



TAHIRIH  
JUSTICE  
CENTER.



IN COMMUNITIES,  
COURTS,  
AND CONGRESS,  
**TAHIRIH  
PROTECTS  
LIVES**

**2013 IMPACT REPORT**



*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*

*Photo courtesy of Sergio Pessolano.*

# OUR MISSION

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that protects courageous immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence by elevating their voices in communities, courts, and Congress. Since 1997, Tahirih has assisted nearly 15,000 women and children seeking protection from gender-based human rights abuses such as rape, female genital mutilation, domestic violence, human trafficking, “honor” crimes, and forced marriage. Our award-winning, holistic model for protection combines free legal services and social services case management with bridge-building public policy advocacy, education, and outreach. With offices in the Washington, DC Area, Houston, and Baltimore, Tahirih’s programs efficiently and effectively leverage donated professional services from a vast network of attorneys, medical professionals, and other experts. Inspired by principles of 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 can live in safety and with dignity.

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[TahirihJusticeCenter](https://www.youtube.com/TahirihJusticeCenter)

# LIVES PROTECTED



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**IN  
2013  
WE:**

Responded to  
**1,376 individuals** who needed our expert legal advice and  
service referrals to reject violence in their homes and communities.

Provided  
**free legal representation and advice to 876**  
immigrant women and girls who were entitled to protection under U.S. law.

Connected  
**511 women and their children** to social services  
that were vital to rebuilding their lives after trauma.

# INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH

## In 2013, nationwide *we*:

- ❖ Grew 12 percent, hiring attorneys and critical staff members to support our capacity to serve women and girls in three, high-need locations in the United States.
- ❖ Launched a five-year strategic plan for national growth that will dramatically increase our ability to serve more women and girls.



### In the Washington, DC Area, we:

- ❖ Created an innovative law firm partnership to help former Tahirih clients and their children meet time-sensitive visa application deadlines for permanent legal residency.



### In Baltimore, we:

- ❖ Introduced new social services programs, including peer support groups, life skills workshops, and advocacy training, to empower women and girls to rebuild their lives after trauma and become advocates for lasting change.



### In Houston, we:

- ❖ Formed the Pro Bono Legal Network of the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance, a coalition to better serve the legal needs of survivors of human trafficking, and debuted specialized training clinics for attorneys at leading corporations.

## OUR FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

2013-2017

*We will:*

### Fortify

the capacity of existing offices with investments in resources and staff.

### Serve

twice as many women and girls by opening two additional offices.

### Amplify

our leadership in public policy advocacy for immigrant women and girls.

### Pioneer

protections for victims of forced marriage in the United States.

# In COMMUNITIES

*we:*

- ❖ Conducted 117 outreach, training, and education events to elevate the voices of our clients.
- ❖ Trained 2,442 law enforcement, legal, and social service professionals so that they can better address the needs of immigrant women and girls facing violence.
- ❖ Grew our pro bono legal network to 1,294 professionals and 219 law firms to provide free legal services to our clients, as well as strategic advice and support to our advocacy initiatives.
- ❖ Raised awareness of violence against women through reports in 27 prominent media outlets, including *The Washington Post*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *The Examiner*, *Thomson Reuters*, *The Baltimore Sun*, and *Fox News*.

# Forced Marriage Initiative

Our groundbreaking Forced Marriage Initiative **reached new milestones** as we built a national movement to empower women and girls in the United States to exercise their right to choose whether, when, and whom to marry.

*We:*

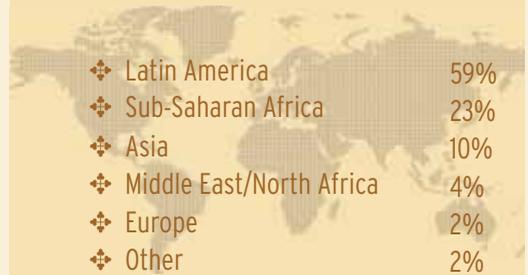
- ❖ **Triaged over 40 emergency requests for assistance** from individuals resisting and escaping forced marriages domestically and internationally, including U.S. citizens who were taken and trapped overseas.
- ❖ **Grew the National Network to Prevent Forced Marriage** to more than 300 members nationwide.
- ❖ **Expanded our Forced Marriage Working Group** to include more than 40 organizations dedicated to advancing policy, programs, and practices to prevent forced marriage and support and empower survivors.
- ❖ **Equipped more than 600 service providers, attorneys, community advocates, and government officials** from around the country with tools to recognize and respond to forced marriage through webinars, workshops, trainings, and outreach.
- ❖ **Urged federal agencies, including the U.S. Departments of State and Homeland Security**, to step up and better coordinate a national response to forced marriage in the United States.

# In COURTS we:

Maintained our longstanding 99 percent litigation success rate, despite the complex nature of our cases.



**Our clients are on U.S. soil, but they come from all over the world.**



# In CONGRESS we:

- ❖ **Helped lead the charge to reauthorize the landmark Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with strong bipartisan support and enhanced protections for immigrant survivors.** Since its initial passage in 1994, VAWA has contributed to a 64 percent decrease in domestic violence in the United States. The March 2013 reauthorization reaffirms Congress's commitment to include immigrant survivors in these critical protections.
- ❖ **Strengthened the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act (IMBRA) and closed implementation and enforcement gaps through critical VAWA amendments.** Tahirih helped draft and enact IMBRA in 2006 to prevent the brutal abuse and exploitation of foreign-born women who meet their spouses through so-called "mail-order bride" agencies.
- ❖ **Co-led a national working group of leading experts and advocates to underscore immigrant survivors' needs in immigration reform bills.** Tahirih was instrumental in securing several key provisions in the Senate's bipartisan immigration reform bill, and continues to help build bipartisan momentum for thoughtful reforms to our nation's broken immigration system.



# 2012 AUDITED FINANCIALS

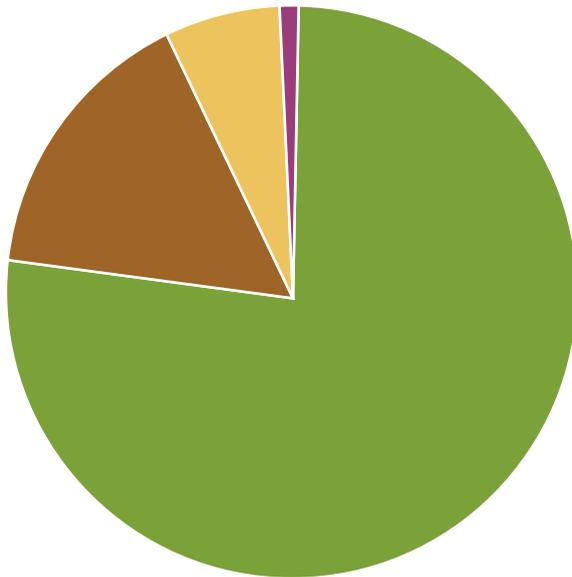
In 2012, the value of pro bono services donated to Tahirih and our clients reached a historic **\$10.1 million**, which enabled us to serve more women and children around the country and multiply every **\$1 donated into \$4** of impact.



## 2012

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	\$	\$	\$
Donated (In-Kind) Professional Services	10,083,696	--	10,083,696
Grants	1,369,108	761,468	2,130,576
Contributions	840,084	--	840,084
Interest Income	2,201	--	2,201
Fundraising Sales, Net of Expense	31,460	--	31,460
Miscellaneous Income	14,962	--	14,962
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	526,868	(526,868)	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>12,868,379</b>	<b>234,600</b>	<b>13,102,979</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program Services	12,207,814	--	12,207,814
Supporting Services:			
Management and General	467,277	--	467,277
Fundraising	253,968	--	253,968
Total Supporting Services	721,245	--	721,245
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>12,929,059</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>12,929,059</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(60,681)	234,600	173,920
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	776,520	503,375	1,279,895
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$715,839</b>	<b>\$737,975</b>	<b>\$1,453,814</b>

## Revenue and Support



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

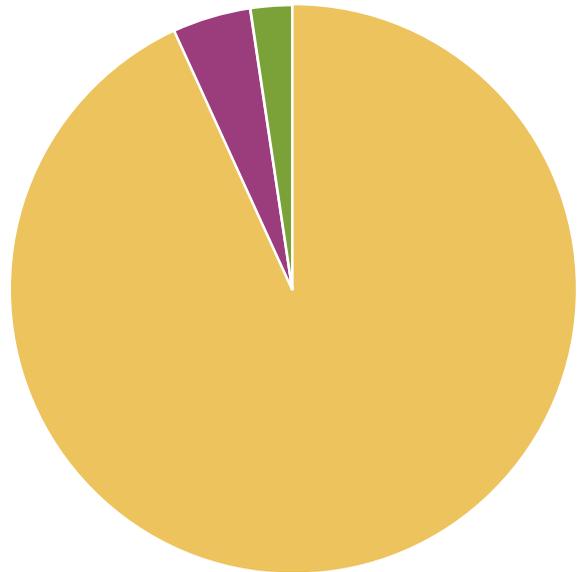
**Total: \$13,102,979**

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## Expenses

- 94% Program Services
- 4% Management and General
- 2% Fundraising

**Total: \$12,929,059**



Our full 2012 financial statements and Independent Audit Report issued by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP can be viewed at [Tahirih.org](http://Tahirih.org). Our 2013 financial statements and audit report were not available at the time of this publication, but will be available online in July 2014.

# Thank You.

## 2013 Lifesavers

Your generous contributions have transformed the lives of women and girls.  
\$5,000 covers the annual cost of our life-saving services for one woman or girl.

### Corporations and Organizations

AIG, Inc.  
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
Arnold & Porter LLP  
Baker Botts LLP  
Bloomberg L.P.  
BP America, Inc.  
Capital One  
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP  
Covington & Burling LLP  
Crowell & Moring LLP  
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
Direct Energy  
DLA Piper LLP  
Dykema Gossett PLLC  
Eileen Fisher, Inc.  
The Estee Lauder Companies, Inc.  
FosterQuan, LLP  
Greenberg Traurig LLP  
Hilton Worldwide  
Hogan Lovells LLP  
Jones Day  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
Marathon Oil Company  
Mayer Brown LLP  
McDermott Will and Emery LLP  
Pederson Immigration Law Group, P.C.  
Reply.Com, Inc.  
Saudi Refining, Inc.  
Second Muse  
Sidley Austin LLP  
Steptoe & Johnson LLP  
Thompson Hine LLP  
Troutman Sanders LLP  
Venable LLP  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP  
WilmerHale LLP  
Winston & Strawn LLP

### Foundations

Aaron and Lillie Straus Foundation Inc.  
The Abdolhossein and Guitty Ejtemai Foundation  
Abell Foundation  
Alice Kleberg Reynolds Meyer Foundation  
Arsari Foundation  
Dockser Family Foundation  
Equal Justice Works  
Flora Family Foundation

Foundation for a Just Society  
George L. Shields Foundation, Inc.  
Goldseker Foundation  
Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund  
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.  
The Herb Block Foundation  
Houston Endowment  
Houston Foundation  
The Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation  
Jewish Women's Giving Foundation of Baltimore  
Kolar Charitable Foundation of BuckleySandler  
Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund, Inc.  
Meyer Foundation  
Moriah Fund  
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation  
Morton K. and Jane Blaustein Foundation  
The Notre Dame Foundation  
Notsew Orm Sands Foundation  
Shell Oil Company  
The Simmons Foundation  
State Bar of Texas, Corporate Counsel Section  
State Bar of Texas, Litigation Section  
The Steptoe Foundation  
Tikkun Olam Women's Foundation  
Trellis Fund  
Venable Foundation  
William Randolph Hearst Foundation

### Individuals

**\$150,000 +**  
Laura and John Arnold

**\$50,000 +**  
Marty and Parvin McVey

**\$40,000 +**  
Paul Glist and Karla Jamir

**\$20,000 +**  
Anonymous

**\$15,000 +**  
Maria Cestone  
Carelle Karimimanes  
David and Mojan Shin

**\$10,000 +**  
The Estate of Julia Shane Li  
Laura Loeb and Howard Morse  
Mary and Jeffrey Zients

### \$5,000 +

Katherine Ashley  
John and Lynne Averett  
Marjaneh Azad  
David and Afsaneh Dean  
Tanees Edraki  
Naheed Ghassemi  
Michele and Don Gibbons  
Shiva and Gus Gill  
Michael and Debora Goldberg  
Keith and Christi Guerrini  
Douglas and Suzanne Henck  
Audrey Hendricks  
Sean Hinton, Tebogho Khutsoane, Jasmine, Camille, and Zoe Hinton  
Frank Kendall and Elizabeth Halpern  
Lynette Lew  
Peter Mirijanian  
Joanne Moore  
Dr. Jackie Eghrari-Sabet and Sina A. Sabet  
Farshid Sabet-Sharghi  
Christine Savage  
Alex and Homa Tavangar  
Sheila Tweed

### Governments

City of Alexandria, Fund for Human Services  
Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, NHTVA Program, Via U.S. Committee on Immigrants and Refugees  
Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Legal Assistance for Victims Program  
Fairfax County, Virginia, Consolidated Community Funding Pool  
State of Maryland, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, STOP Violence Against Women Program  
State of Maryland, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Victims of Crime Assistance Program  
State of Texas, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Victims of Crime Assistance Grant Program  
State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, Other Victims Assistance Grant Program  
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



When a woman or girl arrives at Tahirih, she is already a hero. She rejects violence and oppression. She enriches the lives of her children. She inspires the courage of her sisters. She challenges her community, ends harmful traditions, and changes the law.

She  
transforms  
the world.

