

# MID-YEAR Highlights







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# Pursuit Highlights

## **Transaction Intercept**



31,602

unique attempts to purchase sex INTERCEPTED



632,040 messages exchanged



24,002 total suspects found

Transaction Intercept has now been part of over 600,000 text exchanges, intervening in more than 31,000 attempted illegal sex purchases. As we continue the roll-out of this resource to law enforcement across the country, we celebrate the efforts being made to protect the most vulnerable.

Thank you for helping us remove the anonymity of buyers and aiding law enforcement!



**Watch Video** 



#### "MENDIT": A New Men's Initiative Launched

Designed to confront the root causes of sexual exploitation by engaging men and boys through targeted education and accountability programming. Through this effort, we aim to break the cycle of demand and build a movement committed to ending exploitation.

We recently ran the quarterly "Solicitors, Traffickers, and Offenders of Prostitution" (STOP) class put on by the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. This class is for men facing felony charges for online or in-person solicitation of commercial sex. This was the first class run under the Street Grace banner "MENDIT," and the evaluations and feedback were very positive. Here is a sample of feedback provided by the sex buyers in attendance:

"I did not understand how many of these women are trafficked and put into a lifestyle with almost no way out. I hate that I contributed to this."

"The 'MENDIT' guest who spoke made it relatable and gave me inspiration to change."

#### **Cyber Teams Taking Action**

We currently have 12 active Cyber Teams across the country interacting with those seeking to exploit others online.



## **Protection** Highlights

# Our Direct Services Program Serves At-Risk Individuals Received Through Referrals Or Our 24/hr Hotline



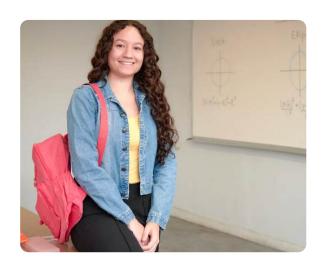


#### A Student's Return to Success

After being out of school for over six months, a 6th-grade youth re-engaged with his education through consistent support from his Care Coordinator at Street Grace. Together, they focused on educational goals and built a plan to help him succeed in his online classes. Despite the long break, the youth has shown incredible progress earning A's and B's and rebuilding his confidence along the way. He remains in online school for now, but is preparing to transition to in-person learning in Fall 2025. His journey is a powerful example of how support, dedication, and perseverance can lead to academic success and renewed motivation.

## A Journey to Boundaries, Healing, and Confidence

Referred to Street Grace in March 2024 due to risky behaviors and past trauma, a youth faced serious challenges, including substance use, running away, and unsafe online activity. With guidance and consistent support, she began to make steady progress over her year in the program. In her final three months, the youth focused on one key goal: learning how to set and maintain healthy boundaries in relationships. Through case management and regular check-ins, she gained new coping skills and began applying them in real-life situations. One powerful example of her growth came when she was involved in a conflict but chose to de-escalate by calmly communicating, informing a trusted adult, and walking away demonstrating both self-control and healthy boundary-setting. Today, she proudly completes the Street Grace program with stronger decision-making skills and a clearer sense of self. Her journey shows what's possible when youth are given the tools, encouragement, and space to heal and grow.





#### A Mother's Journey to Stability and Strength

After suddenly being dismissed from a homeless shelter and losing her Section 8 voucher, this youth faced immense challenges in securing stable housing. Despite these obstacles, she showed unwavering determination and found a new home within two months. Though the journey was tough and filled with uncertainty, she remained committed to building a better future for herself and her son. With support from Street Grace, she began transforming her apartment into a true home adding furniture, curtains, kitchen essentials, and toys for her son, whose bed is now on the way. With consistent encouragement from care coordinators and a growing sense of hope, she has reached a place of safety and stability. Now completing the Street Grace program, her journey is a powerful example of resilience and what's possible when support and strength come together.

# TAKE IT DOWN ACT Passed In Congress

The TAKE IT DOWN ACT overwhelmingly passed in Congress!

This was a huge win, empowering those victimized of this type of abuse, exploitation, and coercion.

More than 120 organizations representing victim advocacy groups, law enforcement, and tech industry leaders voiced their support for the legislation and it has been signed into law!

"When I was just 14 years old, my life changed forever after a boy at my school used AI to create deepfake images of me. I knew I could never go back and undo what he did.."

- High School Student and Advocate for Fellow Victims

### ABOUT THE BILL

The **TAKE IT DOWN Act** is a bill that criminalizes the publication of non-consensual intimate imagery (NCII), including Al-generated NCII (or "deepfake revenge pornography"), and requires social media and similar websites to remove such content within 48 hours of notice from a victim.





# Contributing at THE WORLDWE Conference

Street Grace had a great week at the Capitol for the World Without Exploitation conference! From leading a group of amazing advocates who are part of the Childhood Digital Alliance, to sharing about Transaction Intercept on an Al panel, and sharing about anti-trafficking legislation - it was a full and meaningful week.

#### **Supporting Senate Bill 1278**

We traveled to Austin, Texas to participate in hearings at the State Capitol.

While there, we were able to formally cast a vote for Senate Bill 955 and testify for Senate Bill 1278 while both bills were heard in the Criminal Jurisprudence House Committee hearing.

Later in the day, we also provided testimony for House Bill 754 which is now in the Health and Human Services Senate Committee.



## **Prevention** Highlights

#### **Presenting at AIS Youth Conference**

Street Grace presented at the AIS Youth Conference where students led an educational panel for the parent organization discussing tech's role in teen exploitation and how parents can candidly discuss the issues their children are facing online.





# **Engaging a Sheriff's Office Youth Leadership Council**

We had the honor of serving as a guest speaker at the County Sheriff's Office Youth Leadership Council. We delivered an impactful presentation on human trafficking awareness, sparking thoughtful conversation among the students. We are proud to support the next generation of leaders in their commitment to making a difference in our community.

#### **Street Grace Student Initiatives**

Street Grace Student Initiatives led #MyFreedomDay alongside CNN which reached youth in over 140 countries and has worked within 9 countries implementing education on Human Trafficking and sharing Street Grace student materials including the Student Initiative playbook which has been made available to 204 countries.





#### **Community Engagement in Texas**

Houston community leaders opened their home to friends and colleagues for a special evening in support of Street Grace. Guests heard powerful remarks about the organization's mission and vision, including a moving testimony from a member of our National Survivor's Advisory Board. The event fostered community engagement and deepened support for this vital work.

## **Upcoming Events**



#### **Demand an End Virtual 5K**

Join us for an exciting fundraiser dedicated to supporting our mission to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children.



# An Evening with Ernie Johnson and Special Guest Shaquille O'Neal

We're thrilled to announce that on November 6, 2025, we're hosting an evening with Ernie Johnson, the award-winning host of Inside the NBA on TNT, and special guest Shaquille O'Neal, NBA analyst on Inside the NBA, four-time NBA championship winner, First Ballot NBA Hall of Famer, and entrepreneur.

Join us for an impactful evening of delicious food, inspirational stories, and live entertainment.





Gas South District Duluth, Georgia

November 6th 6:00 PM