



Kingdom Pillars empowers women to wholeness and self-worth with providing a safe haven.

A Year in Review 2021

From Darcey McCampbell, Co-founder and Executive Director:

Looking back, we completely see God's hand in profound accomplishments. Some we can share and others we can't due to confidentiality and for security purposes. Kingdom Pillars has so many behind-the-scenes unsung heroes who made 2021 a dream come true. Many volunteers worked with tireless purpose, serving faithfully even when their own lives were turned upside down with loss, sickness and worry. They were a community to "the least of these" and especially to each other out of loyalty to a greater cause. A miracle happened in 2021 with our giving partners also. It was like the widow's oil that never ran out; God multiplied every gift. This past year, we took time to reflect, rethink, reorganize, and work towards the goal at hand. We saw these goals met over and over again. The KP family showed strength, resilience, courage, and sacrifice, creating a community that can and did go further together than alone. Thank you for believing in us!!!

January – Our Executive Director met with Mrs. Sondra B, the then homeowner of a beautiful home Kingdom Pillars was interested in potentially purchasing for the future Strong Tower Home. This initial meeting went extremely well, and our ED was invited to see the home in person. On the snowiest day of the month, our ED went to Mrs. Sondra's home. The home is an 8400sq ft property that sits on close to 8 acres of land just outside of downtown Newark, Ohio. Upon entering the home, our ED was overwhelmed with gratitude to even be invited to see the home in person. Our ED, who is also one of the Co-Founders, said she knew immediately that this was it! This home would be perfect for the Strong Tower ladies that were aging out of the foster care system and also trafficked survivors. A date would be set for the entire Advisory Board, Executive Board, and Development Team Directors to view the home.

March – On March 20th, the KP team visited with Mrs. Sondra in her beautiful home and again it did not disappoint. The team could see the Strong Tower women being safe, healing, learning, and growing in this home. The team took time to pray and it was decided that during the April Board meeting the decision would be voted upon.

April – Our ED received a phone call from a man we will call "S." This man found one of Kingdom Pillars brochures on his desk (though he couldn't say how it got there) and wanted to hear more about the KP mission. "S" met with our ED and some of the Advisory Board, and he then attended the Board meeting.

He declared his strong belief in the KP mission and his commitment to do whatever he could to help KP acquire a safe place to call home for the ladies. Our Board unanimously voted YES...we would move forward to raise funds to purchase the Strong Tower Home.

May – Kingdom Pillars contracted with Mrs. Sondra on May 7th to purchase her home, with a deadline of securing funding by August 8th. We began our Capital Campaign to raise funds for the H.O.M.E Project, including in-home gatherings hosted by volunteers where we shared the mission and the goals we needed to reach. They were times of wonderful fellowship! The Lord opened the heavens, and the blessings began pouring in through prayers, and sharing of talents and financial gifts. We were blessed by our Church partners to share about KP with their congregations. This was also a busy month for our team of Development volunteers who were planning our first “Girl’s Night Out 80’s Style” event.

June – Our entire volunteer team was working hard to bring awareness to the community and raise capital so we could purchase the Strong Tower Home. Women from all over Ohio attended our first Girl’s Night Out event, enjoying an evening of dancing, games, laughter...and tears as we entered into the life stories of two Strong Tower women. Stephanie N. and Georgetta V., who are now survivor leaders in their own communities, made it clear the need is real, and that hope and change is possible even after enduring unimaginable circumstances. We thank God for all those who made the evening a success, including music by Brian Swan, finger foods and desserts by Kathy and Darrel Rohrer; Pam and Terry Allison of Big Apple Café; Brenda Blough; and Sam and Michele Stevens. Many community business owners donated raffle and silent auction items. Even our 50/50 drawing winner blessed KP with her winnings! A HUGE thank you to ALL our sponsors, partners, donors, and team members! Through the event, we created strong bonds with individuals and businesses committed to providing a hope and a future to the women who will find refuge in the Strong Tower Home.

July/ August – Our volunteer teams continued to work hard on the H.O.M.E Project. By August, our new friend “S” did exactly what he said he would do, helping us secure bank financing for the remaining funds needed to purchase the Strong Tower Home!!!! We had a closing date for October!! Our community was open to hearing the dangers our young people face when they age out of foster care and what a HUGE problem human trafficking is right here in our own Licking County. Many doors that should have shut for KP were blown completely off the hinges; God was on the move! One thing we have learned, Licking County is a caring, kind, and generous community of people. Our ED also had the opportunity to address the women of First Baptist Church Grove City again. These women lovingly raised funds to bless KP and the Strong Tower women with gift cards, towels, sheet sets, welcome bags and more. We thank God for you and your generosity Pastor Dave and Cathy Earley, Carol, Ronda and the entire women’s ministry at First Baptist Church of Grove City!

September -Thank you Amy Pausch and the Maze at Lynd’s Fruit Farm for including us in your fundraising day, so we could help create awareness about Human Trafficking here in Central Ohio. We thank God for you and your generous heart and actions. We appreciate you!

October – WE CLOSED ON AND MOVED INTO THE STRONG TOWER HOME!!! YOU, yes YOU are part of something HUGE right here in Licking County. YOU have helped establish a safe place for young women who have been trafficked and/or aged out of foster care to heal, learn, grow, be mentored, and work on their educational and parenting needs. A safe place to call HOME. We thank YOU. We had so many amazing people come help us move, clean up the yard, mow acres of grass, pull weeds, move from two storage units and an apartment, unpack, organize, restore ponds, clean gutters, install light fixtures, replace a hot water heater, video the amazing work, and so much more! A huge thank you to Cornerstone Church, Licking Valley Church of Christ, Spring Hills Baptist Church, The Well Church, and the many volunteers who have been so generous with their time, talents, and treasure to make this house a home for the Strong Tower ladies. You are appreciated!

God opened the doors of the Strong Tower Home and added to the numbers of people committing their resources to restoring a victorious future to women who find refuge here. Our second Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes was a huge success. We increased to nearly 100 participants and raised over \$42,000. Thank you to our event sponsor: The Edwards Group at Morgan Stanley. Thank you also to our Walk Day Sponsors: Brucker & Kishler Funeral Home, Big Apple Café, Lynd's Fruit Farm, Heartland Promotional Products, Meurer & Associates, True Core Federal Credit Union, Community Bank, and Village Coffee. We are grateful for YOU! Thank you, Brenda Blough, for the amazing cookies you donated!! Our largest team this year was the Cornerstone Promise team led by Linda and Jim Brucker, and Sandy and Cary Kaplan. This team raised almost \$14,000! Thank you to all the Sponsors, Team Leaders and Walkers. All the profit will be used to help offset the cost of providing shelter, food, and utilities for the Strong Tower ladies.

November/ December – These were months of overflowing thankfulness and celebration. Now that we had the place of refuge, we could finalize the involvement of so many who had been offering their professions, passions, and purposes to make Strong Tower a place of victory. Just one example of so many meaningful details is our Art Therapy. We had met Shari Johnson months ago and realized she was not only interested in our mission, but also an experienced art therapist who wanted to provide that to the Strong Tower ladies. Partners donated supplies and volunteers organized a special place in the house with beautiful natural light. We couldn't know it then, but one of our first ladies is very gifted in drawing and painting. It has been just the kind of expression she has needed as she begins her healing journey.

We held our first Open House in the dark because of a weather-related power outage. Even without heat or water, it was a delight to welcome people into the Strong Tower home. We'll be hosting more opportunities to see Strong Tower. Please let us know if you are not already receiving email updates.

Financials -

The majority of support came from individuals, churches, and businesses.

Revenue All Sources 1/2021 – 11/2021 \$350.485

Expenses All Sources 1/2021 – 11-2021 \$222,524

Mortgage owed on Strong Tower house: \$400,000

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