



BLOOMHERE  
*space & place of empowerment*

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# OUR WISH FOR YOU

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## *A Note From Melinda*

*Dear Friends,*

Reflecting on 2020 has taught us this: the only thing we can truly control is how we show up in the world.

Our values and spiritual principles inspire how we treat one another, and ourselves. When we asked the Bloomies what values they would choose for BLOOMHERE, they were quick to point us to the heart of our work: community, dignity, empowerment, hope, growth, healing, sisterhood, courage, honesty, innovation, love, and compassion.

The Bloomies named aspects of life that we wish for them, and also for you.

Our wish for you this year is that you would experience the heartbreaking beauty of community, the humbling power of compassion, and the roar of courage in the face of fear.

**This year, we know we can offer hope and healing to four strong and courageous women who have taken the risk of embarking on their healing journeys. Thank you for joining us.**

With joy,



*Melinda Taylor*

Founder and Executive Director

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# WHO WE ARE

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## *Our Mission & Vision*

### MISSION

BLOOMHERE is a nonprofit justice enterprise organization providing women survivors of abuse, addiction, prostitution, and trafficking a safe place and the resources to heal. We support the wellbeing of women so they may nurture their own resilience.

### VISION

Our vision is to witness each sister bloom into a passionate and empowered life.

### WE BELIEVE

- We believe in the power of community.
- We believe in planting the seeds of wellbeing.
- We believe in the resilience of women survivors.
- We believe in providing opportunities for growth.
- We believe healing is rooted in justice.



# THE BLOOM EFFECT

## *Our Program*



### RESIDENTIAL HOME & RECOVERY

The BLOOMHERE home is located in Raleigh, NC. Women survivors of abuse, addiction, prostitution, and trafficking share a safe place to live and heal with a community of support. The home supports adult women 18+, is free-of-charge for participants, and requires a two-year stay. During recovery, a compassionate and professional team will provide therapy and medical care, substance rehabilitation support, and opportunities for physical health and wellness, which are necessary for mental, physical, and spiritual well-being for each woman to BLOOM.



### EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

Our justice enterprise provides employment opportunities for each BLOOMER to start claiming a life of economic independence by earning a livable wage. Individualized enhancement plans and skills training are provided to help each woman meet her personal aspirations and ensure a successful future for each BLOOMER post-program.



### ADVOCACY & EMPOWERMENT

While BLOOMING, our residents may obtain leadership roles within the program, and extend their participation as advocates to raise awareness in the community. Each voice is empowered to share the message of hope to other potential women in need in an effort to plant the seed of wellbeing.



### GRADUATION & BEYOND

Women who complete our two-year program become sisters for life in the BLOOMHERE community and are prepared to set out on a path to reach their highest aspirations. We provide transitional support to start the next phase of their journey with confidence, including guidance for permanent housing, access to transportation, and stable employment that offers a livable wage and economic independence.

# BLOOMHERE BODY OILS

## *Our Justice Enterprise*

At BLOOMHERE we provide our community of women survivors the opportunity to live a life of economic independence through our justice enterprise.

A justice enterprise is an organization that achieves community impact through business operations that prioritize a living wage, meaningful products, dignified work, and an inclusive workforce.



Our organic body oils are available for purchase at [www.bloom-here.org](http://www.bloom-here.org)

*Our organic body oils are produced and packaged by our community of women survivors on a courageous path to healing and recovery.*



## A NATIONAL MOVEMENT

BLOOMHERE is proud to be a sister organization in the Thistle Farms National Network, the largest network in the United States committed to a housing-first model for survivors. The Thistle Farms National Network grew by 150 beds in seven months, bringing the total to over 500 in 2020. Together, we light the way home for the next woman survivor.

Learn more at [www.thistlefarms.org](http://www.thistlefarms.org)



# 2020 IMPACT

*We Made A Difference Together*



\$4,000 of prescription assistance



3,200 nourishing meals



1,095 nights of safe shelter



780 hours of group recovery meetings



150 hours of relapse prevention support



Wellness and dental care for all residents



*Join Us On The Journey*

VOLUNTEER - GIVE - PARTNER

Visit [www.bloom-here.org](http://www.bloom-here.org) today!

# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

## *Our Partners & Volunteers*

### Thank You To Our 2020 Community Partners

Angus Barn  
A Place At The Table  
Bay Six  
Believe Therapy  
Blue Lotus Yoga  
Current Wellness  
Dram & Draught  
Fellowship Health Resources  
Food Lion  
Gin Burchfield

Healing Transitions  
Healing Wings Consultants  
Heritage For Hope  
Jen Davis  
Kendra Scott  
Lululemon  
Larkspur Salon  
Mindpath Centers  
NeighborHealth  
Queen of Wines

Raleighwood Media Group  
StepUp Ministry  
The Flourish Market  
The Locality  
Thistle Farms  
Tyler Cunningham Photography  
Tyler McKenzie, Hamilton  
YSR12 Yoga  
Wolk360

### Thank You To Our 2020 Volunteers

In 2020 over 40 volunteers furthered our mission by:

**Driving** the Bloomies to healthcare and community connection appointments.

**Building relationships** with the Bloomies through lunch dates and Zoom visits.

**Offering opportunities for healing** through creative therapies like photography and art.

**Nourishing** the Bloomies with prepared meals and nutrition education.



## PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT

When local apparel and branding manufacturer Bay Six stepped forward to offer production space for our organic body oils, they also offered us a place to work, heal, and grow together.

Thank you, Bay Six!

Check them out at [www.wearebaysix.com](http://www.wearebaysix.com)

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## *Our Team*



Melinda Taylor  
Founder and Executive Director

Robin Donta, FNP-C  
Nurse Practitioner



Sara Acosta  
Program Director

Emily Snipes, MSW, LCSW  
Social Worker



Jean Hunt  
Volunteer Coordinator

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## *Blooming In 2021*

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### WELCOMING

two new Bloomies in early 2021

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### GROWING

our justice enterprise retail presence



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### DEVELOPING

our body oil production facility at Bay Six

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### GRADUATING

two Bloomies in the fall



# SPECIAL THANKS

## *Our Donors*

Thank you to our many generous donors who so graciously supported our mission in 2020. Your contributions made a new life possible for the women survivors in our community, and we couldn't do it without you. We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to our work and our vision.

## *Board of Directors*

Richard Averitte, Chair    Nam Douglass, Vice Chair  
Megan Alyssa Fletcher, Secretary    Sharon Melinda Davis  
Robin Donta    Kati Mullan

## *Photography*

Special thanks to Tyler Cunningham Photography for capturing all the beautiful images in this report, and for passionately partnering with us to share love and joy with the Bloomies.

*Together we can provide women survivors the opportunity to heal, thrive, and fully bloom.*

*Thank you for standing with us.*