

Leaving The Jar

2024

Annual Report

Building Hope, Restoring Freedom, Leaving The Jar's 2024 Impact and Vision

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Letter From The Board

Dear Leaving The Jar Family,
Grace and Peace to you! As we reflect on 2024, we are profoundly moved by the resilience of survivors and the steadfast dedication of our community. On behalf of the Board of Leaving the Jar, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your partnership in this life-changing work.

This year, Leaving the Jar took bold steps forward—from hosting impactful awareness events and expanding educational trainings, to growing our volunteer team and advancing our international outreach in Kenya and Egypt. Perhaps most inspiring is the progress toward opening The Well of Hope, a safe home where survivors will find not only shelter but healing and renewed hope.

One survivor shared with us, “Leaving the Jar gave me a voice when I felt invisible. They helped me believe I am worthy of freedom and joy.” Stories like hers remind us why this work matters and fuel our commitment to protect and restore lives.

As we look to 2025, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Together, we can raise the funds needed to open The Well of Hope, expand outreach programs, and empower even more survivors to reclaim their futures. Your involvement—whether through giving, volunteering, or advocacy—makes a real and lasting difference.

Thank you for standing with Leaving the Jar and for believing in the possibility of freedom, dignity, and restoration for all survivors.

In Christ,

Manal Moussa
Executive Director, Leaving The Jar



About Leaving The Jar

Prevention

Leaving the Jar is a nonprofit dedicated to ending human trafficking through prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation. We believe every person deserves dignity, safety, and hope. Our prevention work focuses on raising awareness and equipping communities to recognize and stop trafficking before it begins.

Intervention

We partner with law enforcement and local authorities to rescue victims and provide immediate support—offering safe housing, legal aid, and trauma-informed care. We also support youths and survivors through educational scholarships, helping them find a path out of exploitation.

Rehabilitation

Our rehabilitation efforts empower survivors through counseling, education, vocational training, and reintegration into the community. By partnering with churches, universities, and international communities, we build a global network of restoration. Guided by our values—Love Deep, Serve Wide, Reach Far—we're working toward a world free from exploitation.



Executive Summary

In 2024, Leaving the Jar deepened its mission across multiple regions through prevention trainings, survivor support, and emergency intervention. We reached over 500 individuals through community awareness events and youth gatherings that opened doors to critical conversations. Our first gala brought together 250 guests, expanding support and fueling our growing programs. With a fully volunteer-run team, we supported women in Kenya through vocational training and launched survivor-led microbusinesses. In Egypt, 256 students were given the opportunity to pursue higher education and leadership development, and we celebrated 32 graduates at our annual youth conference. Across all areas, we responded to urgent and sensitive emergency cases—providing housing, legal aid, and relocation to those in critical need. These milestones represent not just numbers, but lives changed and futures restored through dignity, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

Our Approach

PREVENTION

INTERVENTION

REHABILITATION



Impact Snapshot

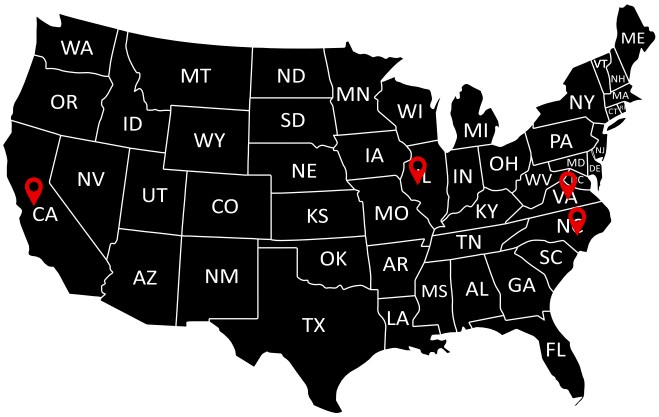
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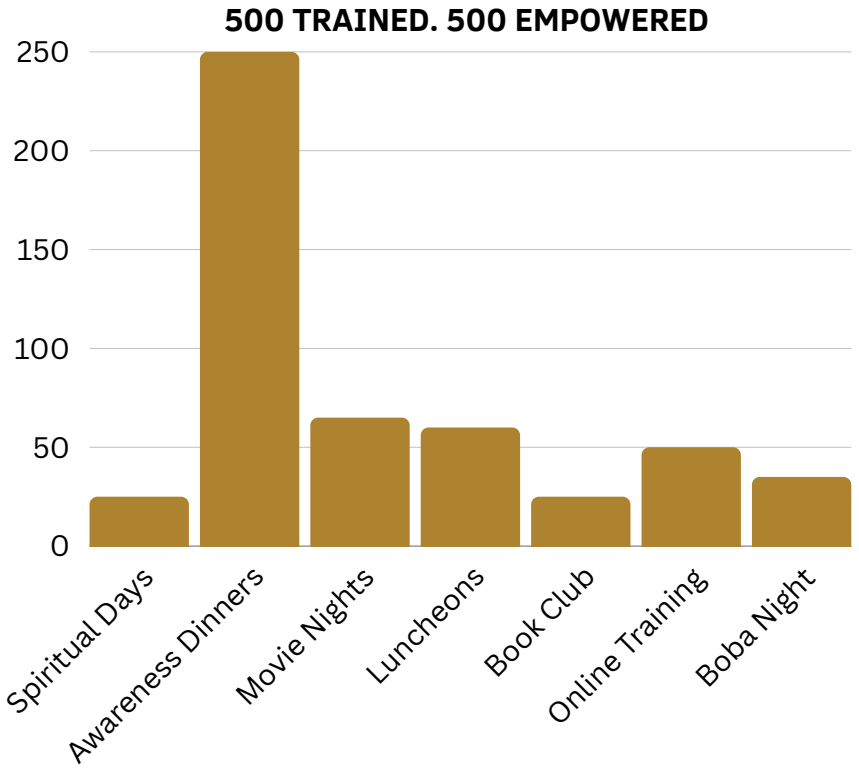


LIVES REACHED THROUGH TRAINING

Over the course of 2024, more than **500 individuals** participated in Leaving the Jar's awareness and prevention trainings. These experiences took many forms—from formal sessions in **North Carolina** and online session in **Chicago**, where we trained priests, parents, and Sunday school servants, to creative outreach events that invited deep engagement. We hosted a **boba night** where local youth gathered for discussion over drinks, and an **outdoor movie night** where we screened Priceless and opened space for thoughtful dialogue. We also connected with new communities through a **California luncheon** and a **book club** centered around Redeeming Love. Every event was a chance to equip others with knowledge—and to create space for healing and empowerment.

TRAINING REACH IN 2024





Prevention Initiatives

AN EVENING THAT SPARKED HOPE

In 2024, Leaving the Jar hosted its first-ever Gala, a landmark event that brought together over 200 guests for an evening of purpose, connection, and collective impact. The Gala served as a powerful platform to share our mission, deepen relationships with supporters, and raise vital funds to expand our programs. Our keynote speaker, **Bill Woolf**, a nationally recognized anti-human trafficking advocate and former Senior Advisor to the U.S. Department of Justice, inspired the room with his expertise and passion for systemic change. We also heard from **Oriel Eski**, a courageous survivor and advocate whose powerful story of resilience reminded us why this work matters. The night was filled with meaning, momentum, and generosity—marking a pivotal step in our journey to bring lasting hope and restoration to survivors.





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100% heart.

GLOBAL HEARTS, LOCAL IMPACT

In 2024, Leaving the Jar was powered by a dedicated team of **35 volunteers** who brought their time, passion, and expertise to every part of the mission. From **Dubai and Egypt** to **California and Chicago**, volunteers joined us from around the world to support our growing programs—particularly in Egypt, where international collaboration played a vital role. Each volunteer brought unique strengths, from education and media to legal support and event planning. What makes Leaving the Jar truly special is that the entire organization operates without any paid staff—every project, event, and outreach effort is carried out by volunteers who believe deeply in the cause. Their generosity and commitment are the heartbeat of everything we do.

Impact Snapshot

Intervention Initiatives

EDUCATION AS A PATHWAY TO FREEDOM

In 2024, Leaving the Jar provided educational scholarships to **256 youth in Egypt,** many of whom are either vulnerable to or actively facing forms of exploitation such as **labor trafficking or early marriage**. These students come from at-risk communities where access to education is often the dividing line between opportunity and exploitation. Some have been directly impacted and through this program, we've been able to **step in with awareness and educational opportunity** to help them escape those realities. With majors ranging from engineering and medicine to education and the arts, these students are not only pursuing degrees—they're rewriting their futures. This program is a tangible expression of our mission: to intervene early, restore dignity, and create lasting pathways to a better future.





RISING TOGETHER: THE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Every September, Leaving the Jar hosts a powerful **week-long youth conference** in Egypt for our students. In 2024, we celebrated a major milestone as **32 students graduated** from this conference program, many of whom have overcome extraordinary personal and social challenges. This annual gathering is more than just a conference; it's a safe and empowering space where youth are reminded that they are not alone. Through workshops focused on **mental and emotional wellness, leadership, and character building**, the conference helps students process their journeys, build confidence, and prepare for what's next. For many, it becomes a turning point—an environment of healing, connection, and hope that stays with them long after the week ends.

I was told education wasn't for girls like me. LTJ helped me prove that was wrong."

-Scholarship Recipient

Intervention Initiatives

FROM VULNERABILITY TO VOCATION

In 2024, Leaving the Jar expanded its survivor empowerment efforts in Kenya by supporting **two women through trade school,** specifically focused on **culinary and cooking classes**. Both women faced vulnerable circumstances and were seeking a stable, independent path forward. Through consistent mentorship and financial support, they completed their training and successfully **graduated**, now equipped with the skills and confidence to build a new future. This small but powerful investment reflects our commitment to intervene and protect the vulnerable.



EMPOWERED BY CONSISTENT SUPPORT

Vocational Training



Trade schools programs like cooking and tailoring

Business Startup Support



Supplies and setup for women-led microbusinesses

Basic Needs Covered



Food, rent, and essentials for women and their children

Monthly Stipends



Financial stability while transitioning out of exploitation

Spiritual & Personal Mentorship



Faith-based community, prayer, and consistent guidance

Emotional & Mental Health Support



Counseling and trauma care

Impact Snapshot

Rehabilitation Initiatives

PROTECTING SURVIVORS IN CRISIS

Throughout 2024, Leaving the Jar responded to a number of sensitive **emergency cases** involving individuals at immediate risk of exploitation or harm. While we cannot disclose the country for confidentiality and safety reasons, our support has included **emergency housing, legal aid, and relocation services** to ensure survivors can access safety and stability without delay. These situations often arise with little warning, and our ability to respond quickly is critical. Each emergency case represents a life protected and a future redirected—reminding us of the urgency and necessity of this work every single day.

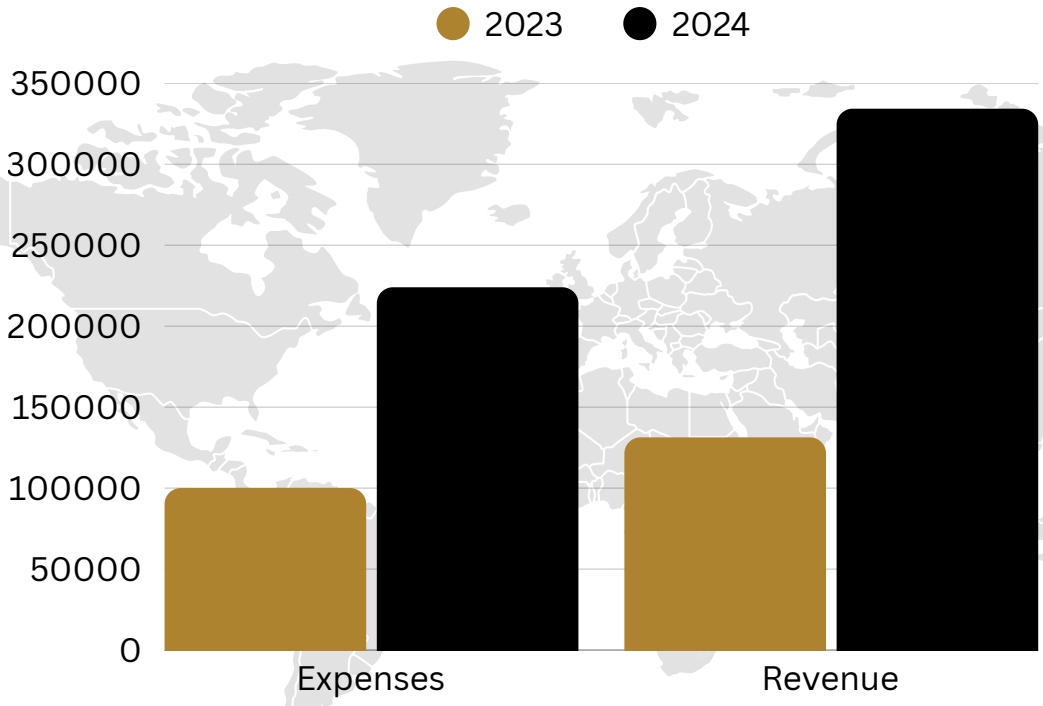
"When I felt lost and alone, God sent Leaving The Jar to guide me to safety and new life. Their support and his strength gave me hope to keep going."



BAKING HER WAY TO A NEW BEGINNING

One of the most powerful stories of transformation this year comes from a woman in Kenya who courageously reached out to Leaving the Jar for help in leaving a life of exploitation. Formerly involved in sex work and facing daily hardship, she had long dreamed of starting her own business — and had a special gift for making **chapati**, a beloved local flatbread. With her dream and determination, LTJ stepped in to walk alongside her. We helped her **launch her chapati business** in the daily market, providing startup support, monthly supplies, and a temporary steady salary. In addition, we help cover basic needs for her and her children, creating a foundation of safety and stability. Today, she is no longer on the streets. Her business is thriving, her family is healing, and her story is a living example of what restoration can look like when dignity is returned and dreams are reignited.

2024 Finances



Leaving the Jar has achieved a 39.7% average annual growth in revenue and a 15.8% average annual growth in expenses, demonstrating strong financial momentum and sustainable program expansion. This growth is supported by a fivefold increase in monthly donors since 2023, creating a more stable and dependable foundation for the future.

REVENUE GROWTH

In 2024, Leaving the Jar saw a remarkable increase in revenue, growing from $131,338.70 in 2023 to $334,278.94. This significant rise reflects the expanding support from our community, including a fivefold increase in monthly donors since the end of 2023, which provides a stronger, more stable financial foundation for our work.

EXPENSE OVERVIEW

Expenses also increased from $100,031.65 in 2023 to $224,008.72 in 2024, aligning with the growth of our programs and services. This careful increase in spending demonstrates our commitment to responsibly scaling our impact while continuing to meet the needs of survivors with quality support and resources.

Looking Ahead: 2025 Goals

As we continue our mission to end human trafficking through prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation, we are boldly stepping into 2025 with faith, clarity, and purpose. Below are our goals for the coming year under each of our core pillars:

PREVENTION

HOST 10 NEW TRAININGS ACROSS CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY CENTERS IN 5 DIFFERENT REGIONS ACROSS THE U.S. LEAD A MISSION TRIP TO ONE OF OUR SERVICES IN EGYPT, KENYA, OR ZAMBIA..

INTERVENTION

DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED IN EGYPT THROUGH OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS— FROM 256 TO OVER 500 YOUTHS.

REHABILITATION

FULLY LICENSE AND LAUNCH THE WELL OF HOPE HOME, OUR LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS IN THE U.S.



The People Behind The Mission

> *"Supporting Leaving the Jar is one of the most meaningful things I've done. Knowing my small monthly gift creates big change keeps me coming back."*
>
> *— Monthly donor, anonymous*

At Leaving the Jar, our work is made possible by a community of passionate supporters, dedicated volunteers, and community prayer warriors — all united by one goal: to bring freedom, hope, and healing to survivors of human trafficking.

We extend our deepest gratitude to every donor whose generosity sustains our programs and every volunteer who gives their time and heart to outreach and care. Together, you are the lifeblood of this mission.

Thank you for believing in the power of restoration and standing alongside survivors as they rebuild their lives. With you, every step forward becomes a step toward a world where freedom is the norm and hope is unshakable.



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Freedom is not just the absence of chains - it's the presence of hope, healing, and purpose."



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