

Sons & Daughters

Annual Report 2022



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

In a year in which Hong Kong continued to face the complexities of COVID-19 restrictions and its consequences, we are immensely proud of everything that our staff and volunteer teams at Sons & Daughters have achieved for, and with, our beneficiaries in 2022.

Together, we navigated and co-created ways to continue to champion those who have been caught up in the trappings of commercial sexual exploitation to reclaim love, family and freedom in their lives.

Most notable of 2022's highlights is the opening of our new drop-in centre, Promise House 3.0. We saw the story of the five loaves and two fish come to life before our eyes as we brought forth the humble amount that we had, and watched the miraculous multiplication of resources. In just a few short weeks, the New Promise House campaign raised over \$600,000 and enabled us to move into, and renovate, a premises twice the size of our previous space. With the beautiful new expansion, we were able to deliver more than double the number of skills training classes in our dedicated workshop and classroom areas, and continue to welcome many more beneficiaries to access support, community and belonging.

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:1

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

In line with the expansion of our space, more new additions to the S&D family sprouted - the lovely faces of children and babies began to appear in Promise House as mothers became regulars at our drop-in classes. Over time, the needs and challenges that these precious ones experience came into focus - which led to the conception of our children's project. In 2022, we started to deliver academic tutoring to the children of the women, as well as psychosocial support through play therapy and tangible items such as food, school supplies and clothing. We look forward to growing in our work with the children in the coming year.

After several years of prayer and preparation, our men's project, Dawn, was officially launched, aimed at providing support to those who no longer wish to purchase sex. With training and consultation with organisations that are established in this area of work, the men's team has developed our own Dawn training course for volunteers and put together the programme framework, to be piloted in 2023.

The end of 2022 was accented by the joyous celebration of Princess and Angel's graduation from our Aftercare programme.

We look forward to sharing more with you about the beauty salon and greenhouse farm which are already in progress as you read this report!

Our heartfelt thanks to you for your love and support over the course 2022. We have loved journeying with you in this bold and beautiful adventure that is called Sons & Daughters - let's keep this going together!

Janice Chan

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MISSION & VISION

**Sons & Daughters helps those caught
in sexual exploitation to reclaim a life
of love, family, and freedom in Christ.**

We long to witness transformation in the red light districts of Hong Kong. We strive to see workers, managers, and customers abandon the sex trade. We aim to help those who are caught in sexual exploitation walk freely into their destinies as sons and daughters of God.

WHO WE ARE



Janice Chan
CEO



Ashley Lui
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Elli Boyer
Aftercare Manager



Belicia Wong
Volunteer Manager



April Peng
Drop-in Center Manager



Charlotte Ooi
Caseworker

STATISTICS

Together, we achieved...

96

Outreach
visits

800+

Outreach
interactions

3518

Total gifts given on
outreach

201

Hours of casework
sessions

249

Hours of counselling
sessions

56

Hours of crisis
intervention

216

Spiritual
development class

932

Hours of
skills training

5456

Food items
given

2761

Health
supplies given

21

Hours of
children's therapy

112

Hours of
homework tutoring

VOLUNTEERS



Team Members

In 2022, Sons & Daughters hosted 13 info sessions, which were attended by 105 members of the general public. Through this, we welcomed 20 new volunteer team members!

We organised two team days to bring all of our wonderful volunteer teams together for a time of sharing, fun and additional training. In May, we invited AIDS Concern to educate our team about the myths and misconceptions about HIV / AIDS. We also learned how to administer HIV self test kits, how to support someone through the process of testing, and what to do if someone tests positive.



In November, team members gathered at Promise House for a morning training session on Best Practices in Working with Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation, and we spent the afternoon practicing self-care with two art therapists who facilitated us through expressive arts to process and debrief some of the impacts of walking alongside survivors.

PARTNERSHIPS



Student Ambassador Program

This summer, we launched our very first Student Ambassador Programme in collaboration with Christian Alliance International School's Social Justice club. Leading up to the launch, students participated in Sons & Daughters' Human Trafficking Awareness workshop, and the school also hosted a pop-up sale of ReStore products. Two stellar students were selected through written applications and interviews to enter into our full-time summer internship, and they have also gone on to lead the club's members to further participate in Sons & Daughters' activities.

Each of the 11 CAIS student ambassadors and club members are committed to



serving one year with us, getting involved in a range of activities including awareness raising amongst peers, event planning and fundraising projects. In the process, we hope each student will gain the skills and experience to empower and mobilise others to bring attention to the issues of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

We look forward to partnering with other high schools and universities through our Student Ambassador Programme in the coming year and beyond, to activate a network of young leaders in the fight against the commercial exploitation of people.

PARTNERSHIPS



PWC

PricewaterhouseCoopers' female empowerment initiative, fEMPOWER, has been working with us at S&D to raise awareness within the company about modern day slavery. In November, 14 of their employees visited our drop-in centre and attended a session in which we facilitated discussion about human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, and how we can partner to empower survivors in their recovery and the rebuilding of their lives.

We look forward, in 2023, to furthering our partnership with PWC as we unfold plans to activate employees to directly contribute to helping the women in Sons & Daughters' Drop-in and Aftercare programmes through skills and knowledge sharing in our financial literacy and presentation skills classes.

PARTNERSHIPS



Soho House

With Promise House's move to Sheung Wan, we are now located just around the corner to Hong Kong's members' only club for creatives, Soho House. Over the summer, Soho House's Department Heads plus 12 front of house staff met with our Volunteer Manager to be introduced to the work of Sons & Daughters. Some attended an experiential walk to see first hand the exploitation that happens within our neighbourhood.

In the coming year we are excited to explore further opportunities with Soho House to develop an on- the-job training programme to our beneficiaries across their food & beverage departments, as well as more co-creation of initiatives. We are thankful for this great opportunity to foster a budding relationship with our neighbours in the community.

OUTREACH

Statistics



Yuen Long

96



Temple Street



Sheung Wan



Wan Chai



Causeway Bay

*Outreaches had been affected because of the pandemic

OUTREACH



Sheung Wan

Our newest outreach, launched in 2022, we expanded our work to visit two brothel buildings in Sheung Wan on a bi-weekly basis. Over the course of the year, we have seen the women gradually becoming more open to speaking with our team members. During the early days of this new outreach, the women were initially reluctant to engage in conversation, and received the gifts from us from behind their doors, holding them only slightly ajar. However, over time, doors began to open as the women started to recognise the S&D team members who visited them, which opened their hearts to chat with us for longer. Some women even started inviting us into their rooms to talk. The commitment and consistency of our team members paid off, as one of the women came out to our drop-in center to attend weekly English classes over the summer. We witnessed a lot of movement in one of the buildings, where we saw new women coming and leaving every week. We continue to pray for insights and leading from God to show us how we can practically and meaningfully offer support to this highly transient group. Our hope for the coming year is for more of the deeper conversations with the women, and that more of them will step outside of the brothel to visit our drop-in center for activities, learning and community.



Yuen Long

The Yuen Long team persevered through this year of ups and downs. We have been building deeper relationships with the women we meet on our outreaches, and have even met up with them for meals. The women have been facing various difficulties such as going to legal battles, chronic sickness, and other life transitions. We were glad to have been able to walk with them in these parts of their journeys, and have seen trusting relationships blossom. We have currently paused our Yuen Long outreaches due to shortage of team members, but we hope that the women will continue to experience God's love for them and that we can resume our outreaches there soon!

OUTREACH



Wan Chai

Wanchai has been quite a ride this year, but still fruitful in its own beautiful way. While the scenery has changed drastically since 4-5 years ago, we are seeing our purpose in the streets of Lockhart Road grow even more. We continue to praise God that strip clubs remain shut! We thank God for stronger relationships with bouncers and connections with co-owners of bars. These are the gatekeepers to being able to get in to talk to women. We continue to see the power of prayer in all that we do and see how it encourages the hearts of the women and men we meet. While Wan Chai remains a little unpredictable at times, we will continue to be faithful where He has placed us. The heavens rejoice even if just one soul gets touched!



Causeway Bay

With COVID-19 restrictions easing up towards the end of this year, the Causeway Bay team has seen an influx of overseas women filling up the brothel rooms again. Most women from overseas were brought to Hong Kong via a manager on a tourist visa, staying in Hong Kong for a month at a time. We have met women from across the Asia Pacific region, as well Eastern Europe. Relationships have been deepened with two older ladies in particular, where the team was able to dine with them outside of their workplaces. We continue to pray for the women who are not in Hong Kong for an extended period of time, that with the 1-2 interactions with us, they are still able to feel God's love and care for them, and know that they are valued and remembered.

OUTREACH



Temple Street

Perseverance and provision are the two key words for the Temple Street Outreach team. Despite the challenges of in-person outreach at the beginning of the year, our team managed to adjust ourselves after a brief break and reach out to the women through messages and calls during a strong COVID-19 wave. Covid relief items such as medicine, test kits and groceries were delivered to the women, while a couple of them also received emergency support including food and clothes. One woman also received a donated laptop from us before her trip back home.

Each outreach night was made possible when we persevere through ups and downs of work and life. Despite the change and adjustment of some team members, we also celebrated the birth of a baby! Now, towards the end of the year, God is showing us something new. We started to partner with Eden Ministry in our street outreach, and a new door was opened where we were shown the needs of women in the brothel buildings. We are excited to see more great things of God in the coming year!

DROP-IN

PROMISE HOUSE 3.0

Khesed

Promise House is Sons & Daughters' Drop-in Center where beneficiaries are welcomed to rest, learn, and taste the goodness of a loving, joyful and safe community. Reflecting upon 2022, the many happenings at Promise House can be summed in these three words: invest, connect and cultivate.

DROP IN - INVEST

The past year has been a season of seeing much provision come in, and joyful stewarding of these resources in advancement of the mission of S&D.



NEW Promise House!

At the start of the year, we were bursting at the seams with people and activity as more classes, skills training, counseling and casework sessions were being delivered to meet the corresponding increase in demand. We were grateful to our church partners who graciously lent us space to accommodate the overflow, and we also recognised that it was time to expand!

Encouraged by the story of how Jesus multiplied 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed thousands, we shared our need with the public and were amazed by the

generosity of our supporters who rapidly responded to raise the funds needed in just 2 short months. In April, we renovated and moved into Promise House 3.0, which is a space that is bigger and better than we dreamed for!

This new home now has more than doubled our capacity and now hosts a dedicated classroom, two counselling rooms, a living room, pantry and a whole separate workshop for skills training. It has been a joy to see the place bustling with life, laughter and connection. We hope to see you there soon!

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Laptops and wifi eggs

In partnership with Crossroads Foundation, we were able to equip 14 women who were attending our computer class with refurbished laptops and wifi eggs this year. These laptops not only enabled them to have proper practice in class and at home, but also helped the women to engage longer and better in the learning process and develop more confidence in the talents God has given them.



Food & Health Supplies & Vouchers

Over the course of the year, we distributed 5456 food items & 2761 health supplies through our drop-in services. We also continued to assist beneficiaries and their children to have 3 healthy meals a day through dispersing \$38750 supermarket & \$9750 food vouchers. These vouchers helped the women with more choices in their daily life.

DROP IN - CONNECT



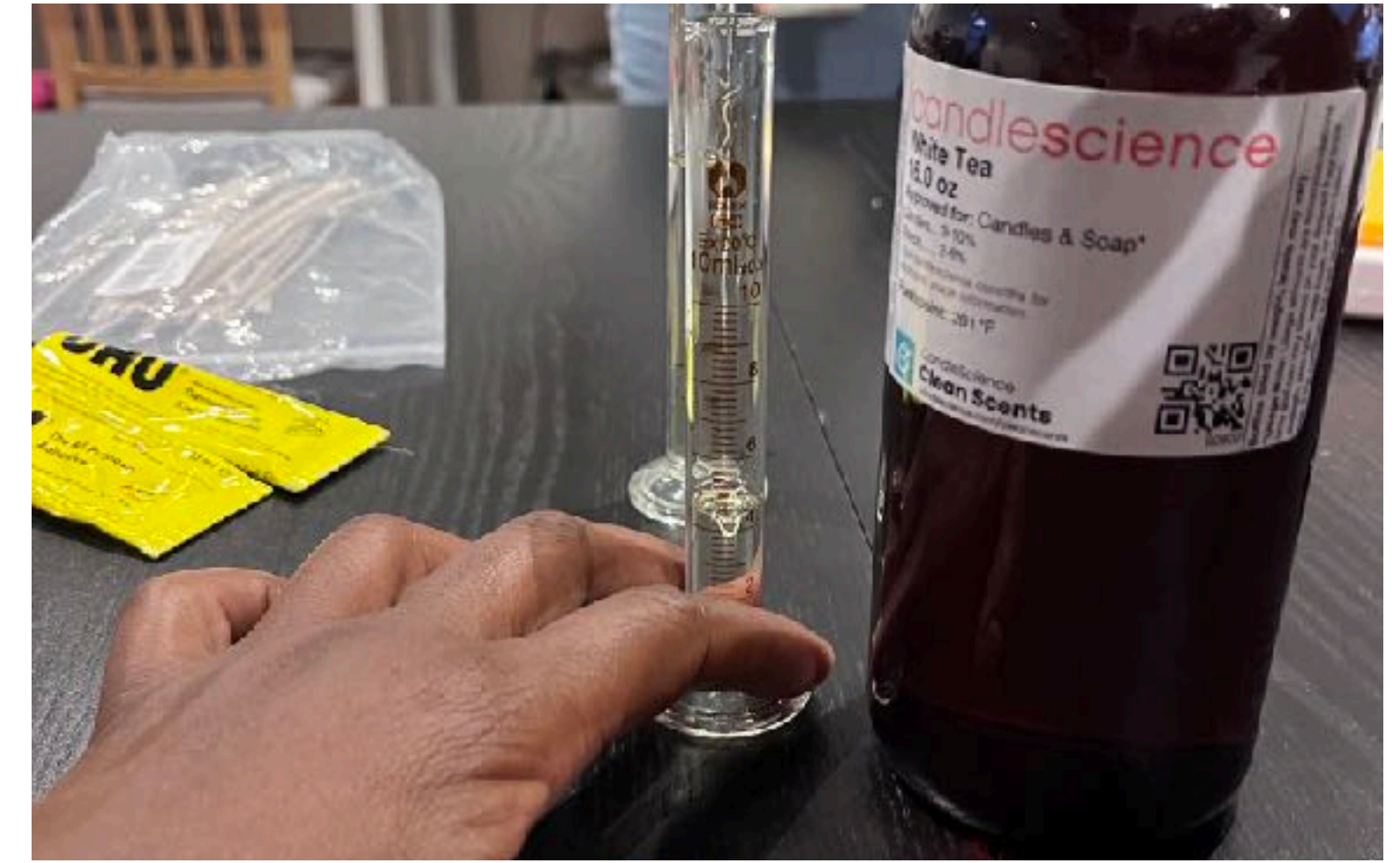
Connect

We nurtured relationships with 29 regular attendees at Promise House through lunches, conversations and fun activities. 49 sessions of fun classes such as baking, Mandarin learning and fitness classes were held to connect with the women. We celebrated 4 festivals with the women - we passed them Chinese blessing bags on Chinese New Year; folded origami bunnies and prayed together on Easter; crafted colorful lanterns in Mid-Autumn and celebrated the joy of Christ at our annual Christmas party! Despite the challenges of Covid restrictions on social gatherings, these special occasions were filled with joy, creativity and love as we connected with those women who rarely have a proper chance to celebrate the holidays.

Being an extension to Sons & Daughters' outreach programme, our drop-in service has provided 24 crisis intervention sessions, home visits to 7 women, and gave out different emergency items such as clothing, toiletries, baby items, blankets and food vouchers.

2022 also brought several little lovelies through our doors as women came with their children. As we learned more about the struggles that the mothers and children face, we turned our listening into action, and from our wonderful team of volunteers, provided 14 sessions of play therapy, over 112 hours of academic tutoring, and 2 months of temporary safe accommodation to a child. We have identified this as a new and emerging area of service, and will be developing a pilot children's programme in 2023.

DROP IN - CULTIVATE



Cultivate

A total of 71 sessions of spiritual development classes were organized this year to help the women discover and leverage their spiritual gifts. Classes such as Alpha Course, Friendship Class and New Testament studies created opportunities for us to guide the women in understanding the scriptures and applying them in their daily lives.

In addition, we provided 26 sessions of computer literacy classes, which covered basic functions such as browsing the internet, typing, using email, creating slides, and intro to spreadsheets. Through systematic training and a creative learning environment, the women were encouraged to try new things, ask questions and have hands-on practice opportunities. One beneficiary said

“Before I didn't know how to use the laptop and no one taught me, but now I totally enjoy learning different skills with it.” We also delivered 30 hours of language training to beneficiaries who struggled to find employment because of literacy skills.

This was the second year of running our 12-week candle-making programme for drop-in beneficiaries, and we completed 3 rounds! A total of 18 students joined. This learning experience encouraged the women to show up consistently despite different challenges in their lives. As another joy-sparking activity, sewing time was increased this year, amounting to 77 hours of learning, under the guidance of our faithful sewing instructors.

AFTERCARE

After a season of sowing the previous year, 2022 brought forth a celebratory harvest with four Trainees graduating from Sons & Daughters' ReStore Training Programme, and two new women being welcomed into our full-time programme! In the second half of the year, we also began the intake process for several more women who expressed to us their desire to leave the sex industry and join full-time in the new year.

We were blessed and inspired to see the 2022 cohort of ReStore Trainees rising up as leaders and stepping up to take on the opportunity to serve the Drop-in beneficiaries through planning and hosting special events, and leading candle-making classes.

Along with our expanded facility came new room for growth and space for integral parts of our programme to flourish. The addition of two private meeting rooms enabled counselling and casework sessions to take place in safe and confidential environments, as the Trainees navigated healing and future-focused planning. Our brand new classroom space hosted a plethora of skill-building sessions ranging from video-editing to public speaking, through which the Trainees explored new skills and grew in their confidence.



AFTERCARE



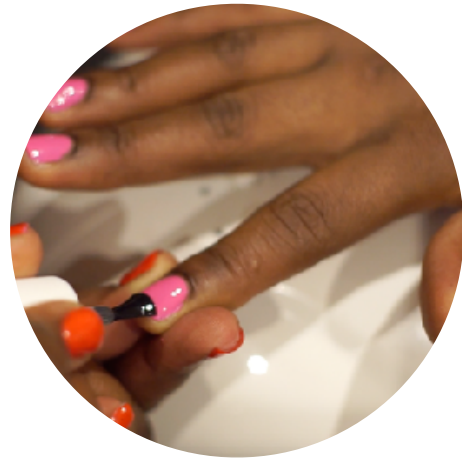
This year, the need for intentional support for the children of our beneficiaries was illuminated. Responding to this, we began implementing strategic child-centered support catered to bolstering the well-being of the emotional, mental, and relational health of the sons and daughters of the women we walk alongside. This was explored through offering child therapy sessions and seeking out opportunities for further relationship building. As we head into 2023, we will be prayerfully discerning how to continue navigating this part of our mission toward love, family, and freedom.



In 2022 we also welcomed a new staff member aboard the Aftercare team. Charlotte, a Psychology graduate who was working at Sons & Daughters as an intern, is now our full-time caseworker.

As we reflect back on the past year, we are reminded of the gift of celebration that has been a key part of the journey our recent trainees have been on - amidst the many new initiatives, challenges, and changes that have taken place, the importance of slowing down and making space for reflection and celebration has been a vital part of the journey to freedom that our courageous beneficiaries are pressing onward in.

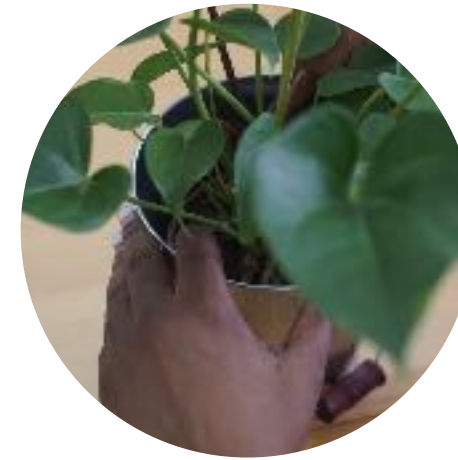
AFTERCARE



Princess

2022 was an eventful year for recent graduate, Princess, as she dug into our full-time training programme, applying herself to her classes and business preparation and exercising her natural leadership abilities. A significant portion of her time was spent attending and completing her nail technology training course and international exam certification. She also practised her nail artistry by offering nail booking appointments at Promise House. In November of 2022, Princess returned home to Kenya where she was reunited with her family and has since begun making preparations to open her salon. As she steps into this new chapter of her life, we are confident that Princess will use the head, hand, and heart skills she has uncovered and developed to bring about joy to all she comes in contact with.

"...through the grace of God, I met Sons and Daughters and surely all the lemons of my past have been turned into lemonade. Today, I know how to make candles, sew different things, my computer skills have really improved, I have a diploma in nail technology, and most of all my relationship with God has been strengthened for He has given me the peace that comes from deep within."



Angel

Angel's journey through Aftercare was marked by many miraculous moments of recognizing God's provision and allowing her dreams to take root and grow. With plans to open a greenhouse farm in 2023, Angel spent much of her training time developing her business plan, studying greenhouse management, and levelling up her skill sets. She especially shone in presentation class, sewing artistry, and teaching East African cooking classes. When faced with challenges, Angel turned first to the Lord as her provider. As she grew in her own confidence, she found joy and purpose in inspiring others to try new things and take steps toward pursuing their own freedom and restoration. We are excited to see the extent of where her greenhouse business will take her, but more importantly to witness the testimony of the transformative love of God as Angel goes on to be a light in her family and community.

"At S&D [since I joined Aftercare], I have peace. I can sleep at night. I wake up in the morning and know that I have a meaningful thing to go to. I have peace of mind that everything will be alright."

"We've made it this far - why should we back out now? Nothing worthwhile is easy, and that includes making the most out of our futures. But that doesn't mean we give up on ourselves. We will keep pushing because we know we can achieve, after having a different knowledge from Sons and Daughters."

AFTERCARE

Statistics from Jan 2022-Dec 2022:



RESTORE



RESTORE



Reclaim Freedom

We empower men and women caught in exploitation to reclaim a life of autonomy.



Refresh Vision

We provide a holistic care program and skills training for all our beneficiaries to recover their talents and abilities.



Restore Identities

We walk alongside every individual, helping them discover their intrinsic value, leaving behind their past and restoring self acceptance and dignity.

This year, we revamped our signature scented candles after the success of last Christmas' campaign. After four years, we decided to retire the Exodus Collection, which consisted of the classic scents (Apple Cinnamon, Lavender, Rose, Sandalwood, and Vanilla) that made people first fall in love with ReStore candles. With the help of our artisans, we developed a new signature collection with a variety of delicious scents (Cashmere Vanilla, Citrus Punch, Cotton Fields, Leather & Juniper, Salt & Sea, and White Tea) and updated the label to match our black and gold box for an elegant, sleek look. It has been a joy getting to know our customers and curating a collection that has something for everyone.

Creatively, the artisans have been able to take chances and develop many new skills in sewing this year. With the help of our enthusiastic sewing instructors and a new work space, the artisans have been working hard learning how to make, design, and test out new products. We have introduced scrunchies, baskets, and tote bags. The artisans have also been working on updating the homeware line. They have gained a lot of hands-on experience in marketing and product development, which will be helpful for those planning their future businesses.

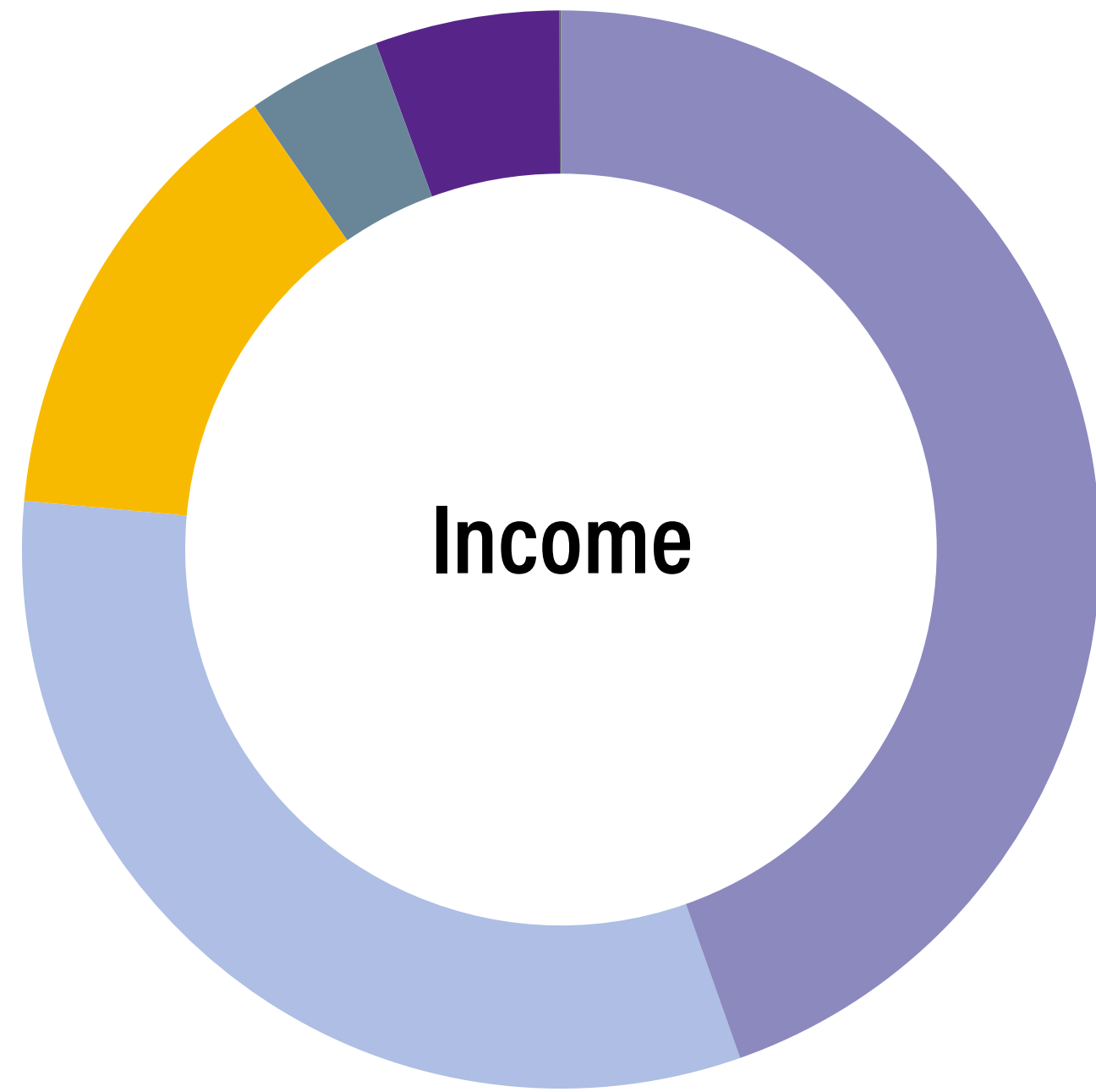
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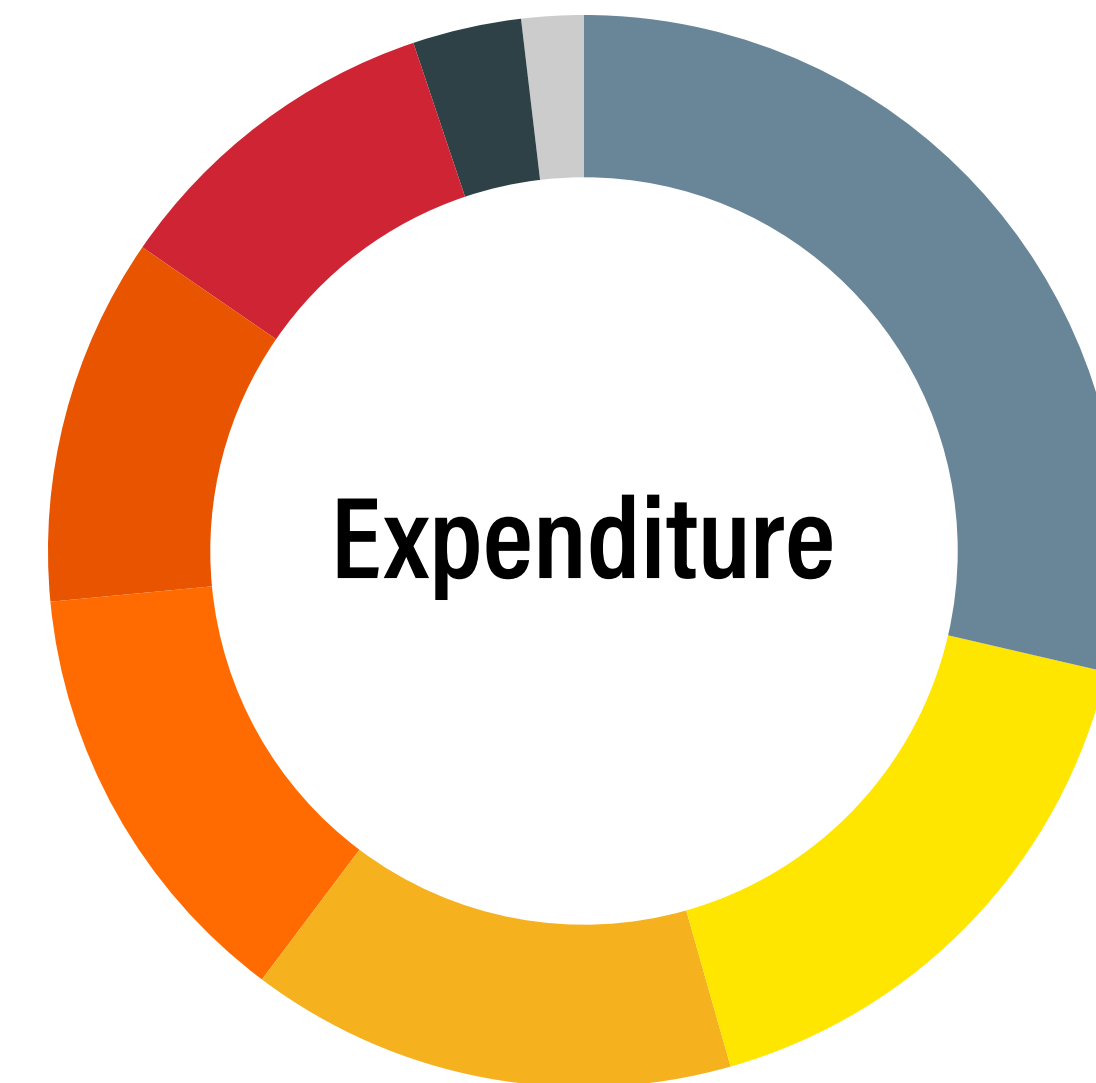
After Hong Kong's fifth wave of Covid-19, we were able to participate in pop-ups once again, starting with Mother's Day and ending with Christmas. As usual, Christmas was the busiest time of the year. We offered an updated Christmas candle collection (Alpine Forest, Gingerbread, Mistletoe, and Mulled Wine), and the artisans designed and debuted our first-ever hand sewn collection of festive ornaments and stockings.

Overall, it's been a year of growth for all our artisans in both creative and technical skills. Those who are more experienced have also begun taking on teaching roles, by facilitating and teaching the candle-making program. And most excitingly, our new workspace has opened up the possibilities of future workshops and pop-ups, which we are looking forward to bringing to everyone in the new year.

FINANCIAL REPORT



Individuals	\$1,487,967
Churches	\$1,061,860
Corporate	\$464,755
Government grants	\$135,200
ReStore	\$184,513
Other	\$1,522
Total	\$3,335,816



Aftercare	\$872,487
Central HR/training	\$517,290
Rent & Utilities	\$447,177
Drop-in	\$403,375
Outreach	\$338,287
ReStore	\$312,594
Fundraising	\$100,030
Admin	\$57,168
Total	\$3,121,763



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