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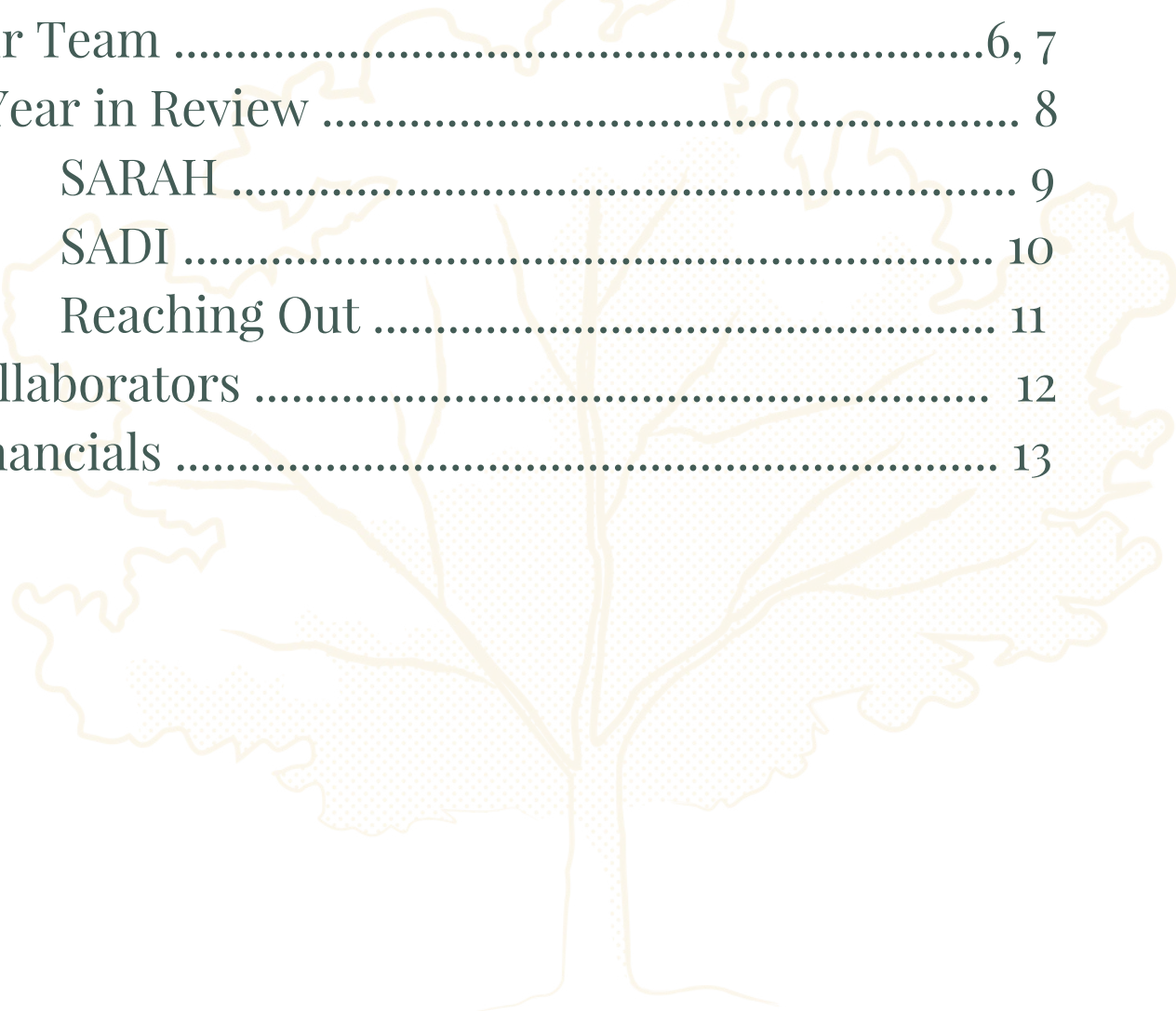


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Land Acknowledgement

SHCC is honoured to work on the unceded land of Treaty 1, 2, 3 and 5 Territory and the homeland of the Métis.

Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre acknowledges, respects and is dedicated to continuing our journey of learning from the Anishinaabe, Cree, Ojibway, Cree, Dakota, Dene and Métis nations who are the original stewards of the lands we have the honour of working on.

In our work, SHCC centers the historical and contemporary harms experienced by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people of Canada. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.



Mission

Partnering with communities to offer hope and healing through support and education

Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre Inc. (SHCC) provides support and services to individuals residing in the Interlake-Eastern region of Manitoba who have experienced acts of sexual violence, as well as to secondary victims of sexual violence. We recognize that acts of sexual violence are motivated by power inequalities, therefore our work also addresses social and systemic root causes of gender-based violence to create greater change to public ideology, policies, politics, and procedures.



Board of Directors

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Paula Jones
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Tara Fitzmaurice

Executive Director (Member at Large) –
Coral Kendel

Message from the Board Chair

As Chair of the Board of Directors for Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre Inc., I am honoured to present my report for the 2025–2026 year. On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our board members, past and present, whose dedication and commitment continue to guide our organization. I also want to thank our incredible staff, volunteers, community partners, funders, and donors. Your passion and unwavering support make it possible for Survivor's Hope to provide essential services to those impacted by sexualized violence. I would also like to acknowledge Gillian Schofield, who served as Interim Executive Director during Coral's leave. Gillian's leadership and commitment ensured continuity of services and support during this transition. We are grateful for Gillian's dedication and are pleased to welcome Coral back.

This has been an exceptional year of growth, innovation, and celebration for Survivor's Hope. Throughout the year, we have continued to expand our reach and strengthen the supports available to survivors and our community. Some of this year's highlights include:

- Expanding our social media presence to increase awareness, education, and community engagement.
- Enhancing the SARAH's Circle program to better support individuals impacted by sexualized violence.
- Introducing Youth Summer Wellness Circles, creating new opportunities for young people to build resilience and connection.
- Responding to an increased demand from schools throughout our region by delivering additional Sexual Assault Discussion Initiative (SADI) workshops, reflecting the growing need for education and prevention.
- Welcoming a remarkable number of applications from individuals interested in serving on our Board of Directors, demonstrating the community's confidence in and commitment to our mission.
- Providing wellness support at Winnipeg Folk Festival by offering 24-hour crisis support, safe spaces within the campground, and connection workshops for festival participants.
- Securing funding to support the opening of SARAH's House in Selkirk.
- Celebrating the opening of SARAH's House on July 23, 2026—a significant milestone for our organization. This welcoming space provides a centralized location where survivors can access free counselling, reporting support, and specialized services through a dedicated sexual violence resource centre.

These accomplishments are a reflection of the dedication, compassion, and collaboration of everyone connected to Survivor's Hope. Every staff member, volunteer, board member, partner, and supporter has played a role in helping us expand our impact and ensure that survivors have access to the services and support they deserve. As we look ahead, we remain committed to growing our programs, strengthening community partnerships, and advocating for survivors across our region. While there is still important work to do, I am confident that together we will continue to build a community where every survivor is believed, supported, and empowered.

Thank you for your continued trust, dedication, and support of Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre Inc. I am excited about what the future holds and look forward to another year of meaningful progress together.

Samantha Roberts,
Board of Directors Chairperson



Message from the Executive Director

I am pleased to return to my role as Executive Director after an extended parental leave and have incredible gratitude to Gillian Schofield for filling the role in my absence. What a joy to return and see the momentous progress Gillian, the team, and the Board made over the past year, and all of the ways they showed up for survivors of sexualized violence.

From new funding opportunities, partnerships, relationships, and the accomplishment of huge goals, we are continually proving to be a reliable, trusted, and successful resource to walk beside survivors on their healing journeys, and hold hope and light for them in moments of darkness.

The biggest new initiative, SARAH's House, has been the culmination of many months of hard work and dedication, led by heart, passion, and a deep caring for this purpose and our mission. SARAH's House promises to be a pivotal shift in the culture of sexual violence in rural Manitoba to provide immediate connection to resources and supports in the home communities of those we serve.

Over the past number of years, we have expanded from humble roots in Pinawa and Eastern Manitoba and built a strong foundation that is now grounded, growing, and thriving along with survivors.

I look forward to experiencing what the next year will bring with optimism and enthusiasm.



Coral Kendel, Executive Director



Our Team

Sexual Assault Recovery and Healing (SARAH) Program

The SARAH program provides short and long-term counselling and support groups to survivors of sexual violence who are 13 and older and/or to those who care about them. Our dedicated SARAH workers volunteer their time to provide crisis support to survivors reporting experiences of sexual violence at Interlake-Eastern hospital emergency rooms and RCMP detachments.

Sexual Assault Discussion Initiative (SADI) Program

SADI is an education and prevention program whose facilitators provide workshops to grade 6 - 12 students on healthy relationships, self-esteem, internet safety, and exploitation.

Capacity Building

To support the overall health and forward motion of Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre, Capacity Building facilitates the creation of new guiding policies, procedures, and administrative oversight to grow and secure our charitable organization.

Reaching Out

The Reaching Out program bridges gaps between communities by providing resources, facilitating presentations, and attending events to build knowledge and connect individuals to our services.

Finance & Office Administration

The Finance & Office Administration Clerk supports the Executive Director and Treasurer, maintaining financial health of the organization, including invoicing, budgeting, and compiling financial reports.





SARAH Volunteers

Amanda Grabish
Linda Desrosiers
Chantal Shibata
Leslie Joyce
Erica Young
Portia Topnik
Christy Epp
Sheeza Haroon
Amber Dreger
Hayley Rockwell
Charity Vagi
Sherri Dyck
Renee Partyka
Paula Egesz
Enika Zirk
Zoe Clelland
Jessica Cupples
Amanda Hunnie
Irina Meisner

We Said Farewell to

LP Penner
Kris Lobay
Nina Chufarova
Becky Reis (term)
Ty Meyer
Shelly Guevarra
Sandra Tower-Pace
Cass Ilchena
Chelsea McLeod
Heather Courchene



Gillian Schofield (she/her)

Interim Executive
Director



Chantal Shibata (she/they)

House Auntie & Short-Term
Counsellor



Natasha Van Dorp (she/her)

SARAH Crisis Coordinator
& SADI Coordinator



Carly Chartier (she/her)

Outreach & Marketing
Coordinator



Elise Hrizai (she/her)

SARAH Wellness Coordinator



Alma Berg (she/her)

SARAH Clinical Service
Coordinator

A Year in Review



SARAH

Crisis & Counselling

"Offering hope and validation to those affected by sexual violence"

This year, the SARAH program expanded to offer short-term counselling, in addition to long-term counselling, better meeting the needs of those seeking support. There were more requests for counselling services than ever, and our ability to respond was unwavering.

The SARAH Circle established itself and grew, as did Project SMOKE (Sexual Misconduct Outreach Knowledge and Empowerment) with multiple trips to Shilo, Manitoba, and relationships built within the Canadian Armed Forces.

The SARAH Crisis program made new connections with the Health Sciences Centre and Klinik's Hummingbird program, and provided more opportunities for community-based care, including at Winnipeg Folk Festival.



22 Individuals on our team of SARAH Volunteers, following two iterations of training

428 Individual counselling sessions held

213 Files were opened in SARAH Crisis & Counselling

47 Crisis calls responded to

2 Lunch and Learn webinars were conducted & facilitated

22 Groups were held through multiple communities

747 SARAH Brochures distributed in community

46 SARAH Posters distributed in community

460 SARAH Handbooks provided throughout the region, including hospital and RCMP detachments

680 Survivor's Hope brochures distributed

SADI

“Preparing youth for strong, healthy and respectful relationships”

The Sexual Assault Discussion Initiative (SADI) Program saw new relationships with schools and students grow and thrive this year, with successful adaptations to workshops, better meeting the needs that communities were identifying for us. The “Mental Health” workshop guided many youth to new conversations about what it means to be mentally healthy and how relationships impact your mental well-being, while the “Digital Consent” workshop was in high demand as new forms of digital sexual violence impact youth in an AI world. As the justice system works to catch up with the rapidly changing digital sphere, the “Digital Consent” workshop empowers youth to understand their rights, responsibilities, and resources available online.



SADI Workshops not only educate youth, but provide a vital resource to school support teams and a continuity of care with youth who meet our facilitators. This can allow survivors to gain courage to speak up about their own experiences of harm, and get connected to the SARAH program for further healing opportunities.

- 59 SADI workshops delivered
- 845 Students attended a SADI workshop presentation
- 11 Communities partnered for SADI workshops



Reaching Out

"Engaging communities, empowering individuals and equipping a safer world for all"

Engaging with community at events, workshops, conferences, and festivals are opportunities to bring the topic of sexual violence into the forefront, no longer shrouded by shadows and kept silent. Our printed materials provide tangible resources and connection to our programs, while the opportunity to meet our team in a low-pressure settings is pivotal to aid someone in overcoming the first step to recovery by building a relationship with trusted counsellors, volunteers, and staff. This allows survivors the opportunity to feel confident to disclose experiences of violence and be received with validation and acceptance.

The Reaching Out program recognizes the overrepresentation of individuals who have experienced sexual violence, are racialized minorities, part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and who use substances. This helps to guide our efforts to support events delivered by the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network, various local Pride groups, and the Selkirk Friendship Centre, among others.



Our annual Take Back the Night event once again made the front page of the Selkirk Record, changing the culture of gender-based violence in rural Manitoba.

Additionally, we were privileged to host the Understanding Childhood Sexual Exploitation conference on March 9th, in partnership with Tracia's Trust. The conference brought together service providers and survivors and featured speakers from Empowermen, Shamin Brown, the Joy Smith Foundation, Survivor's Hope, and the voices of those with lived experience, while centering wellness with nourishment and a sound bath.

36	Community events attended
1071	Regional Resource Guides distributed
2345	Social media followers
739	E-mail newsletter subscribers

We are pleased to continue our participation in committees and groups, including three Manitoba Harm Reduction Networks, Ending Sexual Violence Canada's Sexual Violence Working Group, Sexual Assault Advisory Committee, and the Rural Manitoba Sexual Assault Response Network.

Collaborators

Family Violence Consortium of Manitoba

Manitoba Harm Reduction Network - Powerview-Pine Falls, Eriksdale/Ashern, Selkirk

Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters (MAWS)

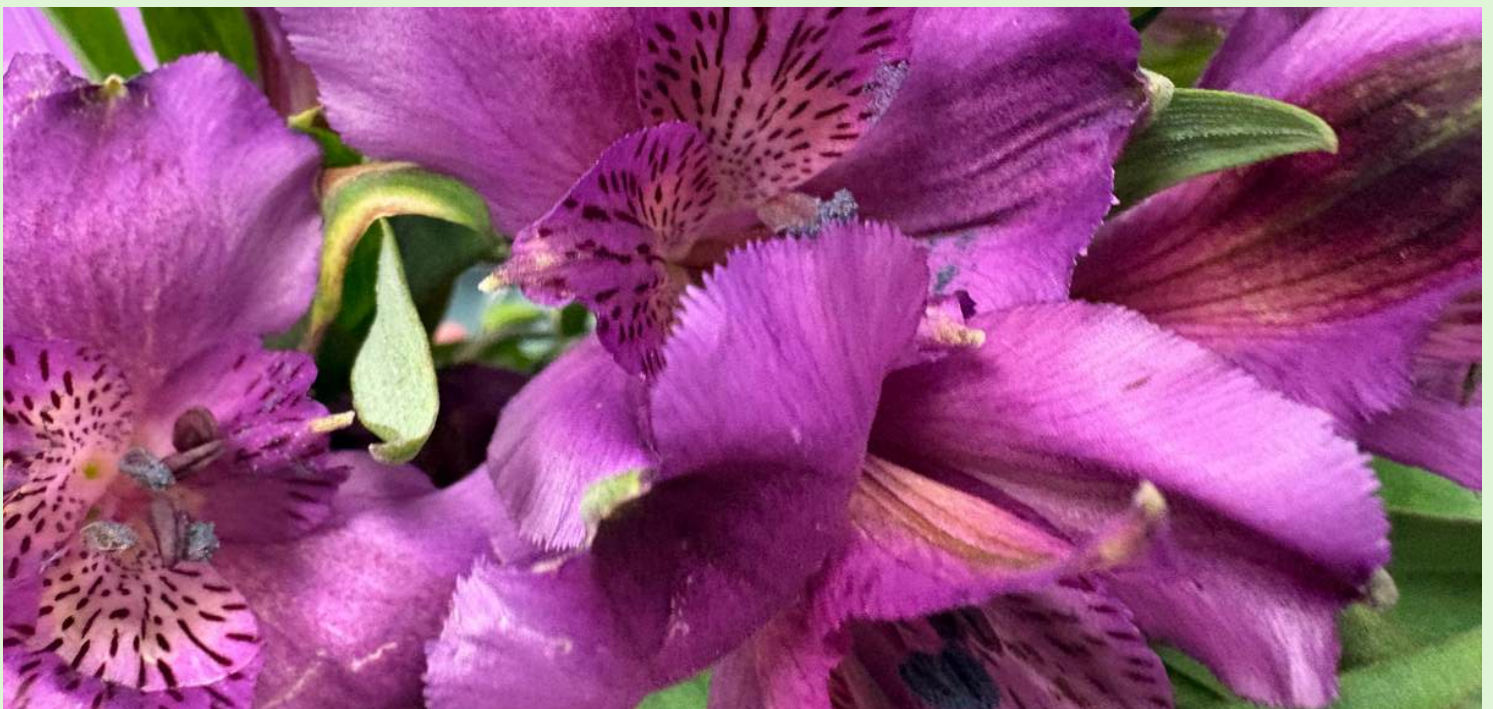
Rural Manitoba Sexual Assault Response Network

RCMP Sexual Assault Investigation Review Committee

Ending Sexual Violence Canada - National Working Group Against Sexualized Violence

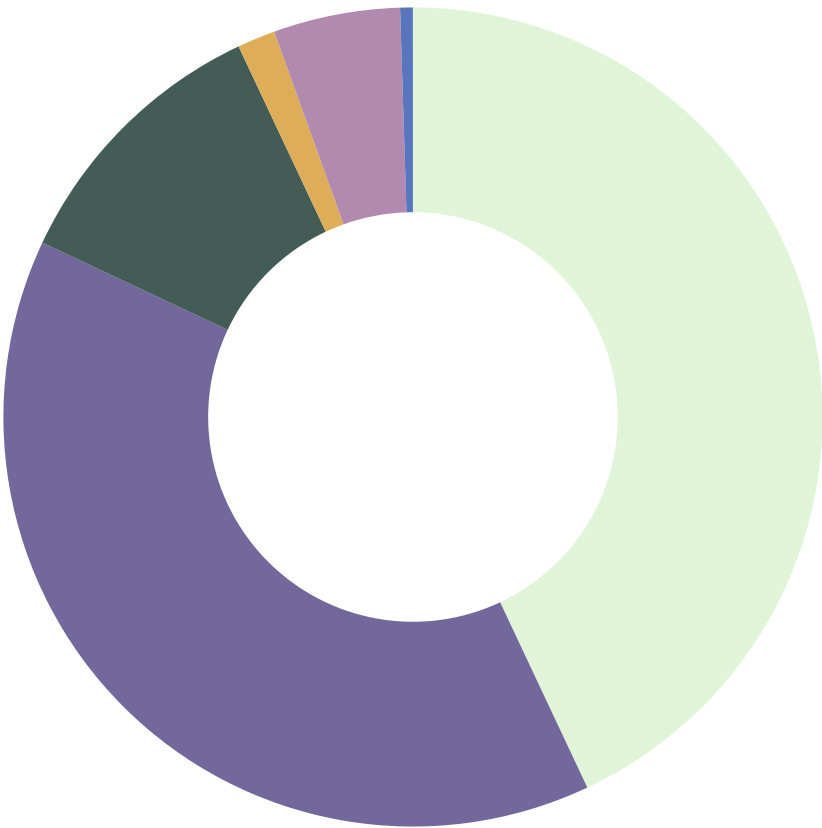
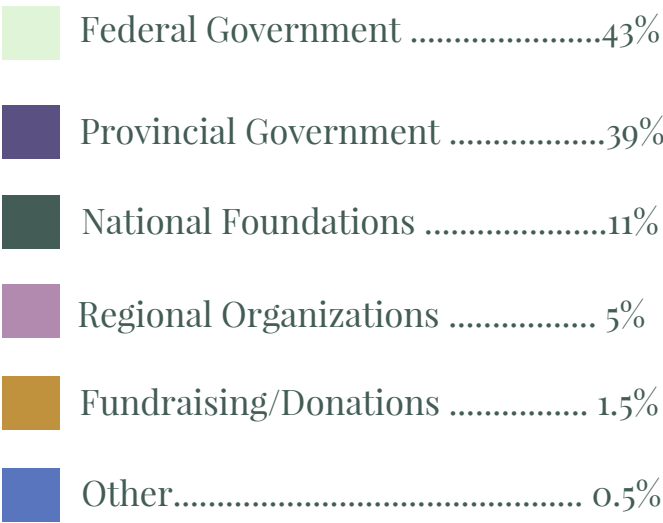
Sexual Assault Advisory Committee

North East Regional Stop Sexual Exploitation Team (NERSE)

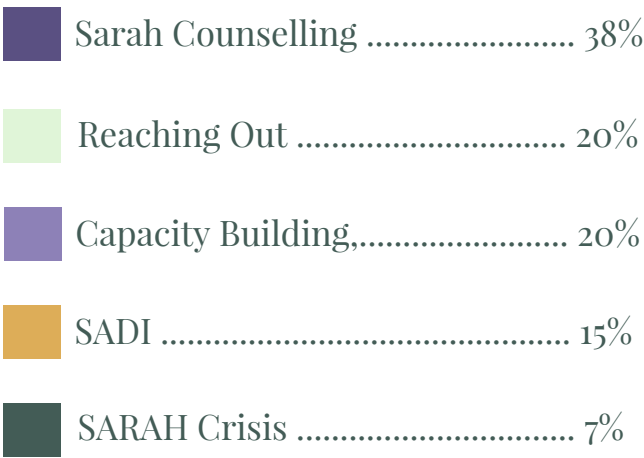
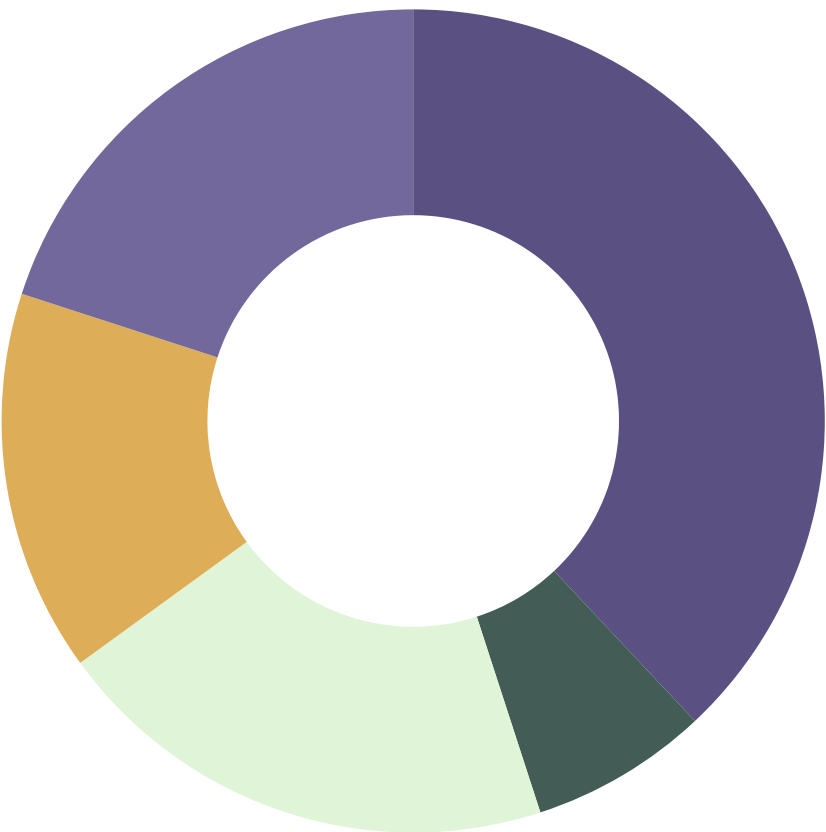


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