

Building what we believe

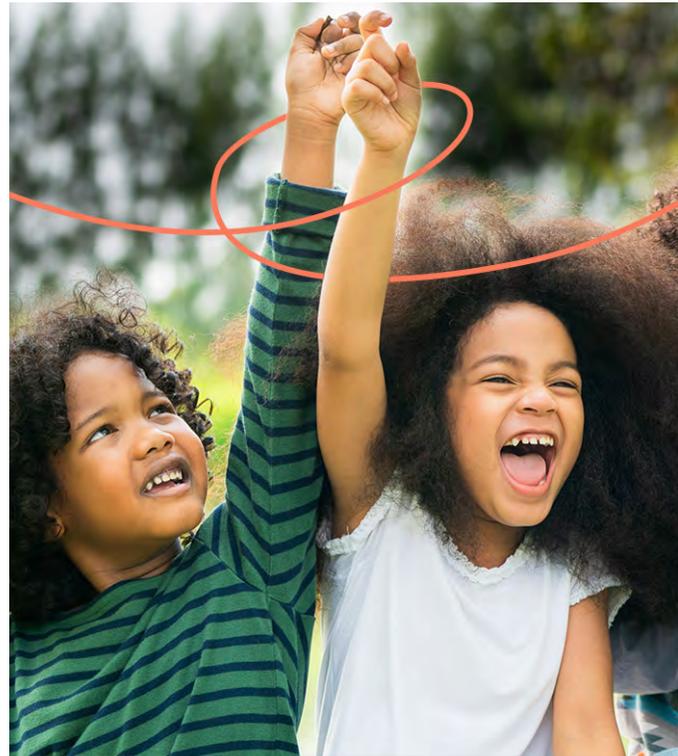
THORN'S 2021 IMPACT

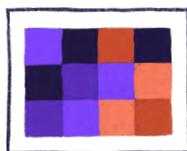


Imagine an internet where child victims of sexual abuse are quickly identified and removed from harm, child sexual abuse material (CSAM) is extremely difficult to trade or consume online, and parents and kids are confidently navigating digital spaces.

It's an internet where we're all connected through shared curiosity and every child has the opportunity to explore and learn safely.

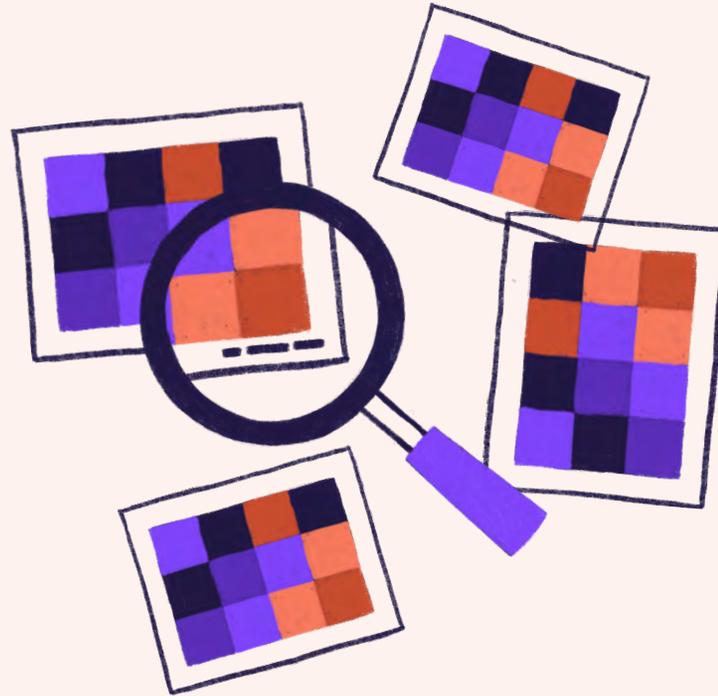
This is the world you're helping to build with Thorn, and **in 2021 we made incredible progress** toward this shared vision. Yet there is not a straight line from where we are today to the internet that every child deserves.





To better envision where we are and where we must go, let's look at how child sexual abuse material (CSAM) can move through the internet and our communities, and where we're intervening alongside critical partners to keep kids safe.

VICTIM IDENTIFICATION



When evidence of a child's sexual abuse hits the internet, our goal is to reduce the amount of time it takes for law enforcement to identify and safeguard that victim.



Spotlight accelerates law enforcement's ability to identify victims of child sex trafficking.

2021 IMPACT:

Children identified: **3,977**

Investigation time reduced: **61%**

ALL-TIME IMPACT:

Total children identified: **24,366**

Agencies using Thorn tools: **2,700+**

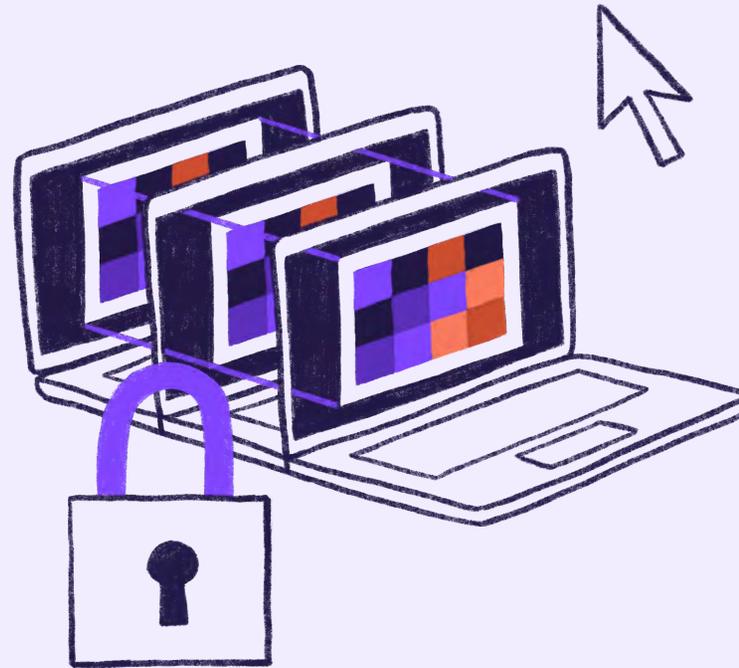


Spotlight provides a hugely invaluable resource to law enforcement. It is like having an invisible partner who works around the clock, all day, every day. I simply cannot do my job without it.

INVESTIGATOR, WASHINGTON



Even after a child has been identified and removed from harm, the documentation of their abuse can live on and spread in the form of images, videos, and other types of CSAM. This is one way CSAM begins to circulate online.

INDUSTRY

Every time a piece of CSAM is traded or consumed, it continues the cycle of trauma for victims and survivors, disseminated on platforms we use every day. In fact, in a survey of adult survivors of CSAM, 20% reported being identified by a person who had seen their child sexual abuse imagery.



That's where **Safer** comes in, the first holistic solution for tech companies to detect, remove, and report CSAM at scale.

2021 IMPACT:

CSAM files found: **~260,000**

Files protected: **11.1 billion**

Customer reports sent to NCMEC: **~32,600**

ALL-TIME IMPACT:

CSAM files found: **402,000**

Files protected: **16 billion**

Hashes of known CSAM: **18.7 million**

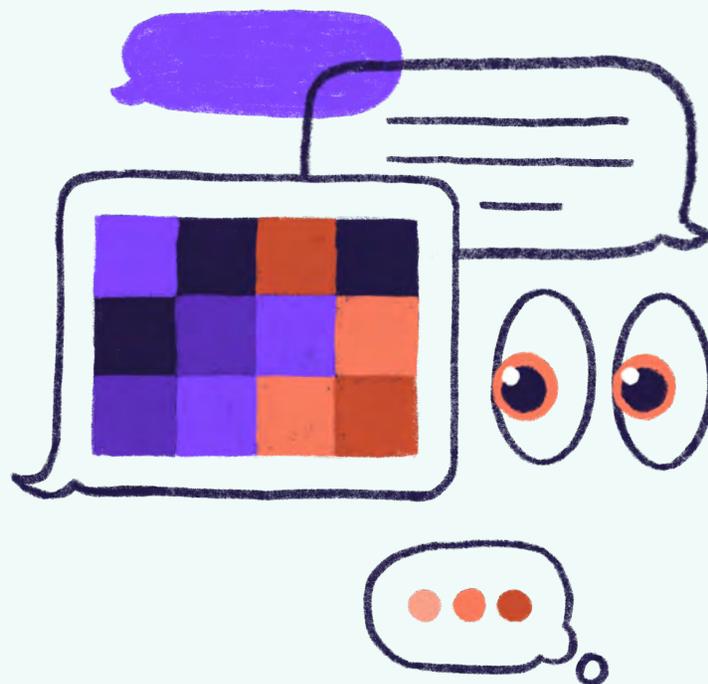
While we've made incredible progress, we need every platform with an upload button implementing proactive CSAM detection measures to turn the tide on the viral spread of this content.

[Learn more about Safer's technology.](#)



We've empowered law enforcement to find victims faster and equipped the tech industry to stop the viral spread of CSAM. Now, let's look at how Thorn is preventing the fastest growing type of CSAM: self-generated.

YOUTH & COMMUNITIES

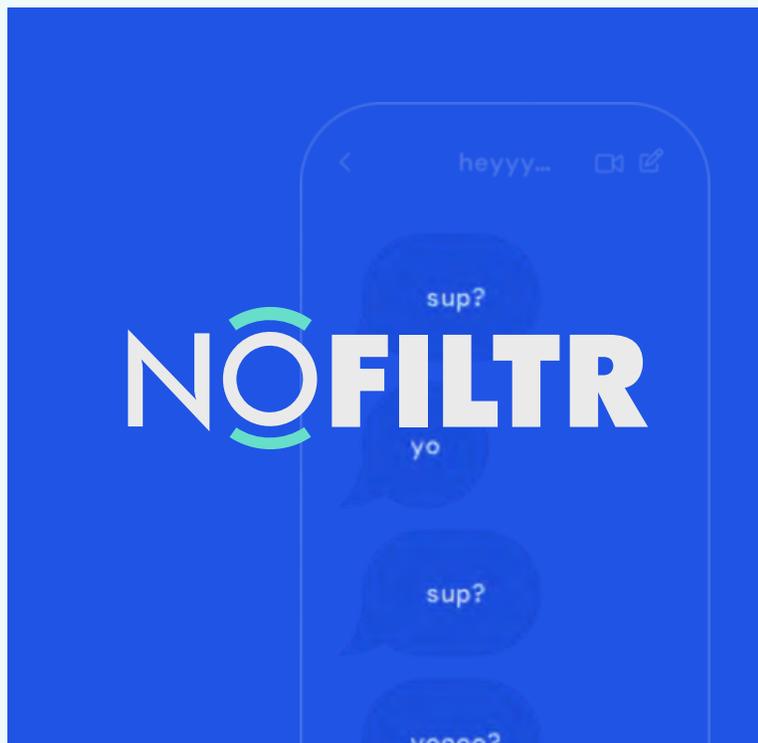


The internet and social media are integral parts of daily life as a pre-teen—including their natural exploration of identity, sexuality and relationships.

As a result, sharing nude selfies has become increasingly common amongst youth today. In fact, 40% of teens think it's normal for people their age to share nudes with each other.

[Learn more about the situation at parents.thorn.org.](https://parents.thorn.org)

But trust is easily broken and what was intended to be a private image can quickly become a viral image circulated online, resulting in the victim in the image being ostracized, isolated, and shamed. We're working to prevent this harm from happening by building resilience in youth and the communities that support and protect them.



This year NoFiltr, our youth brand, reached tens of millions of youth directly with prevention and support messaging. By focusing on the issues youth face online every single day, we're sparking conversations that bring this issues into the light.

NOFILTR'S 2021 IMPACT:

260M impressions

65,000+ conversations about the issue via our channels

Nearly 300k followers across social media



Parents are rightfully concerned about their kids navigating online spaces safely—but it's an awkward conversation and they're not sure where to start.



In 2021, we launched Thorn for Parents, a digital resource to guide parents with knowledge, tools, and tips. We're empowering parents to have these conversations with their kids earlier, more often, and without judgement.

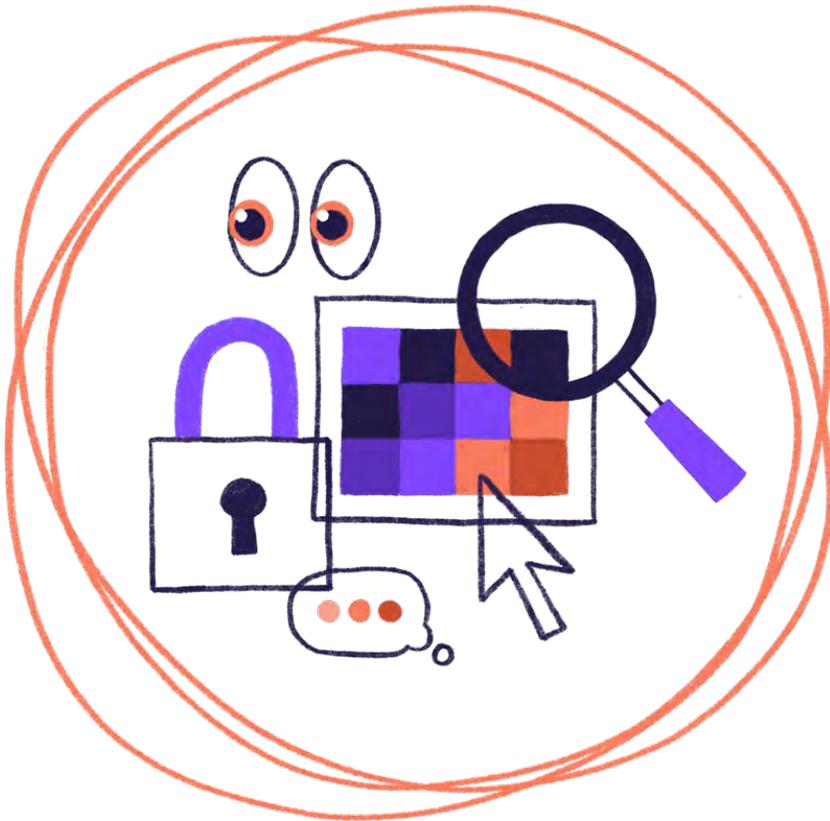
THORN FOR PARENTS' 2021 IMPACT:

76M impressions

500k visitors

443k parents and caregivers engaging with content

Thorn's tools and programs fight child sexual abuse throughout the entire online ecosystem.



Because of our work:



Abused children are identified and removed from harm and their abusers are held accountable.



Viral child sexual abuse material is removed from the internet to end the cycle of trauma.



Behaviors and attitudes around the creation and resharing of self-generated CSAM are changing.

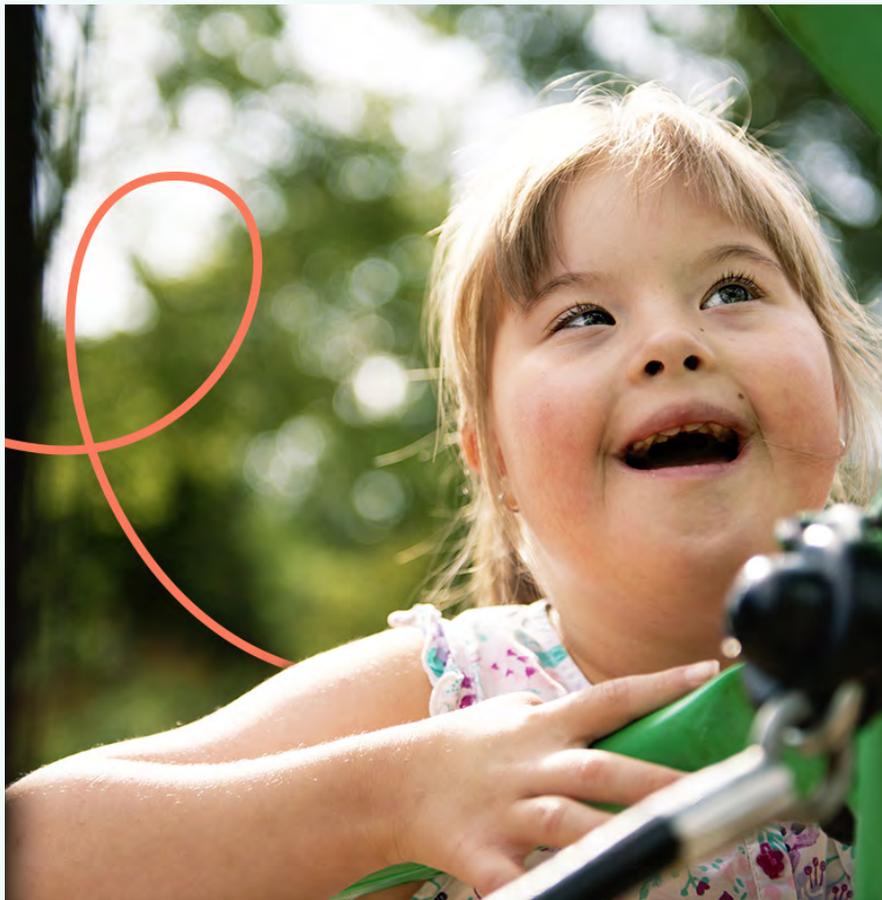


Kids have increased awareness of and can better recognize online grooming.



Critical conversations are happening between youth and parents that prevent online harm.

This work is only possible because of
our generous donors.



IN 2021:

Over
1,200
of you
committed to
monthly gifts

More than
600
new Builders
committed to
defend children

This year we had a record number of supporters fund this work. We are grateful to the 3,800 people who want to help build a safer world for children.

Thank you to our Builders and longtime donors who ensure we have sustainable, predictable funding to meet our ambitious goals.

Become a Builder at: thorn.org/donate



As long as CSAM spreads on the internet, as long as there are children who need our help, as long as new forms of technology emerge, we will be there.

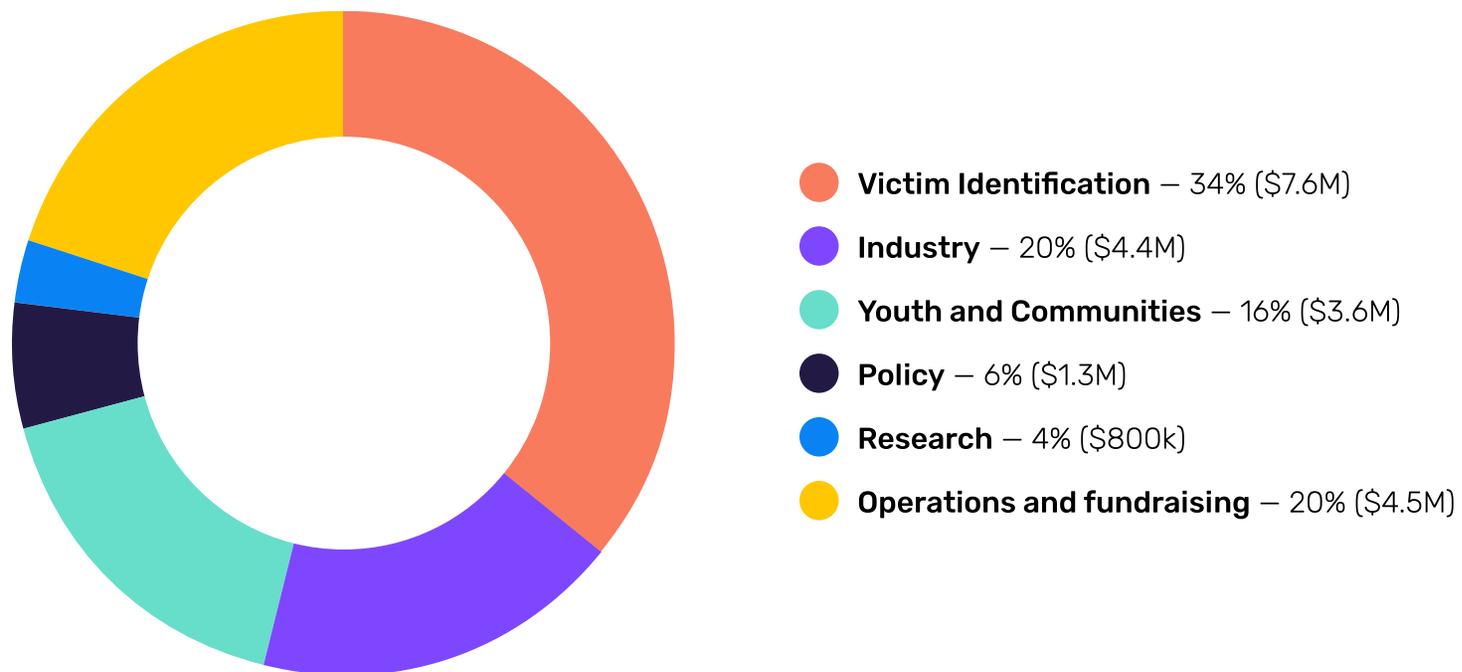
Until every child
can be a kid.

Thank you for your support in 2021,
2022, and for the years to come.

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FINANCIALS

Your support enables us to bring the best and brightest minds to address this complex and urgent issue.





Redesigning the Future

The internet wasn't designed with child safety in mind, but we're working to ensure it will be from now on. Here are some additional areas of impact that create a foundation for defending children from sexual abuse online.

RESEARCH

Our programs and tools are always informed by our cutting-edge research, centered on the voices of youth.

Our key moments:

- Two groundbreaking reports released
- Press coverage in outlets such as The Platformer, Bloomberg, and Yahoo! News



Bloomberg

yahoo!
news

POLICY

The importance of our policy work is coming into sharp focus as the issue of online child sexual exploitation becomes a focal point of legislation in the European Union (EU) and beyond. We've made significant investments in our policy team and feel well-equipped for the road ahead.

Our key moments:

- Meetings with 20 European lawmakers
- G7 Interior Minister Summit
- Met with 30 U.S. Congressional offices