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MY LIFE MY CHOICE AWARDED TWO YEARS OF FUNDING BY THE JENSEN PROJECT'S 2023 GRANTTANK

Boston, MA – My Life My Choice, a program of the Justice Resource Institute, is one of 4 nonprofits from across the country that will share in \$1.3 million through The Jensen Project's annual GrantTank program. The Boston-based nonprofit was selected through a competitive review process of 49 applications and will receive funding over 2 years.

My Life My Choice is a survivor-led organization aimed at ending the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Throughout Greater Boston, My Life My Choice provides survivor mentoring, intensive case management, therapy services, and groupwork to young people of all genders who have experienced exploitation. Nationally, they provide prevention education, professional training, consultation, and advocacy.

Funding from The Jensen Project will be used to develop a rental assistance program with the goal of creating a safe path for systems-involved youth to successfully transition into young adulthood and achieve financial independence. To accomplish this, My Life My Choice will be providing 12 months of rental assistance alongside support in securing sustainable employment and financial planning. My Life My Choice plans to serve 35–40 youth over the course of the two-year grant period.

“Having rental assistance will help mentees feel a sense of security. The support to sustain housing will relieve some obstacles they might be facing. The young people we serve deserve to have a place they can call home and with this program we can help achieve that,” said Karilyn Rivera, Economic Empowerment & Housing Coordinator at My Life My Choice.

The Jensen Project's GrantTank program seeks to strategically partner with organizations that work with survivors of trafficking. The selected areas of focus for the 2023 awards are housing and technology.

The Jensen Project supports nonprofits and individuals that serve survivors through strategic grants, resources, and holistic help. The Jensen Project fuels strategic partnerships that empower survivors of sexual violence, reduce exploitation, and lead to business growth.

The Jensen Project is proud to partner with and support My Life My Choice because of their unique commitment to housing and stabilizing young adult survivors. “My Life My Choice recognizes that young adults are the leaders of tomorrow,” said Claire Hidalgo, Program Director at The Jensen Project, “and if you don't pour into them today, they won't be here.”

The Jensen Project has now awarded more than \$10 million to nonprofits nationally. For information about current and past recipients, visit <https://www.thejensenproject.org/granttank/>.

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About My Life My Choice

The mission of My Life My Choice is to provide survivor-led solutions aimed at ending the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Throughout Greater Boston, My Life My Choice provides survivor mentoring, intensive case management, mental health services, and group work to young people of all genders who have experienced exploitation. In addition, My Life My Choice provides prevention education, professional training, consultation, and advocacy nationwide. Since 2002, My Life My Choice has mentored over 900 youth, trained over 21,900 providers across the country, and provided prevention education groups to 3,800 girls. My Life My Choice is a model for communities across the country set on changing not only lives, but the structural inequities that give rise to trafficking and sexual exploitation.

About The Jensen Project

Founded by philanthropist and rape survivor, Janet Jensen, The Jensen Project exists to fuel strategic partnerships in the fight against sexual violence. Funding and business resources are provided to mission-aligned organizations on an annual basis through the GrantTank program. Learn more at TheJensenProject.org