



## **Annual Impact Report 2022**

Empowering organizations to improve consumers' financial health

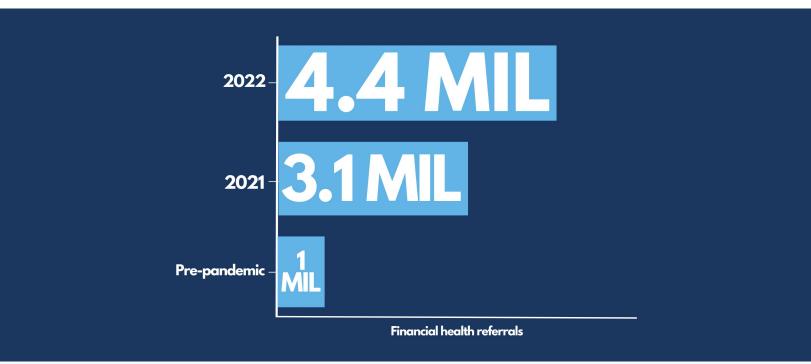


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## Delivered 4.4 million financial health referrals to improve individuals' financial health

At SpringFour, we believe **people deserve connection to financial health resources** they may want or need. We understand that addressing the root causes of financial hardship by empowering people with resources creates a **win-win-win:** improving consumer financial health; customer, borrower, and employee retention rates; and business impacts and ROI.

In 2022, we delivered more financial health referrals in a year than ever before.



Behind every referral is a consumer experiencing financial hardship. We are committed to changing the way our industry responds to people experiencing financial hardship with the goal of eliminating stigma, providing valuable support, and treating people with empathy, dignity, and respect.

# Identified consumer need and delivered resources to improve financial health

22%

### 2022 REFERRALS BY CATEGORY

In 2022, Food Savings and Heating/Utility Costs were our top-referred resource categories consistently all year. Amidst escalating costs, consumers have been looking for support for basic needs. Demand for utility resources more than doubled in 2022 compared to 2021, indicating high consumer distress. In Q4, we saw increased need for **Disaster Relief** resources as natural disaster season intensified and a number of US regions were hit hard from Hurricane Ian and the Marshall Fires. As the US entered the next phase of the pandemic, demand for **healthcare**-related resources slightly decreased while housing assistance and rental resources continued to increase. Interest in Financial Counseling also increased by over 70% in 2022. Meeting basic needs and improving financial health continued to be vital for families in 2022 as inflation increased and almost half of Americans felt their financial health was worse at the end of 2022 than it was before the pandemic.



**FOOD SAVINGS** 

# Empowering people with tools and resources to improve financial health

"An employee was involved in a domestic violence situation and had to move to provide a safe environment for her 3 children with the youngest being a newborn. We provided assistance to help her relocate and get out of her abusive situation. We also provided a list of local SpringFour resources to help her with childcare, food programs to help her and her 3 young children (ages 6, 8 and newborn), rental resources, and heating and utility resources. She was extremely grateful and told us the local SpringFour resources helped her obtain affordable childcare, food for her children, and a reasonably priced apartment rental."

- Contact Center Agent

Strengthened institutions' financial health offerings with deployments at major banks, credit unions, employers, and more

### **SPRINGFOUR PARTNERS INCLUDE:**



#### NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Read about our new and spotlighted partnerships in 2022 with **Mission Lane** <u>in IBS</u> <u>Intelligence</u> and <u>Tearsheet</u>, and **Purchasing Power** <u>in BenefitsPro</u> and <u>PlanAdviser</u>.



Empowered institutions to provide financial health support, adding 2,000 more resources and expanding market coverage into 40 new cities

We are proud to begin 2023 with **over 22,000 resources** in our database of nonprofit and government financial health resources, with coverage in **more than 665 cities** across the United States.



Published newFinancial Health Resource Guidesto offer consumers money-savings tipson a variety of topics



SpringFour is here to help. The following guide provides information about resources for finding assistance with the cost of utilities. This guide is intended as a free resource for families and individuals seeking assistance with accessing programs to assist with utility costs, including heating and cooling, and phone and internet.

SpringFour is committed to providing the most recent information available. Please note that some of the resources listed may have changed after publication.

Para ver la información de este documento en Español Haz Clic Aquí

SpringFour is a social impact Certified B Corporation that provides professionally vetted financial health resources through banks, lenders, servicers, employers, and non-profit subscribers.





\*updated after announcement of federal loan forgiveness program

SpringFour's Financial Health Resources Guides are expertly authored by our Resource Integrity Team. The content-rich guides offer money-saving tips on a variety of financial topics including Finding Food Assistance, Help with Medical Costs, Small Business Support, and more.



FINDING AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE



PAYING FOR Home Repair



EXPANDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES



MAXIMIZING YOUR TAX REFUND

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### Re-designed S4pro contact center tool, empowering agents to further improve customers' financial health

In 2022, **we redesigned our S4pro contact center tool** for agents and counselors, making it more user-friendly than ever.

MODERN INTERFACE provides access to reliable SpringFour resources

FASTER SEARCH with option to choose multiple categories at once

NEW ALGORITHM returns the best, most relevant content

"ADD ALL" OPTION instantly builds the best resource list for customers

**EASIER ACCESS** to referral summary and options to share resources

Read more about the redesign

Watch a video tutorial of S4pro



Same great outcomes Fresh new look





Recognized for social impact and fintech leadership with 3 major industry nominations and awards

Rochelle Nawrocki-Gorey was selected as a **finalist for LendIt Fintech's "Fintech Woman of the Year"** award. From 800 applicants, Rochelle was selected as one of six finalists.

#### **READ ABOUT IT HERE**



SpringFour was named a **finalist for 1871's first-ever Social Impact Award** as part of 1871's 15th Annual Momentum Awards.

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LendIt Fintech

FINTECH WOMAN OF

THE YEAR

2022 FINALIST

Rochelle Nawrocki-Gorey was named a **2022 Inspiring Fintech Female by NYC Fintech Women** in the Founders category. Rochelle was recognized with an awards celebration held at **New York Stock Exchange**.

#### **READ ABOUT IT HERE**





Drove financial health and ESG impact by sharing industry expertise through media and press features, speaking engagements, and thought leadership



**Banks helped us avoid a repeat of the 2008 crisis** 3/2022 | Authored by SpringFour Co-Founders | <u>READ THE ARTICLE HERE</u>



**The Power of Community: Support, Energy, and Rejuvenation** 4/29/2022 | <u>READ ABOUT THE EVENT PANEL HERE</u>



**Bootstrapping a Social Venture in Fintech** 9/2022 | <u>LISTEN TO THE PODCAST HERE</u>



**Promise and Pitfalls of Fintech** 10/4/2022 | <u>READ ABOUT THE EVENT PANEL HERE</u>



**SpringFour Connects Bank Customers with Financial Wellness Resources** 11/7/2022 | <u>READ THE ARTICLE HERE</u>



Customer financial health should be a top priority

11/8/2022 | LISTEN TO THE PODCAST HERE



"Now is the time for banks to implement solutions that can help customers weather this financially challenging time.... Deploying solutions that help banks' customers build more resilience, manage their day-to-day expenses, and offer concrete suggestions and resources for when making payments becomes difficult should be prioritized. Innovative solutions do exist."

Rochelle Nawrocki-Gorey, CEO & Founder, SpringFour <u>"A recession may be coming. Are banks ready to help</u> <u>their customers?"</u>



Amplified partners' ESG efforts by empowering customers with vetted financial health resources

SpringFour is featured in the following impact reports released in 2022:

<b>M&amp;T</b> Bank	ESG Report
	Annual Report
<b>OppFi</b> <sup></sup>	Social Impact Report
BMO 🍄 Harris Bank	ESG Mention in Annual Shareholder Meeting
<b>OP</b>	Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability Report

"Financial services' increased focus on ESG is extremely positive, and we are proud that so many are turning to SpringFour to ramp up those efforts and achieve measurable impact. Through our suite of financial health technology solutions, organizations are prioritizing their customers' financial health, helping households regain their footing and make their payments. This benefits customers, their institutions, and our communities at large."

**Rochelle Nawrocki-Gorey, CEO & Founder, SpringFour** <u>SpringFour is Integral to ESG: Financial Health is Social Impact</u>



Making ESG Part of Your Financial Health Strategy READ ABOUT THE PANEL HERE | 9/2022

# Expanded talent and industry expertise with 5 new team members



### Yasmine Anavi in

EVP of Business Development and Strategic Partnerships

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### Vinnie Frederico in

Director of Client Engagement and Business Analytics



### Colleen Maxwell in

**Director of Business Development and Compliance** 





## Kate McCarthy in

Director of Product Development and Client Experience

Fannie Mae





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## Morgan Pierce in

Impact and Communications Manager





United Way of Greater Lafayette

## Built trusted relationships with leading financial industry professionals



"Our partnership with SpringFour has been extremely helpful to our customers and our business. Thanks to SpringFour, we are able to provide important resources to our customers based on their individual needs, which strongly aligns with our company's mission of improving the financial health of everyday Americans. The team at SpringFour is passionate and is constantly working hard to enhance our usage of their products."

## **OppFi**

#### Deepti Gupta Director of Corporate Strategy

"We have seen a tremendous benefit to our customers. Since the beginning of our partnership, SpringFour has provided BMO customers with references to over 200,000 crucial financial health resources. This has been a valuable experience that we are proud to offer our customers, and which has also benefited the bank through improved portfolio performance."



Harris Bank

#### Jeoff Begin Vice President, Head of US Collections & North American Small Business Special Accounts





"We are driven to support every facet of need in the markets we serve, delivering the capabilities of a larger bank with the care and empathy of a local institution. SpringFour is a like-minded partner. Their platform allows us to offer customers an easy way to locate local resources to address financial challenges and help them achieve financial wellness, so we can make a difference in their lives."



Richard Gold

# Set the stage: SpringFour's goals to prioritize financial health in 2023 and beyond

This year, the industry and SpringFour clients can expect to see even more from SpringFour. Some of our goals for 2023 and beyond are outlined below.



**Launch new product** to provide an even more comprehensive SpringFour experience

Enhance customer journey with improved tracking

and reporting capabilities





Onboard new partnerships and enhance existing relationships to generate deep and broad consumer impact

**Expand resource offerings** in new financial categories and geographic areas to address consumer and market trends and meet the needs of those experiencing financial hardship





**Make more financial health referrals** in a year than ever before, with a goal of more than 4.5 million referrals

**Change the conversation** around financial health to eliminate stigma, provide support, and treat people with empathy



## **THANK YOU!**

SpringFour would like to thank all our partners and supporters who have joined us in our mission of improving financial health and empowering institutions to connect their customers to financial resources they want and deserve.

"We discovered SpringFour and decided to add it to our toolkit. Our expectation is that now that we've got this broader set of tools, we'll be able to help a lot more people through their financial challenges."



Shane Holdaway CEO



"I really think that every single lender should be helping their borrowers any way they can in this environment we're in today. And this [SpringFour] provides resources, it provides information, and really, when it comes down to it, it's going to increase your bottom line by helping your collections. So, while I never really say this, I think every lender in the country should be using SpringFour or resources like it."



**Peter Renton** Co-Founder and Chairman

"Every day we use SpringFour because it gives our counselors the ability to address our clients' overall financial health. We use S4 with every client interaction so we can be sure to create meaningful, lasting impact on their financial lives. SpringFour referrals are key to reducing household expenses; when we do people are able to get back on track and even begin to save again."

**Jim Triggs** President and CEO



