

# hope at home



safe homes for survivors of slavery

impact report 2021 - 2022





## We believe no survivor of slavery should ever have to sleep on the streets

We all ended March 2022 as people who have lived through a collective trauma. Covid-19 has changed the landscape for many of us and this includes those who have experienced modern slavery and human trafficking.

Longer delays in asylum applications, increases of isolation and mental health concerns, housing shortages and more difficulties in accessing good quality legal support have been just some of the ways survivors of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking have been impacted by Covid-19.

Our guests are survivors of inexplicable trauma and we learnt from their resilience. We have learnt that to survive is to grow, taking small steps forwards until we become who we were meant to be. We have learnt that we can accept the painful past without letting it define our future or our identity. And we have learnt that survivors of trauma have a valuable voice and we want to be listeners.

Hope at Home has, like everyone else, been on a journey over the last two years but we are grateful that we are still here, still providing homes for those who need them and expanding. As we look ahead towards the implementation of the Nationality & Borders Act we know our services will be more needed than ever.

Thank you to all those who support the journey. We hope you enjoy reading all that has been achieved this year.

Jared & Helen Hodgson, Co-Founders



## the scale of the challenge



## the cycle of exploitation



## what we do

Hope at Home is a hosting scheme specifically for survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking in the UK. Our guests face the instability of homelessness and dangers of re-exploitation.

We offer an experienced, trauma-informed approach to hosting, providing our hosts with training and support from the moment they first get in touch with us. Our matching process is thorough and we ensure proper safeguards are in place for both hosts and guests.

By doing this, we prevent re-trafficking and give our guests a stable base from which to rebuild their lives.



# our staff team



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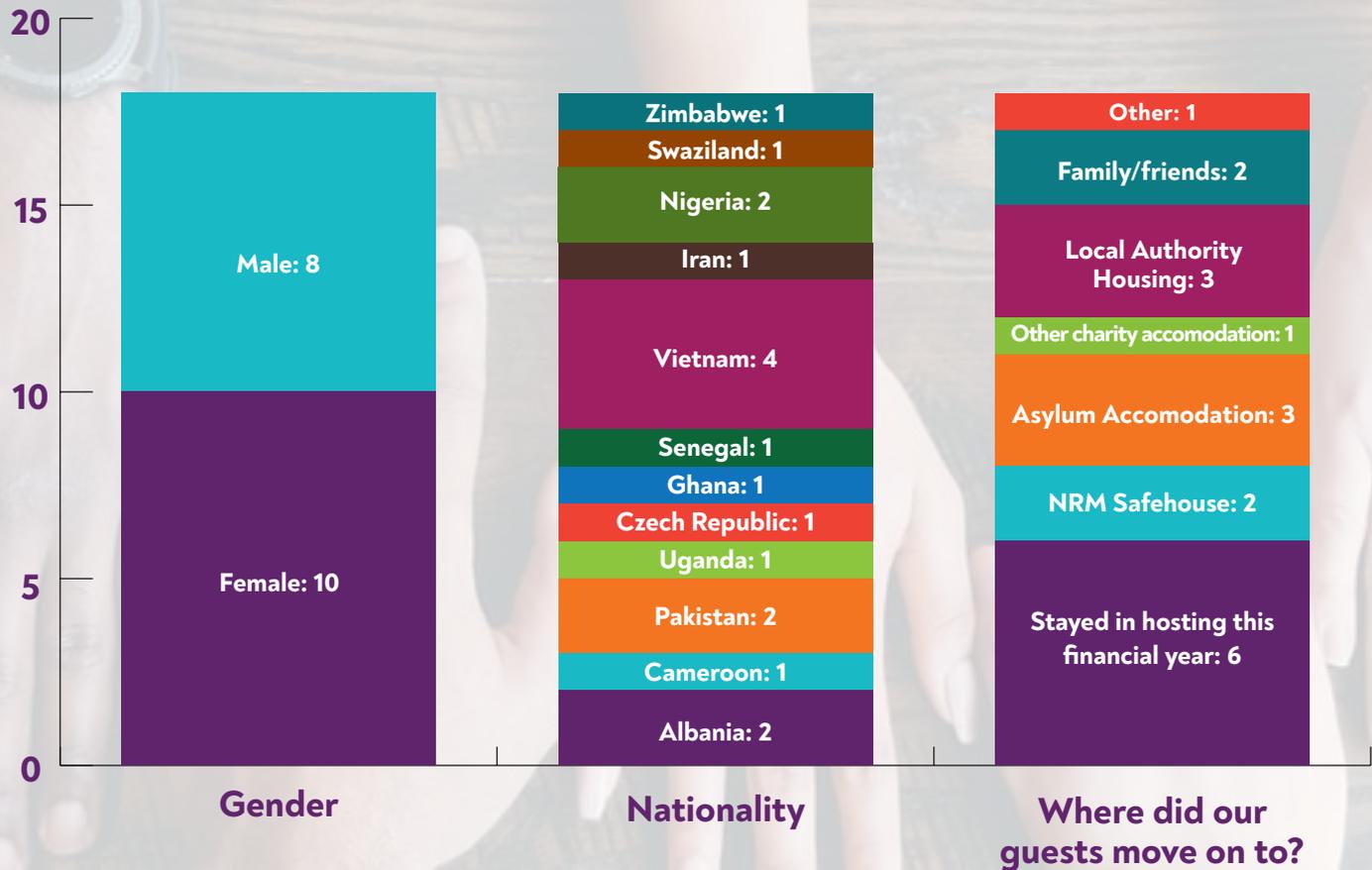
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# our guests

This year our guests have been studying, making new friends, learning English, playing table football, cooking, running, eating ice creams, volunteering, starting new jobs, visiting new places and lots more!



“I have been comfortable in my room at my host’s house, before it was not comfortable and it was noisy, I was frightened there. When I came here, I could sleep.”  
Jasmine

“They help me a lot in a positive way. give advice, help me with many things.” Bekim



## our hosts

This year we have trained 18 new hosts to offer their spare room and welcome to a survivor of modern slavery.

Our training covers safeguarding, boundaries, resilience, diversity, cultural differences, overviews of the asylum process and National Referral Mechanism, trauma, vicarious trauma and self-care. We have also developed optional extra training modules for hosts which dive into more detail on these topics.

Hosts are supported by one-to-one support from our staff team as well as regular host support group sessions. 100% of our hosts feel well-resourced and supported.

Hosts have enjoyed delicious cooking, learnt new languages and cultural traditions, played lots of games, been on dog walks, watched TV, been a listening ear and so much more!

***We signed up as we now have an empty house and three beautiful spare rooms and want to share this blessing with others less fortunate than us. We are part of Stop the Traffic Kent so a link was quickly made.***

***One memorable moment is teaching our guest from Cameroon how to play 'Rummikub' and she now beats me every time!"***

***Our guest was no trouble at all. He was very gentlemanly and wouldn't let me carry heavy things! He was very mature, independent and is studying Psychology, Counselling and English. He's a fabulous member of society and it was a real joy to host him. When we go on holiday, he comes back and looks after the dogs for us!***

***It was lovely to hear from our guest this week with the news that she now has the right to remain. I sent her a congratulatory text and she responded with 'Thanks a lot for your wishes and for everything you did for me and my daughter'. That just makes it all so worthwhile.***



Welcome  
please  
Come In



## Quy's story

Quy is from Vietnam. He moved in with a lovely couple and their cats. He enjoyed spending time with them playing board games, going out-door swimming, playing Mario and exploring the local area. Quy loves to cook and enjoyed preparing beautiful Vietnamese dishes on the occasions when they had friends over. He soon started attending the local college to learn English.

Quy has moved into his own place now and is working in a restaurant part time while continuing to learn English. He is still in touch and visits regularly to spend time with his hosts, who have become his friends.

***“They were kind, caring, took me out to explore local area.***

***They never made any trouble with me it was really good staying with them. It was really good for me, I learned very positive things from them, to be a good person in the future. I lived truthfully, honestly...they really like me and they love me”.***



I chose to get hosted by a family via hope at home because I felt it was going to be an easy way to integrate myself into the community and get to know more about the country from people that have lived here longer than I have. I chose the host family I live with because they seemed like very kind people. Since living with them I have since realised they have very pure hearts and have treated me like a member of the family.

I have felt at home in their house and through them I have managed to make new friends who share the same beliefs as I do. The host family has also been very supportive and become a family to me at a time when I had no one. They were supportive when I applied for college and have helped me out through my entire college journey and provided me with any additional items that I needed for my course.

Furthermore, they have given me enough freedom to live my life as I see fit and have not provided house rules that are too strict and therefore making me feel trapped. I believe I have gained a sense of confidence and trust in myself and other people through hope at home and this experience has been amazing and I would recommend it for everyone who is in my position and just wants to feel like they're part of a family and community.

**chloe's  
story**

# our partners

We would not have been able to provide excellent homes with well-resourced hosts without the support of our Board of Trustees, regular and one-off financial givers, funders, hosts and partners.

Thank you to all who have continued this journey with us!

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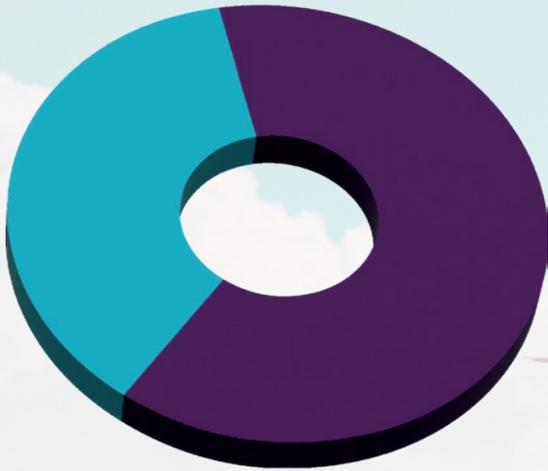
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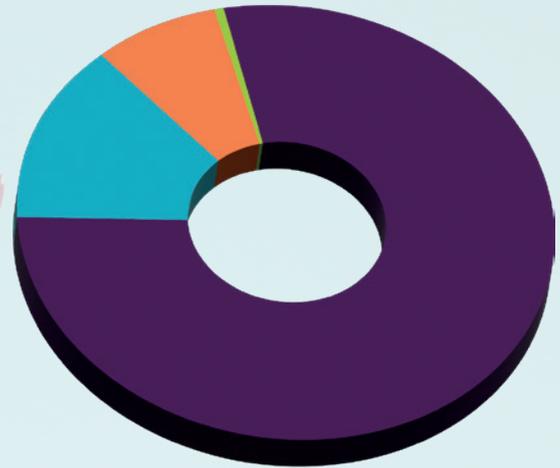
# our funding

income



Trufts and Grants	£87,502	63%
Donations & fundraising	£51,039	37%
Training & other	£0	0%
Total =	£138,539	100%

expenditure



Delivering services	£89,416	78%
Support costs	£15,774	14%
Fundraising costs	£8,800	8%
Governance	£554	<1%
Total =	£114,545	100.00%