

SURVIVORS RISING

AMPLIFYING SURVIVOR'S VOICES SINCE 2016



Dear friends and supporters,

Let's celebrate!

In just a couple of weeks 2021 will draw to a close.

As we approach the end of the year, we want to commemorate it by sharing some beautiful Survivors Rising photographs with all of you.

So many folks came out to celebrate with us at our "We Survive Together" event this past October 3rd, as we united face-to-face for the first time in 2 years. It was so wonderful to see you all again in person - so energizing!

It was an awesome afternoon of celebration, gratitude, and community. We spoke, sang, and danced the afternoon away, knowing that while each of our journeys may look different, we are all walking in our purpose.

And, we got to shine a special light of recognition and appreciation on the wonderful, engaged, and thriving survivors in our network.

A BIG, HUGE THANK YOU TO:

- Board member Cass Opal for her awesome, glowing photography, memorializing this event!
- Onyx Street Boutique, I AM Curvy RED, and Fashionably Late, for the amazing made-to-order outfits designed for the survivor models featured in our signature fashion show;
- Domanic Brown for his choreography, along with the fabulous dancers of I AM Dance studio;
- Alisa Monique Moore, for her stellar voice and her purpose.
- Darryl Brown Jr., our host-with-the-most;
- DJ Chevy, for the great tunes and electronic know-how;
- The 15 volunteers who showed up to help out any way they could;
- Terrence Tryon @T. Tryon Photography for producing our moving, "Men Too" video;
- And last but never least, to all the survivor models who absolutely stole the show!!!!

In the next few pages, I invite you to take a walk down memory lane with us, and revisit some of those awesome moments.

We're looking forward to more of the same in 2022.

Enjoy!

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We Survive Together!

Survivor Fashion Show & Soooo Much More



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Organized and arranged, thanks to the creativity and dedication of Leontyne Evans and Morisha Brown.



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- Survivor-centric
- Culturally relevant
- Trauma-informed





- **Program Development**
 - **Survivors Rise Up 1st annual 1-day conference**
 - **Rise Up & Speak workshops, teaching survivors how to tell their stories their way**
 - **Rise Up & Meet events to network and connect**
 - **Rise Up in Community conversations on interesting topics of the day**
 - **Mentoring Mixers envisioned**
 - **We Survive Together survivor fashion show & more**
 - **Hashtag series building compassionate community by amplifying survivor voices**
 - **And our Violence Against Black Women Initiative woven through it all!**

- **Policy Change: Survivors help make better laws - our advocacy matters!**
 - **LB320: Survivors can break their lease to escape an abuser, and are protected from eviction in cases of domestic abuse**
 - **LB372: Supports survivors through crime victims reparations**
 - **LB497: Helps health care providers get reimbursed for treating survivors**

- **Collaboration**
 - **Expanding old partnerships and fostering new ones, with allied organizations like Women's Fund of Omaha, the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, Child Saving Institute, Movement in Omaha for Racial Equity, Omaha Refugee Task Force, and Creighton's Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Program.**

- **Organizational Growth**
 - **8 new board members**
 - **Strategic planning for the future**
 - **Several new foundation funders**
 - **Expanding our supporter base - yes, we mean YOU!**



A huge thank you to our funders!



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Good grows here.



We Made History!

And there's definitely more of that to come in 2022

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