



2020 Annual Report



**The Community of Hope Building Project
Coming in 2022**

Message from the Executive Director

2020 has been an incredible year of change in all areas of life. How we educate, train, communicate, interact, worship, and do business saw tremendous reorganizing, redirecting, and restructuring. Amidst all of this, one thing remained consistent throughout the year, God remained the same and continued His great work in and through SHIELD Ministries.

We have seen many successes this year and find ourselves constantly amazed at how much much the Lord accomplishes through SHIELD Ministries with our very limited number of staff and financial resources. Our recidivism rates once again indicate the effectiveness of our comprehensive program. The economic impact even during a year with COVID remained within our average which, is estimated at \$1,880,819.

Look toward the 2021 . . .

We are looking forward as continue grow and are blessed by what God will do in us, for us, an through us! SHIELD Ministries is setting the following goals for 2021 and we pray you will join us in achieving these goals.

We would like to add a Residential Support Services Case Manager as our 4th full-time staff member, to assist the men in navigating the challenges as they successfully transition from the devastation of their past into a thriving future.

We also will look to further build the Workforce Development program. This will encompass an emphasis on developing more relationships with local employers as we seek to find opportunities for the men of SHIELD Ministries to learn and acquire new skills and gain meaningful and permanent employment.

And, of course, we are continuing in our plans to build the Community of Hope project as we look to expand our services to a greater number of men and expand our Workforce Development services.

We would like to give a special thank you to all those who support SHIELD Ministries and who have helped us transition many men from the devastation of their past to a thriving future.

Warmest Regards,



David M. Truluck
Executive Director

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13 Graduates

The average time it takes to graduate is 18 months with an average of 258 classroom hours

Post Graduate Program:

Often men choose to remain in the program after they graduate until they are released from their supervised release and/or secure housing. Men continue to participate in educational activities during the post graduate program.

108 Total Applicants

60 Total Accepted

58 Total Admits

19.4%
Veterans

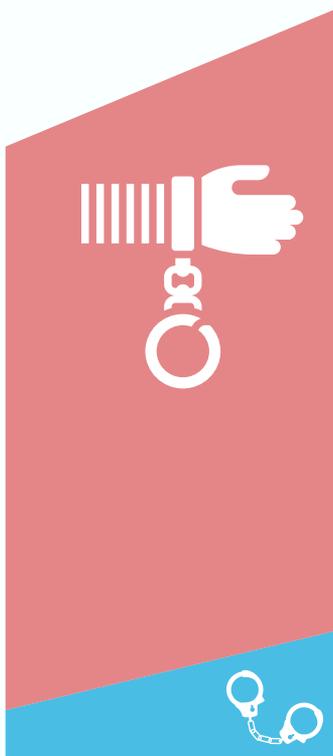
98.1%
Criminal
Background

73.1%
Register
as Sex Offenders

APPLICANT REFERRALS	FY2020	FY20 %	FY2019	FY19 %	FY2018	FY18%
SC Department of Corrections	30	27.8%	33	25.2%	25	21.7%
SC Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services	11	10.2%	32	24.4%	35	30.4%
Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center	6	5.6%	17	13.0%	4	3.5%
Aiken County Detention Center	0	0.0%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Laurens County Detention Center	1	0.9%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
ISO (Intensive Supervision Office)	1	0.9%	0	0.0%	4	3.5%
Darlington Prison Camp	1	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
US Federal Probation/Navy Brig	0	0.0%	2	1.5%	2	1.7%
ST- Law Enforcement Agencies	50	46.3%	86	65.6%	70	60.9%
Public Defender's Offices (Charleston, Berkley, Beaufort, Orangeburg, and Richland Counties)	12	11.1%	7	5.3%	8	7.0%
SC Mental Health: Well Path/Correct Care Recovery Solutions (Violent Sex Offender Treatment Program)	12	11.1%	8	6.1%	12	10.4%
SC State Agencies	0	0.0%	3	2.3%	3	2.6%
SC Nonprofit Organizations/Hospitals	17	15.7%	13	9.9%	7	6.1%
VA (Program and Hospital)	4	3.7%	0	0.0%	6	5.2%
Out of State/Nonprofit (FL, NC)	2	1.9%	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Website	0	0.0%	9	6.9%	0	0.0%
Former Participant/Current Participant	3	2.8%	2	1.5%	1	0.9%
Family/Friends	7	6.5%	0	0.0%	5	4.3%
Pastor/Church	1	0.9%	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Attorney	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%	3	2.3%	0	0.0%
Total Applicant Referrals	108	100%	131	100%	115	100%

Note: Active participants admitted in previous years who roll-over in the new year are included in the referral data.

Recidivism Data



National Rates - 3 years

49.7% New Crime

55.1% Rearrest (Probation Violation)

SHIELD Ministries - 3 years

4.5% New Crime

11.4% Rearrest (Probation Violation)

0% Program Graduates

United States Recidivism Averages

“Within 3 years of release, **49.7%** of inmates either had an arrest that resulted in a conviction with a disposition of a prison sentence or were returned to prison without a new conviction because they violated a technical condition of their release, as did **55.1%** of inmates within 5 years of release.”

<https://www.crimeinamerica.net/offender-recidivism-and-reentry-in-the-united-states/>

SHIELD Ministries FY2020 and Average 3-Year Recidivism Rates

FY2020 Average Recidivism Rate		Total Average 3-Year Recidivism Rate	
Program Graduates	0.0%	Program Graduates	0.0%
Non-Graduates New Crime (Non Sex Related)	2.3%	Non-Graduates New Crime (Non Sex Related)	4.5%
Non-Graduates Probation Violations	8.0%	Non-Graduate Probation Violations	11.4%



REARREST is the broadest measure of recidivism. Because not all rearrests result in a guilty finding or conviction, this metric may suggest that there is more criminal activity than there actually is. However, it is still an important measure of the volume of people returning to courts and county jails as well as the most comprehensive indicator of a person's interaction with the criminal justice system.



RECONVICTION provides clear evidence that new criminal activity has been committed by someone with prior involvement in the criminal justice system and is considered the most accurate indicator of recidivism and public safety outcomes.

<https://csgjusticecenter.org/publications/reducing-recidivism-states-deliver-results-2017/>



34,224 Meals Provided

SHIELD Ministries partners with the LowCountry Food Bank and receives donations from supporters and Delancey Street Foundation to provide men with food for 3 meals per day.



58 Hygiene Packs

Participants receive hygiene packs which include: soap, deodorant, razor, shaving cream, toothbrush, tooth paste, wash cloth, and lotion.



20 Bedding Sets

New Admits receive a package with pillow, blanket, sheets, & towels.



79 Trips

Transportation assistance is given to help new admits secure their identification, register with Probation and the Sheriff's office to meet regulatory compliance.



8 Participants

Assisted with securing identification



6 Participants

Assisted with paying for program fees either with donations or work opportunities during unemployment



The Untold Story

Sheriff Ray Nash, ret. recently shared this comment regarding participants after assisting with the recidivism data:

"Part of your untold story is the ones who had extensive criminal histories prior to entering your program, who have not reoffended."



Supervision

SHIELD Ministries aides participants on probation in understanding the rules and regulations of their supervised release so that participants will be able to successfully complete their probation requirements.

SHIELD Ministries also provides an additional layer of supervision. SHIELD Ministries works closely with law enforcement agencies and professional counselor Dr. William Burke in helping men who maybe at risk for unhealthy behaviors.



Professional Specialized Counseling

SHIELD Ministries partners with Dr. William Burke, Ph.D. LPC President & Clinical Director of SEA, Assistant Clinical Director of Forensic Psychiatry, MUSC, to provide onsite professional counseling groups. Many of the participants are court ordered into this specialized field of counseling. Having the onsite services not only helps men remain in compliance but provides integral behavior therapy which promotes change and reduces recidivism.



58 Cell Phones Monitored

SHIELD Ministries monitors the use of cell phones and provides Qustodio, which is an electronic device filtering and monitoring system. This supervision provides an added layer of supervision in relation to probation restrictions. This service promotes accountability and responsibility which help men successfully meet their probation requirements.

Participant Educational Background

- 22.4% less than a high school education
- 20.7% GED
- 24.1% High School Graduate
- 13.8% Some College
- 15.5% Undergraduate Degree
- 3.4% Unknown



GED CLASSES

2 Men Enrolled



READING COMPREHENSION

4 Men Enrolled



BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Congratulations to Brian Stephenson for earning his Bachelor's Degree in Project Management at Charleston Southern University!



Derrick, SHIELD participant, pictured left, is proud to be gainfully employed!



69.4% Employment Rate

Of the 58 Participants

69.4% gainfully employed

17.2% either retired/receiving or applied for SSI/Disability

13.4% unemployed (average numbers of days in program < 15)



20 Employer Partnerships

SHIELD Ministries works nearby temporary employment agencies and local employers to provide men the opportunity to secure gainful employment.



Temporary Positions

42.5% of participants who became gainfully employed secured a temporary position.



Permanent Positions

47.5% secured a permanent full-time position

10.0% secured a permanent part-time position



Soft Skills Training

SHIELD Ministries provides Jobs for Life, a soft skills training program. This program teaches men the dignity of work and engages local employers to serve on a class panel to share with participants how to be successful.



Brain Detox

SHIELD Ministries provides multiple cognitive learning experiences. Dr. Caroline Leaf's books on *How to Think, Learn, and Succeed* and *Brain Detox* material is used to help learn how to think, choose, and build correctly.



COVID-19 Response

Participants learn the CDC guidelines on social distancing, hygiene and cleaning. Participants are provided N-95 face masks, hand sanitizer, antibacterial wipes, and cleaning products.



Financial Management

SHIELD Ministries teaches participants to learn to budget and be accountable with their income so that that can meet their financial obligations such as restitution, probation fees, ankle monitor fees, child support and/or alimony.



Healing of Memories

Dr. David Seamands book, *Healing of Memories*, helps participants understand that time alone cannot heal the memories of experiences which continue to cause emotional problems which lead to bad choices. This class facilitates healing and the disarming of painful memories of the past.



Healing for Damaged Emotions

Dr. David Seamands book *Healing for Damaged Emotions*, helps participants overcome the hurdles in life—such as guilt, poor self-worth, and perfectionism—as participant's learn how to find freedom from the pain and devastations of their past.



Untangling Relationships

Pat Springle's workbook on how to have healthy relationships assists participants in becoming self-aware of the factors that influence their behavior in relationships and helps participants learn how to set and honor healthy boundaries to create positive relationships.



Spiritual Counseling

Participants are provided with transformational Biblical counseling which emphasizes spiritual development through thinking, choosing and building. Neuroscientific studies have shown the impact on the brain when we worship and pray and when we think, speak, and act in truth.



Worship Service

Participants have the option to attend a weekly worship service. Many of the participant's are restricted from attending churches due to their past criminal background. SHIELD Ministries provide this service for an opportunity for worship and spiritual growth.



Bibles

SHIELD Ministries provides Bibles.



Baptism

SHIELD Ministries offers baptism services for participants who desire to mark their spiritual commitment with a special dedication service.



Chaplain Services

Rev. Truluck provides chaplain services to men who are in the hospital and provides grief counseling.



"The men at SHIELD Ministries have an overall lower recidivism Rate and are more compliant with treatment and probation parameters than the average offender in Charleston County (as well as the Tri-County area.)"

Dr. William Burke, Ph.D, LPC

President and Clinical Director of SEA

Assistant Clinical Director of Forensic Psychiatry

Medical University of South Carolina

"SHIELD Ministries has played an integral part in rehabilitating the lives of homeless and displaced men in the Charleston area. SHIELD Ministries has provided room and board for offenders that have been referred to them by the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services and other organizations. Over the years, SHIELD Ministries has not only provided room and board, but they have partnered with Dr. Bill Burke to provide cognitive behavioral services as well as onsite sex offender counseling to the offenders who live on the property."

Mitchell Ray

Agent-in-Charge

Charleston County Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services

Participant Testimonies



Ed

"SHIELD is a place of transformation. The atmosphere here is filled with the Holy Spirit showing me a new way of life by bringing me out of my bad past so I can be closer to Jesus in the way that God wants me to be."



Bobby

"I had nothing when I first got to SHIELD, but now I have everything I need. I love this place [SHIELD] because it has helped me so much."



Michael

"I made a lot of stupid decisions when I first got to SHIELD, but SHIELD has my back and has helped me be a better person. I'm glad I was accepted at this program [SHIELD] and that there are good people like John, David, and Melodie in this world."



William

"The classes at SHIELD, Jobs for Life, His Way, and Brain on Porn, have helped me to think differently about the things I do in life. I am really excited because I have applied these teachings and now I am being considered for a full-time permanent position at Goodwill."

10 Economic Impact



\$1,880,819

2020 Annual Estimated Economic Impact



1,216.6%

2020 ROI (Based on Public Program Support Donations)



Transitioning Men Through the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future 2020 ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT

As of 10/1/2020 SC Department of Corrections reported average annual per Inmate cost* with a daily rate of \$72.75 per prisoner	\$ 26,627
Shield Ministries Estimated Annual Prison Savings (SC Daily Prison Per Man Cost \$72.75 x 11,579 total days in program.)**	842,372
Estimated income based on days enrolled in the 2020 Shield Ministries Program and collected employment/salary data.)	618,029
Estimated income for 2020 participants who successfully exited the Program during 2020	71,196
SUBTOTAL	1,531,597
<i>ROI (Return on Investment of Public Cash Donations) Does not include Capital Building Donations nor In-kind</i>	1216.6%
Estimated Shield Ministries Program Expenditures (Excluding Community of Hope Building Project)	349,222
TOTAL 2020 ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$ 1,880,819

*Calculation of the SCDC per inmate costs is based on the average number of inmates in SCDC facilities and a small number of authorized absences and does not include state inmates held in designated facilities, http://www.doc.sc.gov/research/BudgetAndExpenditures/Per_Inmate_Cost_1988-2020.pdf

The estimated economic impact is an indicator of the economic value of the program to our local community and state. Men are transitioned from being a financial burden to our citizens to becoming contributors to society. This is a measurement of success in regards to men becoming accountable and responsible, as well as, changing their way of thinking, choosing, and building.

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