my spirit — in ways that had not been possible during my readjustment.



**Housing Pathways Program**

In FY21, the Safehome program served 10 survivors and their families. Of those survivors, 40% (a record high), moved directly from our safehome into their own apartment!

Although the COVID-19 pandemic presented additional barriers to safe and affordable housing for survivors, our Transitional Housing program grew to temporarily serve 17 survivors and their families at a time thanks to our partnership with HarborCOV as well as additional funding.



# Financials

## Funding Sources

	2021	2020
Contract Revenue:	93.62%	90.16%
Program Service Fees:	0.56%	0.11%
Grants & Contributions:	4.76%	8.68%
Special Events (net):	0.92%	1.43%
Total Income:	\$2,350,869	\$2,398,427

## Functional Expenses

Program Services:	90.24%	86.5%
Management, General, & Administrative:	7.24%	9.35%
Fundraising:	2.52%	4.15%
Total Expenses:	\$2,333,451	\$2,430,722



## Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents: \$142,182

Investments: \$3,402

Accounts Receivable: \$367,378

Prepaid Expenses: \$17,302

Property and Equipment: \$4,213

Total Assets: \$534,477

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable: \$61,023

Accrued Expenses: \$84,731

Total Liabilities: \$145,754

Net Assets: \$388,723

Total Liabilities and Net Assets: \$534,477

# Supporters/Partidaries

## **Government Contracts/Contratos del Gobierno**

Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security  
Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance  
US Office of Violence Against Women

## **Event Sponsors/SpónsORES de Eventos**

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)  
Boston IVF  
Cambridge Health Alliance  
Cityside Subaru  
Community Credit Union of Lynn  
Eastern Bank  
Fenway Health  
GLBT Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)  
Kauffman Law & Mediation  
Massachusetts Trans Political Coalition (MTPC)  
Newton Wellesley Hospital  
Planned Parenthood League of MA  
Tito's Handmade Vodka

## **Community Collaborations/Colaboraciones Comunitarias**

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
Amy Santana  
Article 24  
Blick  
Boston Organics  
Boston Regional DV Providers Meeting

Broadway Bicycle School  
Brookline Booksmith  
Cambridge Center for Adult  
Education  
Central Rock Gym  
Charles River Canoe & Kayak  
Child Witness to Violence Project  
Crashpad Dance Complex  
Down Under Yoga  
Family Justice Center  
Fenway Violence Recovery Program  
Garment District  
GLESN  
Good Vibrations  
Greater Boston Legal Services  
Greentail Table  
Happy Hips Yoga  
HarborCOV  
Honeycomb  
Jane Doe Inc.  
El Jefe's Taqueria  
KaytieMakes Jewelry  
Lamplighter Brewing  
LGBTQIA Domestic & Sexual  
Violence Coalition  
LGBQ/T Directors Group  
Lily's Cozy Creations  
Lucky's Tattoo  
Mamaleh's  
Mass Relay

National Coalition of  
Anti-Violence Programs  
The National Network to End  
Domestic Violence  
Newtonville Books  
Northeastern  
Pavement Coffee  
Olapidous Acupuncture  
Our Deaf Survivors Center, Inc.  
Pet Wants Newton  
Planning for Good  
Porter Square Books  
Queeraoke  
Remember Pleasure  
Said & Done Tattoo  
The Serve Network  
SewCreateDesign  
Tasty Burger  
Temple Isaiah Sisterhood SARC  
Tikkun Olam Foundation  
Tito's Handmade Vodka  
Trans Resistance MA  
Trident Booksellers & Café  
UU Urban Ministry