



Transitioning Men from the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future

2021 Annual Report

Message from the Executive Director

2021 has been a year of growth. We have experienced many successes this year and find ourselves constantly amazed at how 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 individualized and comprehensive program.

The economic impact increased over last year which, is estimated at \$2,371,217. This impact measures the estimated savings of prison cost per man per day, the participants combined income earned while they are not incarcerated, and the economic impact of the program itself.

Looking toward 2022 . . .

As we are looking forward and continue to grow and are blessed by what God will do in us, for us, and through us, we have come to a point where expansion is required to meet the needs of our community. SHIELD Ministries is setting the following goals for 2022 and we pray you will join us in achieving these goals.

We are seeking to increase our partnerships as we, in unity, join in collaboration 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 as we work with other agencies to provide CDL training which would provide qualified participants with a career earning and an above average wage while providing a much needed labor force in our community.

We are currently in the due diligence stage for the Community of Hope project to be located at another property which will require renovations 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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7 Graduates

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

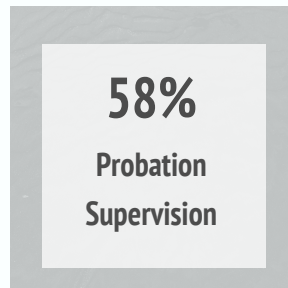
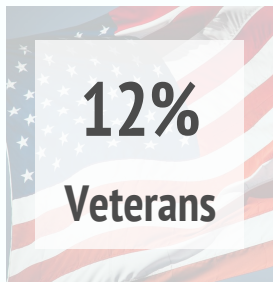
118 Total Applicants

76 Total Accepted

60 Total Admits

Post Graduate Program:

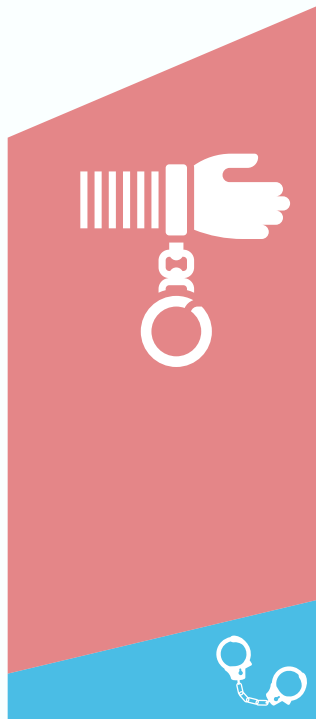
Often men choose to remain in the program after they graduate until they are released from their supervised release and/or secure housing. Men continue to participate in educational activities during the post graduate program.



APPLICANT REFERRALS	FY2021	FY21%	FY2020	FY20 %	FY2019	FY19 %
SC Department of Corrections	24	20.2%	30	27.8%	33	25.2%
SC Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services	10	8.4%	11	10.2%	32	24.4%
Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center	15	12.6%	6	5.6%	17	13.0%
Aiken County Detention Center	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
Laurens County Detention Center	1	0.8%	1	0.9%	1	0.8%
ISO (Intensive Supervision Office)	2	1.7%	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hill Finklea Detention Center	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Darlington Prison Camp	0	0.0%	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
US Federal Probation/Navy Brig	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.5%
ST- Law Enforcement Agencies	54	45.4%	50	46.3%	86	65.6%
Public Defender's Offices (Charleston, Berkley, Beaufort, Orangeburg, and Richland Counties)	21	17.6%	12	11.1%	7	5.3%
Dr. William Burke	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SC Mental Health: Well Path/Correct Care Recovery Solutions (Violent Sex Offender Treatment Program)	2	1.7%	12	11.1%	8	6.1%
SC State Agencies	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	3	2.3%
SC Nonprofit Organizations/Hospitals/Rehab	14	11.8%	17	15.7%	13	9.9%
VA (Program and Hospital)	2	1.7%	4	3.7%	0	0.0%
Out of State/Nonprofit (FL, NC)	2	1.7%	2	1.9%	0	0.0%
Website	5	4.2%	0	0.0%	9	6.9%
Board of Directors Member	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Former Participant/Current Participant	2	1.7%	3	2.8%	2	1.5%
Family/Friends	10	8.4%	7	6.5%	0	0.0%
Pastor/Church	4	3.4%	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Private Attorney	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	2.3%
Total Applicant Referrals	119	100%	108	100%	131	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

49.7% New Crime

55.1% Rearrest (Probation Violation)

South Carolina

23.1% Recidivism Rate

SHIELD Ministries

2.5% New Crime

5.3% 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/>

South Carolina Recidivism Averages

“According to the South Carolina Department of Corrections, the three-year recidivism rate in South Carolina is 23.1%. This is one of the lowest recidivism rates in the country.”

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SHIELD Ministries 4-Year Average Recidivism Rates

4 Year Average Recidivism Rate

As of December 31, 2021

Program Graduates 0.0%

Non-Graduates New Crime 2.5%

Non-Graduates Probation Violations 5.3%



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.



29 Participants

Received assistance with Program fees from SC Probation, Parole, & Pardon Funding awarded to SHIELD to assist with 30 days of housing.



44,530 Meals Provided

SHIELD Ministries partners with the LowCountry Food Bank and receives donations from supporters and Delancey Street Foundation to provide men with food on average for 2-3 meals per day.



32 Hygiene Packs

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



25 Bedding Sets

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



69 Trips

Transportation assistance and bus passes are given to help new admits secure their identification, register with Probation and the Sheriff's office to meet regulatory compliance. Transportation is also given to medical procedures if required.



2 Participants

Assisted with obtaining identification



Community Supervision

8 Men Successfully completed Probation 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 may be 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.



57 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

- 31.7% less than a high school education
- 25.0% GED
- 21.7% High School Graduate
- 11.6% Some College
- 8.3% Undergraduate Degree
- 1.7% Vocational School



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

24 Men Completed



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

14 Men Completed



HEALING FOR DAMAGED EMOTIONS

5 Men Completed



HEALING OF MEMORIES

5 Men Completed



GED/WRITING CLASSES

3 Men Enrolled (Ongoing class)



WORKFORCE TRAINING

8 Men Completed



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.



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 & Damaged Emotions

Dr. David Seamands books helps participants overcome hurdles in life - such as guilt, poor self-worth, and perfectionism as they find freedom from the pain and devastation of their past. 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.



Celebrate Recovery

Participants walk through a Christian Faith based 12 Step Recovery Program which helps facilitate healing, accountability, and provides tools to change thought and behavior patterns that contribute to addictive behaviors.



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.



Employment Rate

Of the 60 Participants

- 18 Full-Time Permanent
- 16 Full-Time Temporary
- 6 Part-Time Temporary
- 13 Retirement/Disability
- 7 Unemployed



85% Employed

72% Full Time



26 Employer Partnerships

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



Temporary Positions

46.8% of participants who became gainfully employed secured a temporary position.



Permanent Positions

38.3% secured a permanent full-time position.



Soft Skills Training

SHIELD Ministries provides Workforce Readiness, 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.



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 (7 Baptisms in 2021)

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 and spiritual growth mentoring.



"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, MUSC

"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



Kelly

"SHIELD has meant a lot to me from 9/2/2020 (entered program) until this very day. The staff members have helped me get back in touch with society and showed me how to handle business when it comes to finding jobs and getting to my doctor's appointments on time. SHIELD Ministries has shown me so much LOVE ever since I've been here. I thank everyone who has anything to do with SHIELD Ministries."



Samuel

"SHIELD Ministries has helped me by providing an environment to do much self-evaluation and has allowed to make progress towards dealing with my anxiety issues."



Tristian

"For me, SHIELD has been a new beginning a time for moral and mental healing. It has brought me new family and friends, along with a chance to start getting my life together. I feel it's a Godsend that I was able to come here and experience all it has to offer its participants."



Gerald

"SHIELD means a lot because this year it has been real hard with COVID-19 out there and it really feels good to be here in the SHIELD with friends and real love"

Economic Impact



\$2,371,217

2021 Annual Estimated Economic Impact



1,218.3%

2021 ROI (Based on Public Program Support Donations)



Transitioning Men Through the Devastation of Their Past to a Thriving Future 2021 ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT

As of 9/30/2021 SC Department of Corrections reported average annual per Inmate cost* with a daily rate of \$82.70 per prisoner	\$ 26,627
Shield Ministries Estimated Annual Prison Savings for FY2021 (SC Daily Prison Per Man Cost \$82.70 x 12,964 total days in program.)	1,072,123
Estimated income based on participant total days who were enrolled in the SM Program in FY21 and collected employment/salary data.)**	851,117
Estimated income for 2021 participants who successfully exited the Program during 2021	76,839
SUBTOTAL	2,000,079
<i>ROI (Return on Investment of Public Cash Donations)</i>	1218.3%
Estimated Shield Ministries Program Expenditures	371,138
TOTAL 2021 ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$ 2,371,217

*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, https://www.doc.sc.gov/research/BudgetAndExpenditures/Per_Inmate_Cost_1988-2021.pdf

**This number consists of program days, number of days, enrolled in the program

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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Board Chairman offline.

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