



2022

# IMPACT REPORT



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“

I love being part of a community that sees no walls, in our classes we find such joy and happiness while learning together. ”

Terese- Volunteer Teacher



## Message from our Founder

As the founder and Executive Director of Felt Education, I am proud to present our impact report for the past year. It has been a year of growth and impact, with our global student numbers on the rise and an amazing team of students and volunteers who have made it all possible.

Despite these successes, we know that there is still so much more work to be done. That is why we remain committed to our mission of providing quality education to all and are grateful for the support of our community.

Together, we have made a difference in the lives of many. But we know that there are still so many who need our help. That is why we need your continued support to keep driving our mission forward.

Thank you for your commitment to Felt Education. Together, we can make a real difference in the world.

*Caroline*

# MEET ADI

## FROM TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH

Adi, or Albert, fled from the Democratic Republic of the Congo when he found out that he had a target on his back. His crime? He had publicly criticised the government and someone had told on him.

His words were used against him, his house was seized and he faced a lengthy prison term.

He sent his wife and children to stay with family, and the night before he had to surrender, he got into the back of a truck to start a 5-month journey to safety and reunion with his family. Now they are reunited in the Bronx, and Adi is learning English so that he can support his family rebuilding their lives.

*I love my classes, my English is so much better than before, I feel free...*





# BY THE NUMBERS

**HOURS**



**1924**

HOURS OF CLASSES

**STUDENTS**



**1512**

FROM 73 COUNTRIES

**VOLUNTEERS**



**53**

IN 7 COUNTRIES



**PROGRAMS**

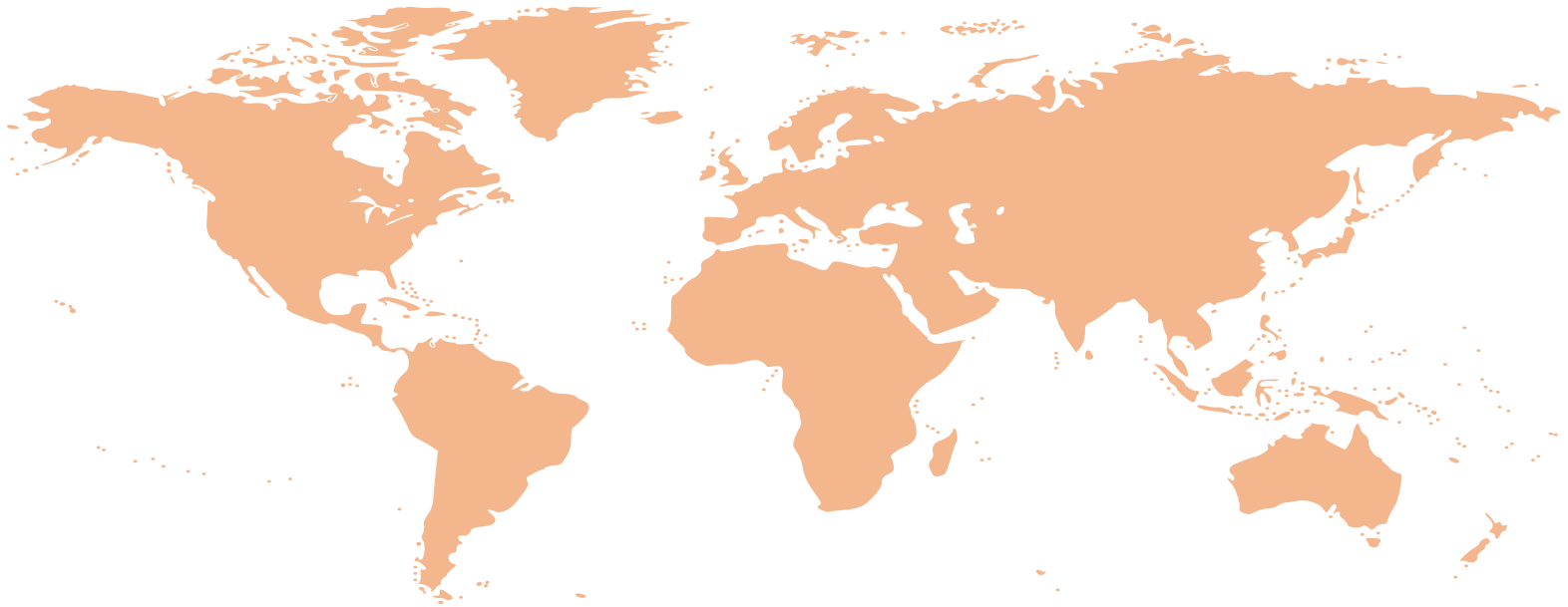
**8**

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**4,900**

THE QUALITY OF OUR VOLUNTEERS IS UNMATCHED. OUR TEACHERS ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS. WE ARE LUCKY AND APPRECIATE THEIR EXPERTISE TO GUIDE US AND HAVE A REAL IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY.

# GLOBAL REACH



Ukraine  
Sudan  
DR Congo  
Panama  
Chad  
Saudi Arabia  
Libya  
Iran  
Iraq  
Turkmenistan  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
Peru  
Morocco  
Rwanda  
Oman  
Palestine  
France

Mexico  
Guatemala  
Japan  
China  
El Salvador  
Venezuela  
Colombia  
Syria  
Yemen  
Brazil  
Uganda  
Senegal  
Honduras  
Chile  
Bolivia  
Guyana  
Azerbaijin  
Russia

Nicaragua  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Haiti  
Eygpt  
Ethiopia  
Ivory Coast  
Bukina Faso  
Algeria  
Turkey  
Mali  
Somalia  
Guinea  
Guinea-Basseu  
Serbia  
Czech Republic  
Mongolia  
Nepal

# MEET MARIA-SANTA

## A STORY OF RESILIENCE

Maria apologises for the lack of photo but she is still hiding from the men who trafficked her to the US.

She is still scared of them, but has met amazing people who have helped her transition into a safer life and are helping her get established.

They helped Maria find her English classes with Felt, and she is so delighted to speak some English. She has made some good friends in class. Even though they are all online, she feels like she has found a safe home and can now start her journey as a survivor and a student.

My class is my social space, I learn and I chat. I love to chat.







# Message from our Chairperson

Over Felt's first five years, I've watched as programs expanded – adding students, teachers, and volunteers from across the globe – and what began as FeLTNYC evolved into Felt Education.

In 2022, our supporters helped raise nearly \$24,000 in funds that went 100% towards programming for over 1,500 students and 49 volunteer teachers, administrators, and classroom assistants. Felt Education operates on a 100% volunteer basis to provide trauma informed education to build vibrant communities for our students. Without the dedication of our volunteers, we could not have hit this 5-year milestone. Kudos to each of you, and thank you for all that you do!

As we look toward 2023, the Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that Felt Education remains a source of empowerment for our communities around the globe. This year, as program needs continue to grow, we're looking at initiatives that will strengthen Felt's fiscal and operational sustainability, build capacity to scale our programs, invest in our volunteers, and expand the reach of our exceptional team of educators.

We invite you to consider how you might be involved in building the next 5, 10, or even 20 years at Felt!

*Rebecca*

It takes a village,  
and you are our village.



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**HUGE THANK YOU** to our individual donors.  
We would love to name you all, but we also know  
some of you prefer to remain private.

**WE SEE YOU and WE THANK YOU.**

# WHAT IS NEXT?

## 2023 AND BEYOND

This year we are increasing our outreach to include more time zones and classes.

New programs in 2023:

- Financial Literacy
- Literacy
- Wellness
- Citizenship
- Coding

Third generation of our Junior Board of Directors  
NEW podcast

Teacher Training for community students and teachers.

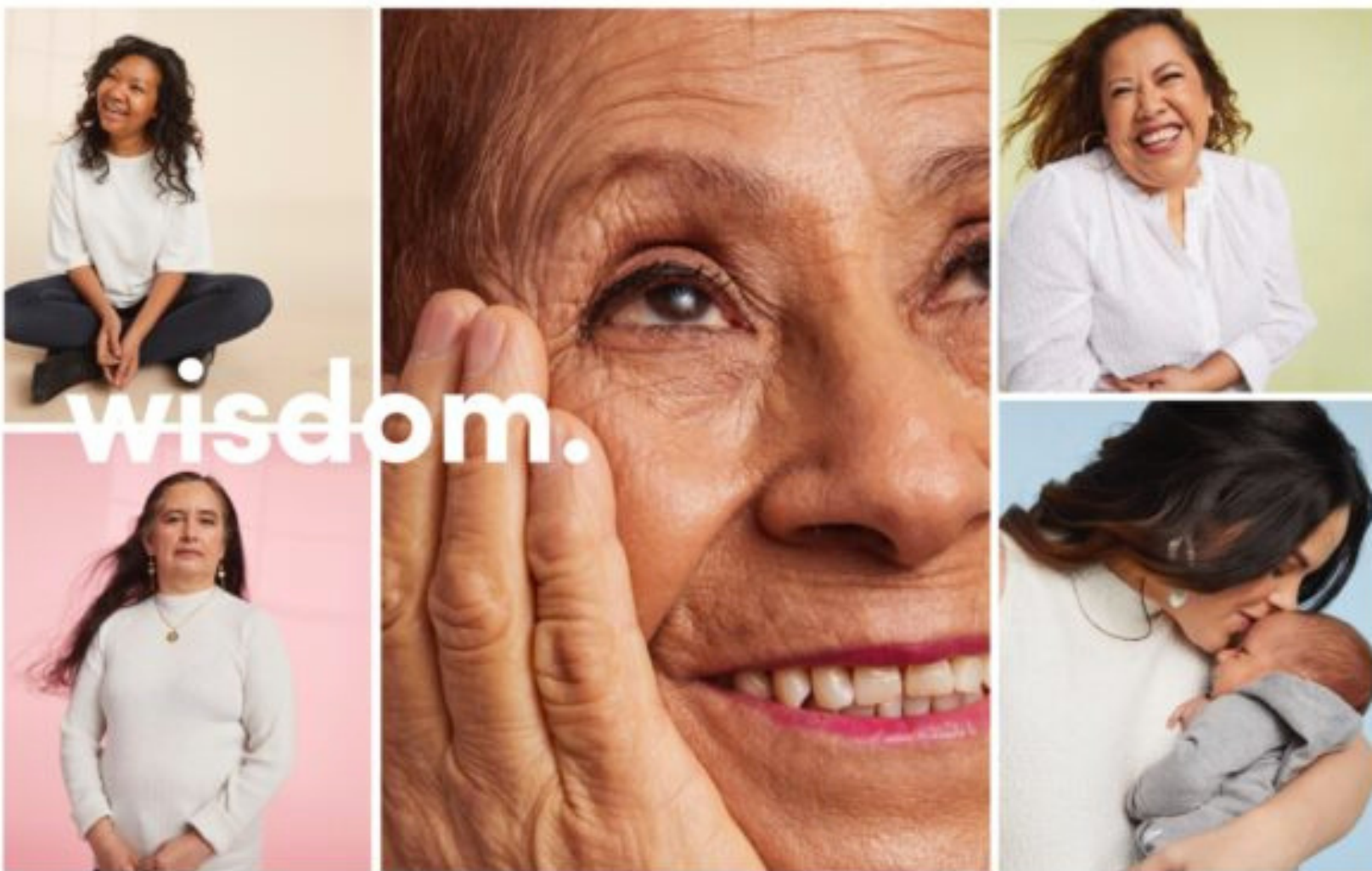
...And so much more!

*Oh the places  
we will go.....*





**Want to be involved?**



Volunteer [www.feltdeducation.org/volunteer](http://www.feltdeducation.org/volunteer)

Donate [www.feltdeducation.org/donate](http://www.feltdeducation.org/donate)

Join us on our journey to build communities, not walls.





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