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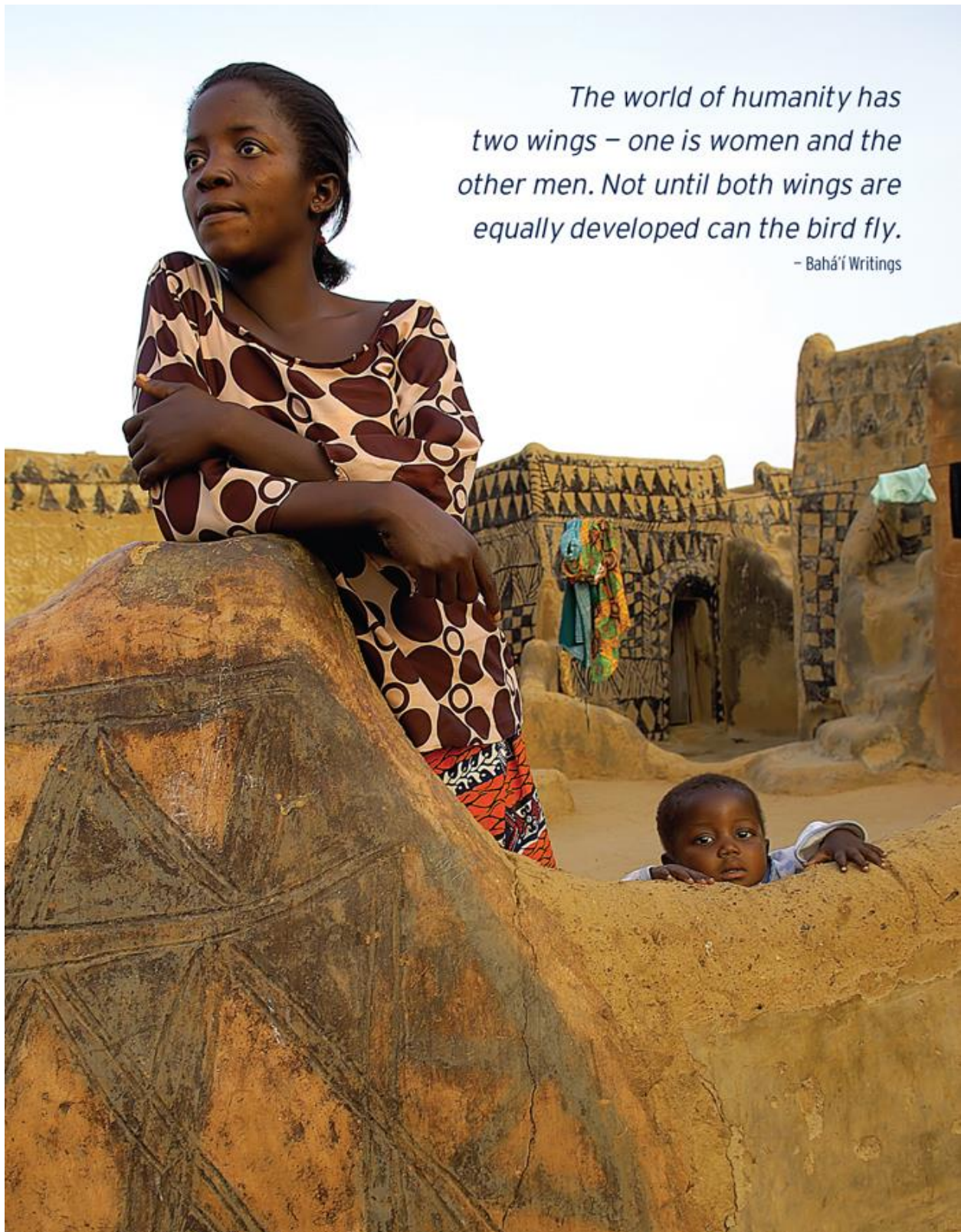
2011 & 2012 IMPACT REPORT



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*The world of humanity has
two wings – one is women and the
other men. Not until both wings are
equally developed can the bird fly.*

– Bahá'í Writings



OUR MISSION



The Tahirih Justice Center (Tahirih) is a national non-profit organization that supports the courage of immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence by providing holistic legal services and advocating for their protection in courts, communities, and Congress. Leveraging the resources of a growing pro bono network of over 1,200 legal, advocacy, and medical professionals, Tahirih empowers women and girls fleeing human rights abuses including female genital mutilation, “honor” crimes, human trafficking, domestic violence, rape, and forced marriage. Inspired by principles in the Bahá’í Faith, Tahirih is committed to promoting the equality of women and men, and works to create a world where women and girls are equal and can live in safety and with dignity.

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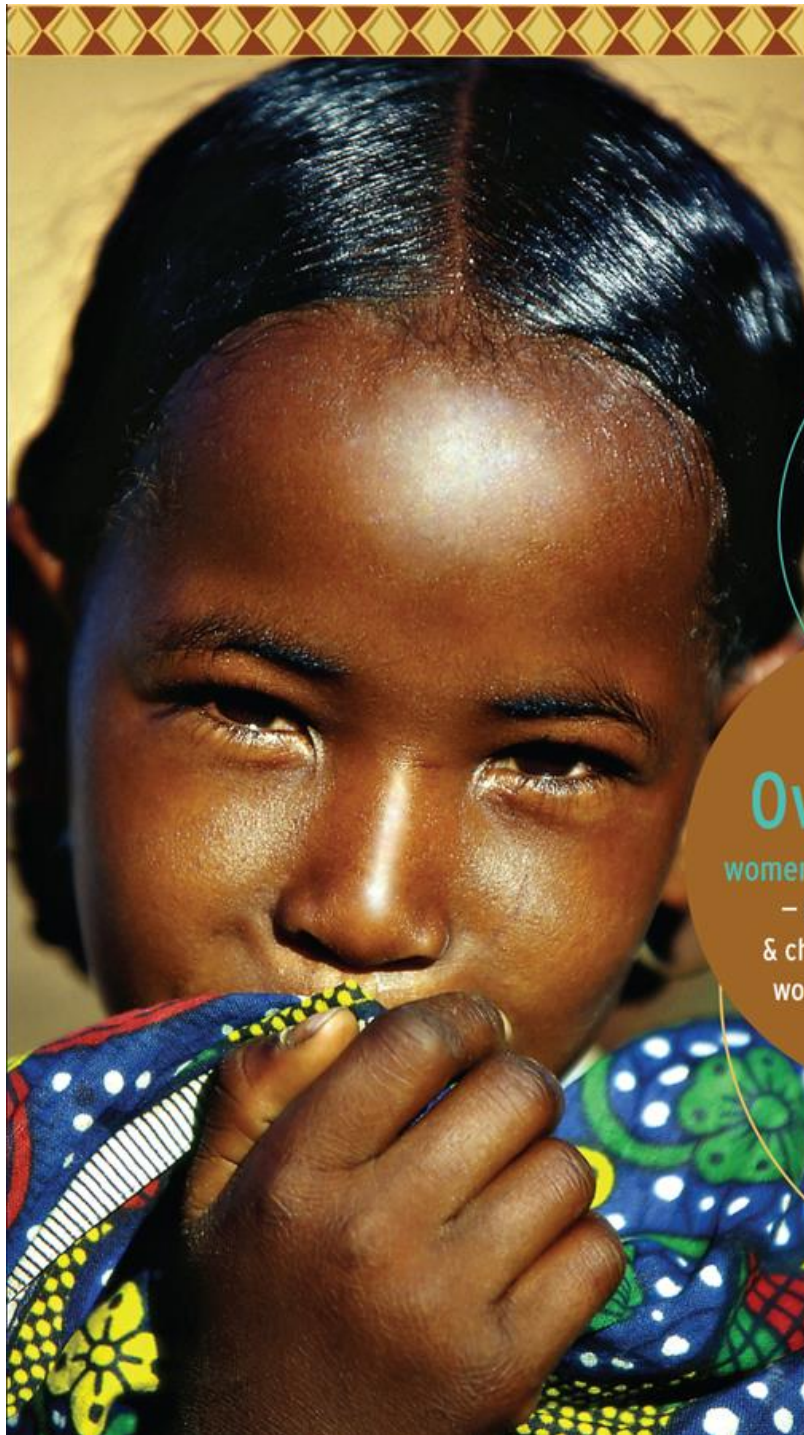
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LIVES PROTECTED

99%

The success rate in the cases we litigate, despite taking on cutting edge, uphill, time-intensive cases.

**Helped
Over 14,000**

women and children since 1997.

— including 1,636 women
& children in 2011 and 2,184
women & children in 2012.



INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH

We grew by 39% over the last two years, despite this time of economic downturn.

We opened an office in Baltimore, Maryland.

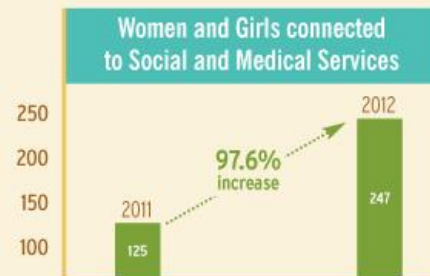
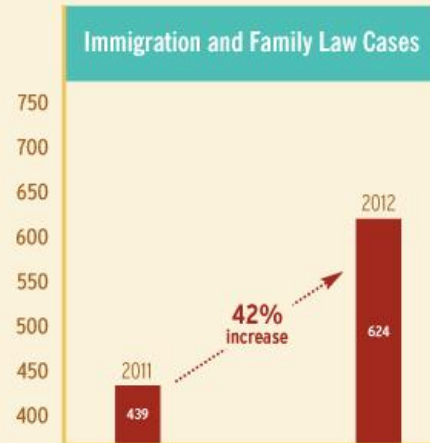
We grew our Houston, Texas office to 9 staff.

We launched the Forced Marriage Initiative – a groundbreaking and cutting edge effort to tackle forced marriage in the United States. Specifically, we:

- ❖ Published the **first survey of forced marriage** in the United States, revealing as many as 3,000 known and suspected cases across 47 states among immigrant communities from 56 different countries;
- ❖ Launched a **National Network to Prevent Forced Marriage**;
- ❖ Trained over 500 service-providers, law enforcement professionals, community advocates and others to protect victims of forced marriage;
- ❖ Worked with senior officials at the **US Departments of State and Homeland Security** to improve agency protocols and assistance for victims of forced marriage, and researched other proposals to close gaps in current protections; and
- ❖ Provided critical representation and assistance to women and girls across the country, empowering them to **exercise their human rights** to choose whether, when, and whom to marry.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED...

IN COURTS *we:*



We protected women and girls residing across 14 states



IN COMMUNITIES *we:*

- ❖ **Conducted 211 outreach and education events** to elevate the voices of our clients
- ❖ **Trained 1,500 professionals in 2011 and 2,882 professionals in 2012** so that they can better address the needs of immigrant women and girls fleeing gender-based violence
- ❖ **Gave 20 media interviews** in prominent outlets including: CBS News, ABC 13, Newsweek Magazine, TEDx, Huffington Post, Time Magazine, National Public Radio, Bloomberg Business Week, Dan Rather Reports, Comcast Newsmakers-CNN, NY Daily News, Baltimore Sun, and BBC Mundo
- ❖ **Were highlighted in 66 articles on legal developments** and issues facing vulnerable immigrant women and girls
- ❖ **Grew our pro bono network to over 1,200 professionals and over 200 law firms** who provide free legal and medical services as well as strategic advice and support to our advocacy initiatives

IN CONGRESS *we advocated to:*

- ❖ **Prevent abuse and exploitation through the international marriage broker (IMB) industry:** Drafted and secured initial passage of legislation to clarify and strengthen industry regulations, close gaps to curb abuse, and ensure strong enforcement against IMBs and would-be predators that use IMBs
- ❖ **Protect and promote access to asylum for women and girls seeking refuge from gender-based persecution:** Worked closely with Senate and House champions to introduce critical asylum reforms ([Refugee Protection Act of 2011](#), and [Restoring Protection to Victims of Persecution Act](#)), including gender-based asylum provisions that Tahirih helped draft
- ❖ **Protect and promote rights of immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking:** Rallied bipartisan allies to support legislation to reauthorize the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#) that would help immigrant survivors, and to oppose proposals that would endanger victims and roll back vital protections; was a primary representative of VAWA Immigration Committee in meetings with Congressional leadership
- ❖ **End violence against women and girls worldwide:** Promoted key legislation such as the [International Violence Against Women Act](#) and the [International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act](#)



FINANCIALS

In 2011, the financial and in-kind donations of our partners, volunteers, and donors made our work possible, enabling us to serve more women and children around the country and continuing to multiply every \$1 of cash into \$4 of impact through services and advocacy.



2011

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

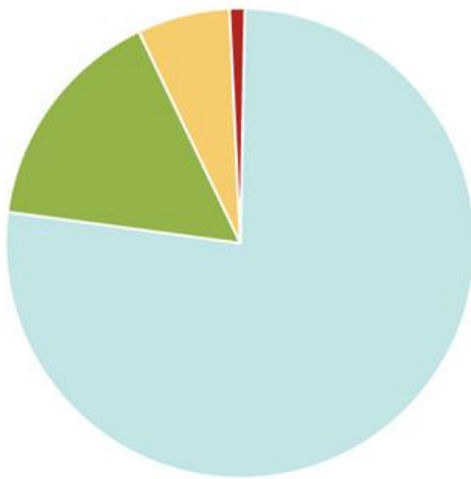
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Unrestricted	Total
Donated (In-Kind) Professional Services	\$7,719,565	\$ --	\$7,719,565
Grants and Contributions, Net of Annual Gala Expenses of \$25,181 (2011) and \$29,826 (2010)	1,545,028	671,838	2,216,866
Interest Income	4,797	--	4,797
Fundraising Sales, Net of Expense of \$44,144 (2011) and \$56,686 (2010)	35,995	--	35,995
Honorarium	7,034	--	7,034
Miscellaneous Income	25,783	--	25,783
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	411,525	(411,525)	--
Total Revenue	9,749,727	260,313	10,010,040

EXPENSES

Program Services	9,260,393	--	9,260,393
Supporting Services:			
General and Administrative	479,904	--	479,904
Fundraising	283,465	--	283,465
	<u>763,369</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>763,369</u>
Total Expenses	10,023,762	--	10,023,762

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

	(274,035)	260,313	(13,722)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>1,050,555</u>	<u>243,062</u>	<u>1,293,617</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$776,520</u>	<u>\$503,375</u>	<u>\$1,279,896</u>



Revenue and Support

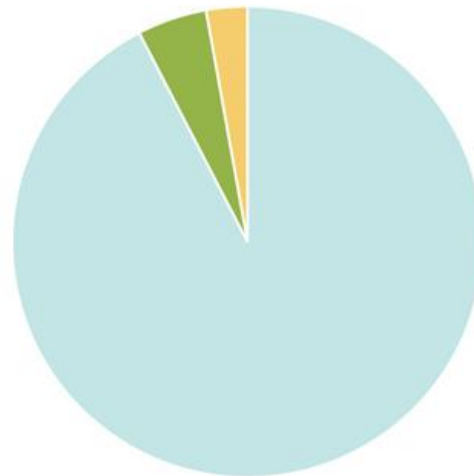
- 77% Donated Professional Services
- 16% Grants
- 6% Contributions
- 1% Other

Total: (\$10,010,040)

Expenses

- 92% Program Services
- 5% Management and General
- 3% Fundraising

Total: (\$10,023,762)



The full 2011 financial statements and accompanying Independent auditor report issued by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP can be found at www.tahirih.org/about-us/financial-statements

Our 2012 financial statements were not completed at time of publication. Please view them on our website.



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State of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services, STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program
State of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grant Program

PROTECTING COURAGEOUS IMMIGRANT WOMEN & GIRLS WHO REFUSE TO BE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE.



"Tahirih is restoring hope. Tahirih is bringing back...life to women."
—Mary

"My future is brighter every day. That fear ...is gone."
—Fatma

Right now, 1 out of every 3 women around the world will be raped, beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime.

Every three seconds an underage girl is forced to marry against her will.

Every minute, six girls endure female genital mutilation.

Every hour, 29 women or girls report a rape to the police.

Every day, 14 women and girls are murdered because they are considered a dishonor to their families.

Every year, 600,000-800,000 people are trafficked across national borders into modern-day slavery—approximately 80% are women and girls.

Tahirih works to create a world where women & girls are equal and can live in safety and with dignity.

*Names have been changed to protect client privacy. Photos courtesy of Sergio Piccolini.

"When you are abused woman like me, you want that freedom. you know you want your story to be told, and there is only Tahirih to do that for you."
—Sara

"It was like they gave me a new hope... And now I have such a wonderful life... I can feed my children. I work right now. And, you know, its—its wonderful."
—Nasrullah

"Before Tahirih, I felt like my wings were broken. I just wanted to fly, but couldn't. I never thought good things would happen to me. Now...I believe that I am a person capable of doing many things, that

I am a person of value."
—Ezzat