

# Celebrating Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



In 1978, our founders opened a temporary shelter in their home to serve as a "bridge" to assist individuals with returning to useful places in society. In 1979, we bought our first shelter: it housed 6 small families.

In 1984, we moved into a renovated church that sheltered 60 women & children. We began to specialize in family & sexual violence due to the number of clients needing a safe haven.



In 2011, the new 38,500 square foot, 100 bed, comprehensive crisis center opened. All programs we had developed over thirty-three previous years, are now offered in one location.

The Bridge is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest crisis center in Texas. Our mission is to *“offer support, provide safety, and prevent domestic and sexual violence”*

**24-hour Crisis Hotline: 713-473-2801**



# *40 Years Tells A Story*



*901,500  
nights of safety  
provided*



*More than 1,000,000 hours  
of family and sexual  
violence crisis support*



*2,704,658  
nutritious meals  
served*



*10,374 children  
received child care  
& advocacy*

## *A message from our Executive Director Deborah Moseley*

### *Looking Back...*

40 years ago, the Penney's and the Russell's (our founders) had a vision to volunteer their time, money, and beds in their homes to protect survivors of violence. They prayed for guidance and now 40 years later I stand amazed and so humbled by what that vision has become. Through the faith of a mustard seed, a small emergency shelter grew into one of the largest, most respected, comprehensive crisis centers in Texas, celebrating 40 years of rebuilding lives and proving that "love can build a bridge"!

The Bridge serves a multitude of purposes—we offer a place where survivors can share their story and be heard, we present a path on which to discover options and we provide the opportunity for clients to receive one-on-one assistance to accomplish their personal goals. Our agency addresses underlying causes of domestic and sexual violence and homelessness through the use of crisis intervention by means of direct service programs. We utilize evidence-based practices to address the root causes of family violence and integrate them into the provision of our direct service efforts.

The Bridge offers research-based, client-centered services to achieve its goals of 1) breaking the cycles of homelessness and violence and 2) rebuilding lives. Bridge services are comprehensive-addressing physical, mental, and emotional needs while always honoring the choices of each client.

The Bridge has given over 500,000 women, children, and men a hand up, a bridge to cross over, a hug, a life, and a chance. We could not do this without each and every one of you. So thank you for your support for the past 40 years. You're vital to The Bridge's mission "to offer support, provide safety and prevent domestic and sexual abuse"!

## Revenues

Government Grants:	\$4,399,179
Non-Government Grants:	\$818,485
In-Kind Donations:	\$669,366
Auxiliary Activities:	\$48,753
<u>Interest and Other Income:</u>	<u>\$105,279</u>
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$6,041,062</b>

## Expenses

Program Services:	\$5,504,266
<u>Supporting Services:</u>	<u>\$662,640</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$6,166,906</b>

## Current Board of Directors

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## *Looking Forward...*

We're breaking ground on our new community center in the winter of 2019! The Bridge will be able to offer specialized, trauma informed services to ***more than 200 children & youth each day***. Our team of specialized advocates use the most current, proven methods to ensure children have fun while learning the skills they need for long-term success in school and in life.

Our new childcare is designed to provide a well-rounded experience and ensure children become confident & joyful as we give them empowerment, voice, and choice—to the strength-based nature of trauma-informed care which fosters recovery and healing.





**With heartfelt GRATITUDE, we extend a sincere THANK you for donating your time & talent to work on our facilities, cook meals, donate needed items, volunteer & participate in our fundraisers, and make monetary donations!**

**We offer special recognition to those that made monetary contributions of \$2,000 or more in 2017.**

**Government Funding**

Child Care Council of Greater Houston, Inc., Emergency Solutions Grant

City of Houston Community Development Block Grant

City of Pasadena, Emergency Solutions Grant

Harris County Community Services Dept. Emergency Solutions Grant

Office of the Attorney General, Other Victim Assistance Grant

Office of the Governor, Victims of Crime Act, Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services (State and Federal)

Texas Department of Agriculture, Child/Adult Care Food Program

Texas Department of Housing Community Affairs, Emergency Solutions Grant

Texas Health and Human Services Commission – Family Violence Grant

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Supportive Housing Program

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Transitional Housing Assistance Program

**Grants and Foundations**

Albermarle Foundation  
Boeing Employee Community Fund  
The Brown Foundation  
Burns McDonald Foundation  
The Clayton Fund Foundation  
Bill & Helen Crowder Foundation  
The Hamman Foundation  
Hildebrand Foundation

Houston Endowment  
The Lubrizol Foundation  
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Nat'l Domestic Violence Htltn.  
Shell Oil Company Foundation  
Slaughter Family Foundation  
Stanley & Joyce Rawley Foundation  
Strake Foundation  
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Fraternal Order of Eagles 2752  
G2 Ministries – Pastor Agiri  
Calvin Powitzky  
Running Alliance Sport  
Vicki Lilly-Tallman  
Texas Motor Transport Assoc.  
TPIS Industrial Services  
United Way Houston  
United Way Baytown  
University Baptist Church

**In 2017, your generous donations helped 1,000's of women and children!**

673 women & children found safety in Emergency Shelter

35,532 total days of shelter

12,402 hours of individual crisis support for adults

3038 hours of crisis support for children

11,831 hotline callers & family members helped

338 family & sexual violence support groups offered

138 on-site hospital & police visits for new victims

