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IN RECOVERY

2021 IMPACT REPORT

Sex trafficking in Atlanta is rampant...

95% of victims of prostitution experienced sexual abuse as children.

These young traumatized victims often grow up to become adult victims, trapped in a vicious cycle of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction

87% of women in the sex industry say they want out but have no other means of survival.

But we have a plan.

We support women surviving forced prostitution by providing safe homes and a two-year program that equips them to create a new path in life.

• AVA INFORMATION BRIEFING - PROSTITUTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESEARCH

• MELISSA FARLEY, FROM PROSTITUTION AND TRAFFICKING IN NINE COUNTRIES: AN UPDATE ON VIOLENCE AND POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER via PROSTITUTIONRESEARCH.COM

RECOVERY [ri-kuhv-uh-ree]

noun,

1. an act of recovering.
2. the regaining of or possibility of regaining something lost or taken away.
3. restoration or return to health from sickness.
4. restoration or return to any former and better state or condition.
5. time required for recovering.
6. something that is gained in recovering.

This is life In Recovery:

1. We are women recovering from years of trauma.
2. We are women regaining peace that had been taken away.
3. We are women restoring our hearts that were hurt and broken.
4. We are women learning how to return to ourselves.
5. We are women taking the time we need to create a new life.
6. We are women gaining the confidence to build a better future.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

And just like that, another year passes by.

While 2020 felt like winter, 2021 was more like spring for BeLoved. Don't get me wrong, it wasn't all flowers and rainbows, but we saw signs of new life and renewed hope.

I am a big advocate of sitting in and feeling pain and disappointment, but I also want to celebrate the growth, resilience and blessings that come from each obstacle. That balance has been the theme of this year.



While we are still in a pandemic and have watched the effects of Covid-19 on each of us and our community, we are thankful for science and the ability to run the program in-person again.

For the first time in BeLoved history, we have our own office space and though the renovations took a little longer than expected, I am writing this letter from a vibrant environment that volunteers lovingly (and freely) built out to meet all our needs.

None of us were prepared for a house fire and grieved the trauma it brought to the residents and the way it lowered our capacity to serve women for a few months. But I recently walked through a completely renovated home that looks more beautiful than before the fire and residents are back in that home feeling safe and loved.

Even though we weren't able to bring women into the program while we waited for the fire repairs, we were able to move forward with construction for the fourth home and are preparing to serve the most residents yet - fifteen.

Though tons of donor meetings were done via Zoom, we had our best fundraising year yet and BeLoved is preparing to celebrate 10 years!

While the work is hard and we still live in a society that treats others without dignity so much that they are willing to exploit them, we are growing to meet the needs, we are resilient, and we are BeLoved.

Yours truly,
Amelia Quinn, President

2021 IN REVIEW

January



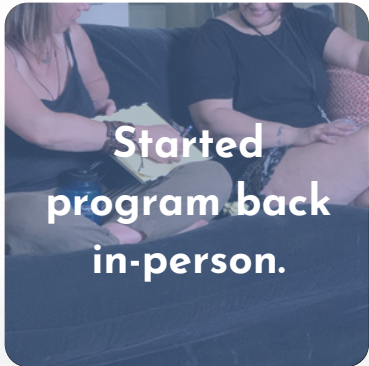
March



May



February



April

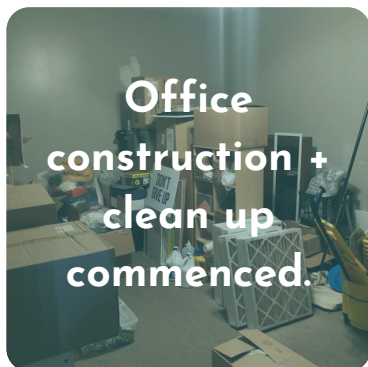


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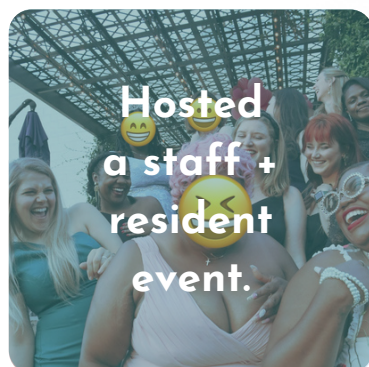


2021 *IN REVIEW*

July



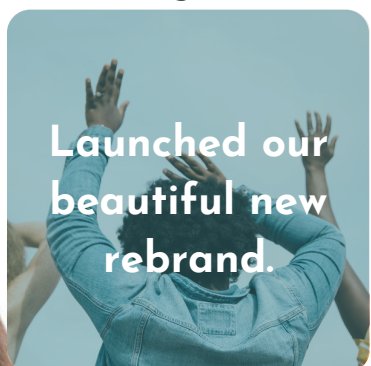
September



November



August



October



December



IT WAS A GOOD YEAR



TOTAL RAISED
\$1,028,259

DONORS INCREASED FROM 550 IN 2020

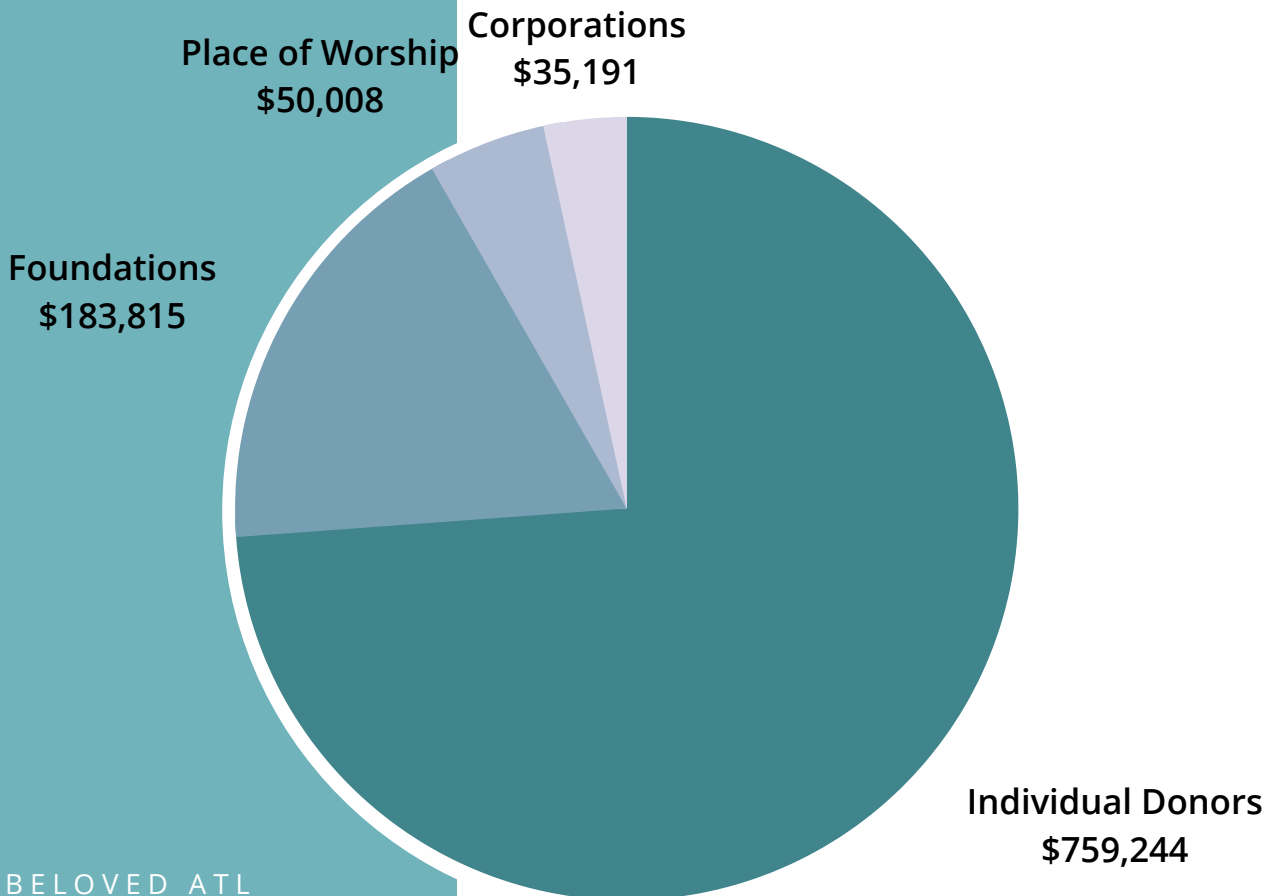
MONTHLY DONORS GAVE \$131,898

TOTAL MONTHLY DONORS 132

AVERAGE GIFT SIZE \$460

2,155
NUMBER OF DONATIONS

688
NUMBERS OF DONORS





PROGRAM STATS **LIVING A GOOD LIFE**



9
RESIDENTS HOUSED

205
COUNSELING SESSIONS

156
CASE MANAGEMENT SESSIONS

62
WOMEN INQUIRED TO JOIN THE WAITLIST



170
HRS OF GROUPS/CLASSES OFFERED

420
HRS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHAB COMPLETED

27
SOBRIETY DATE CELEBRATIONS

41
COVID TESTS TAKEN

59
BAGS OF POPCORN POPPED

37
37 SNOW-CONES MADE

From May 2021 to Dec 2021, our ability to serve women was lower while the 3rd BeLoved home was being rebuilt after the fire.

PROGRAM

“As a residential program, it is our responsibility to find the balance between individualized care and structured programming.”

-Laura, Program Director

We are as dedicated to growing the strength of our program as we are to growing the number of women we are able to serve.

Check out some of the ways we leveled up on the care residents receive over the past year.

APRICOT

Turns out it’s not only a delicious fruit but a software that is launching BeLoved into a new season of data and evaluation. The program team spent the last six months building out this platform to track all the significant details we need around individual residents and the overall program. All this information will now roll up into quarterly resident and program progress reports. Within the individual report, we are able to see everything from how often residents are on time to groups to sobriety length and goals being met. The overall program report looks at program trends from retention rate to classes and resources being offered.

INNOVATION

QUARTERLY SYSTEM

A two year program can seem overwhelming to a woman as she enters BeLoved. We wanted to help her see smaller milestones and the progress she is making so we launched a quarterly class schedule. Program staff offer a variety of classes including therapy groups, sobriety support, tax classes and computer literacy each quarter. At the end of the quarter, we celebrate, of course! We roll out the progress reports pulled from Apricot and help each woman see the steps she took towards creating a new path in life.



TURNING 10 LOOKS GOOD ON OUR PROGRAM.

*"It [Apricot] really helps us provide better care for the residents as a whole."
-Dee, Case Manager*

GRADUATE TRANSITION PROGRAM

We take time to interview each woman when she graduates the program as we believe she will have the best feedback on areas that are working well and areas where we can continue to grow.

The last two graduates mentioned how hard the transition was out of the program. One day they had all their needs met and the next they were on their own so we launched the graduate transition program.

Residents are able to opt in during their last six months at BeLoved. In this stage, guidelines slowly decrease while responsibility increases. They are also able to build out a rental history by paying a low amount of rent at the BeLoved home so they have references while applying for housing.

We currently have two women preparing to graduate from the transition program and are so excited to see how well it is working.

Moving **FORWARD**

RESIDENT EXCLUSIVE

**“Don’t you fall now—
For I’se still goin’, honey,
I’se still climbin’,
And life for me ain’t been
no crystal stair.”
-Langston Hughes
‘Mother to Son’**

We have two residents (we will call them A & B) that completed their two year program in 2021 and are moving towards graduation in early 2022.

Faithe, BeLoved’s Communications Coordinator, sat down with them to hear about their time at BeLoved from their perspective...



Resident A

I feel at a crossroads at this point in my life. I’ve been allotted the opportunity to accomplish everything I wanted to while I was here. I went through the program and it worked for me.

My journey took longer, but I I did it! All my needs were met - I went to school and got a job in that field, I had support with legal challenges from my past life (theft, prostitution, psych ward, jail).

Now I have some responsibilities and I’ve never had responsibilities in my life. I wasn’t responsible for anyone but myself so I did what I wanted or what the person next to me suggested, which got me in a lot of trouble.



Resident A Continued

I didn't really think for myself, now I do and I have boundaries and nobody can control me the way I used to allow people to control me. I have gained that gift in therapy and working different classes in this program.

It's hard for me to be excited about graduating because we already celebrate everything here! (laughs)

I'm still gonna be a part of the program and stay connected with everyone, so it doesn't feel like I'm breaking ties. Eventually, I want to volunteer to help other women.



Resident B

Looking over the last year has been like WOW, I'm really here and I still have that fire. I don't want to stop, I just keep going. I could have easily given up but I didn't.

See, I believed that because I was clean, I deserved this and I didn't have to work for it (she laughs) cause God appointed me and he knows I'm ready. So just give it to me. But that's not the way it works. And that reality could have caused me to go back to familiar places - that disappointment. As I thought about it, I didn't want to. I wanted to still get my education because I don't want to go back there. I'm done with that life. He's equipped me so much to become familiar with a new thing that's going on. My sobriety, confidence, having conversations with people, loving myself, relationships with my children, I'm getting comfortable here. I like it here. It gives me more power. There were things I realized about myself that have been holding me back, now the only part left to do is to see it through.





Resident B Continued

Some things about the way I was brought up, I brought with me into adulthood that no longer served me - I knew they had to change. It started hurting me when I got sober, when I could no longer drown it out - when we get sober we fight our devils and demons - we fight our own selves. I came to a program where they were patient with me, helping me until I was ready to stop fighting. They didn't make the decision for me, but they helped me make the decision for myself. Normally that's not what I faced when I tried to get clean.

A year from now, I will be working at a center in Tennessee, having my own place, spending time with my grandkids. 2023 will be a year for activation. I want to show people that there is a way out. It's hard for people to believe that I'm here, I am a witness that there is hope, you can overcome, you can get out...if you want to. It's a process and you cannot rush this. You have to take your time.

CLINICAL GROWTH!

When BeLoved launched 10 years ago this summer, we committed to meeting the actual needs of the population we serve. We talked to survivors and other programs to get a high-level picture of the care that was missing in Atlanta.

Since then, we have not stopped learning and growing. Over the past few years, we've felt the need to grow and strengthen the clinical aspects of program. When a woman enters BeLoved, she is often overcoming 30-40 years of complex trauma alongside a long history of addiction that has deeply impacted her mental health and wellbeing. It is easy to focus on finding housing and a career allowing her to move forward, but the reality is the trauma and addiction must be tended to with skill and intentionality to have the greatest chance of the women's long-term success.

In the fall of 2021, we made the decision to hire a full-time Clinical Director, Miriam McGee!

On the program side, she is working to grow the services BeLoved offers to focus on trauma recovery, addiction, and mental health through therapeutic groups, individual counseling, case management, and residential services that are strength based and trauma informed. She wants to implement evidence-based practices that will impact every aspect of a resident's journey through the program. She has plans to build a strong clinical internship program creating an environment where interns are able to learn and grow while BeLoved gains additional support running the program. She is purposeful in strengthening BeLoved community partnerships to continue to collaborate in offering excellent care for the residents.



"BeLoved is already running this beautiful program with amazing staff so I'm excited to grow the clinical part of it."

-Miriam McGee, Clinical Director

Apart from enhancing the clinical program through comprehensively caring for resident's needs, Miriam will support the staff in this work that can be difficult and strenuous. She is dedicated to creating an environment where staff are supported and empowered to work from their strengths while receiving the supervision and training to feel equipped in their roles.

BeLoved is proud of the program we have built and are very excited to continue to grow the quality of care we offer. In this next season, we believe focusing on strengthening the clinical program will provide more excellent and holistic care to each resident and will help support our staff growth in their specific roles.

AS THE PROGRAM HAS EVOLVED OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, WE'VE LEARNED AND THEN FILLED IN THE GAPS.

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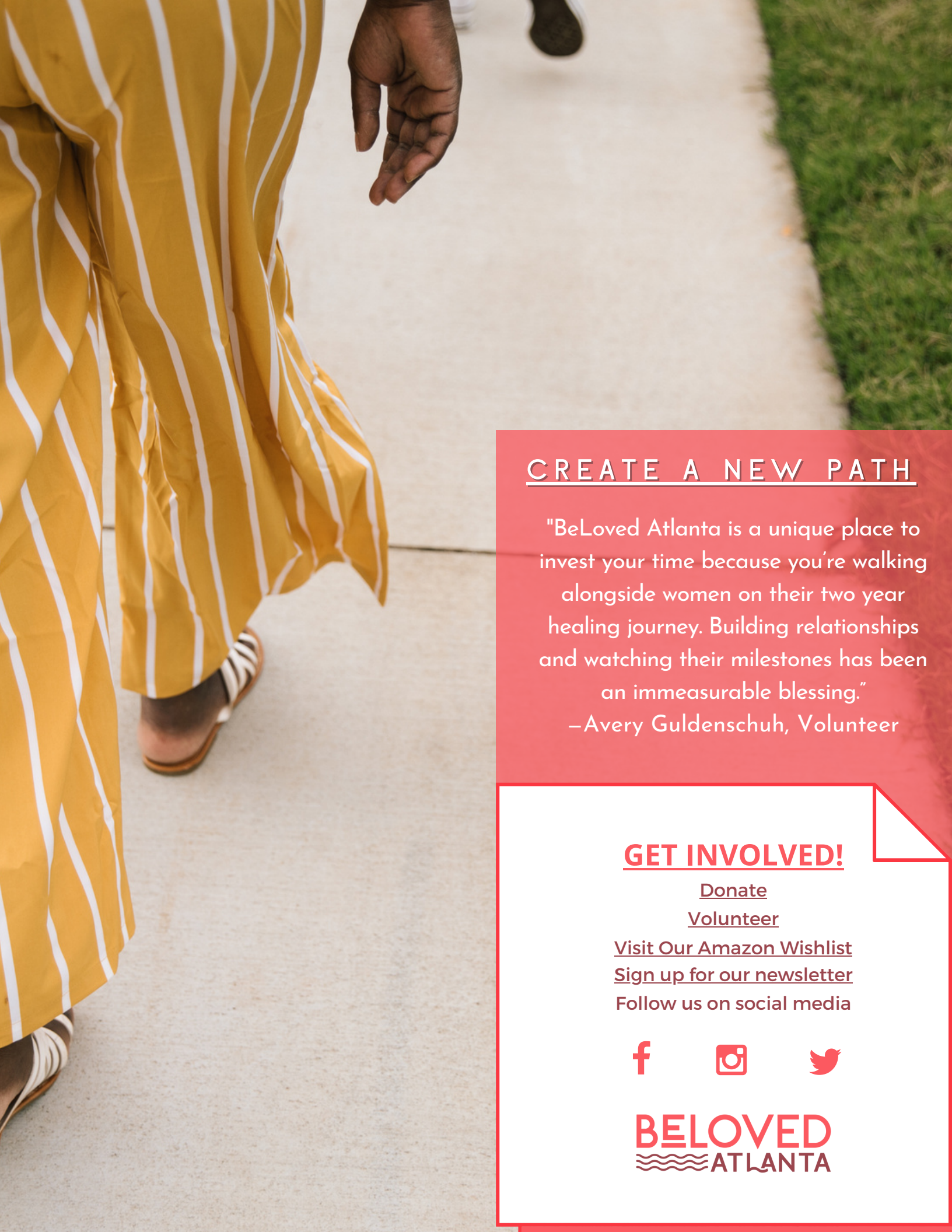
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CREATE A NEW PATH

"BeLoved Atlanta is a unique place to invest your time because you're walking alongside women on their two year healing journey. Building relationships and watching their milestones has been an immeasurable blessing."

–Avery Guldenschuh, Volunteer

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