

Established 2011 but officially launched in 2014. Started due to the violence against trans women of color and the lack of programming in the area for trans women of color. During this time, trans woman had to identify as men who have sex with men (MSM) to receive services.

Currently most trans organizations do not operate in the city of Detroit and often aren't focused or uplifting, and aware of the culturally sensitive lives for trans women of color.



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# Impact



-Received a grant to focus on holistic wrap around services for transformative, color, living with HIV, engaged in active sex, work, Does not have housing, stability, criminal background, especially those. Just coming out of jail or prison, and those Post operative from gender, affirming surgeries. 90% of the clients were living with HIV, many were out of care.

-Housing and food were the biggest financial barriers that affected most trans. Women of color in the Detroit Metro area

-We were able to pay rent for senior trans. Women of color for an entire year, pay \$10,000 of utilities, \$20,000 of food including groceries and hot meals like DoorDash, \$10,000 for transportation needs such a Lyft or car repairs.

-We were able to get over a dozen transform of color back into HIV care, including other primary care and transforming surgeries. This is also included signing them up for insurance and helping them Navigate, affirming doctors and services.

-We were also able to help with over 20 name changes In addition, working to direct people to other resources that could pay for low level criminal offenses.



## **Impact**



- -We also assisted with many girls funerals as they were tragically, murdered, or experience drug issues related to death.
- -We worked with every major aids, serving organization in the Metro Detroit area with case managers to get folks back into care, and to get them wrapped around services
- -We worked with over 120 girls in different capacities to help reign their health needs by giving them basic needs resources
- -This is the unique program because many funders. Do not want to give for low level. Basic resources like utilities or housing. A lot of funders want advocacy. Focus changes which is systemic level changes that often don't directly impact day-to-day. Lives of girls. If girls are supposed to be healthy, and happy they need they basic needs met.
- -We work with every major systems change agent in Michigan. This includes the governor, most of the mayors, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, several prosecutors, many representatives, senators, and Congress folks





## **Additional Questions?**

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Thank You!