

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

THE REAL IMPACT OF THE BRIDGE









"They are people I can talk to about what's happened to me."

-Jessica, age 15

Our mission is to "offer support, provide safety, and prevent domestic and sexual violence"

24-hour Crisis Hotline: 713-473-2801

Hundreds of Lives Changed!

307 women & 325 children found safety in Emergency Shelter

35,422 total days of shelter

18,188 hours of individual crisis support for adults

5,273 hours of crisis support for children

24,047 hotline callers & family members helped

600 family & sexual violence support groups offered

131 on-site hospital & police visits to support survivors of violence

"They give me a support system."

-Suzi, age 9





A Letter from Our Executive Director, Deborah Moseley

Every marvel of science, every medical breakthrough happens because a child realized their potential. Unfortunately, for children brought up in homes where domestic and sexual violence is present, the fear and negative experiences of living in an abusive home can seriously stunt their emotional growth and make it more difficult for them to achieve their full potential. The Bridge recognizes that the way forward for adults and children involved in domestic violence situations is to create a structured, safe and nurturing environment where they can thrive.

When a family lives free of fear and can communicate effectively, new possibilities open up and each regains the opportunity to succeed. Just as a cruel and negative word can tear down a person's self-esteem; a kind and positive word can nourish a person's soul. We are all responsible for building strong families and communities and opportunities to do so are abundant in our day to day lives. I met two men recently whose stories show the importance of intervention:

I volunteer as part of a prison ministry and I recently spoke with a man who spoke to me about growing up in a very abusive home, where his father demeaned his mom mentally and physically almost daily. He told me he knew when he was 6 years old that he would kill his father for the things he was doing to his mom because no one else was helping her. When he was 16, he made the only decision he believed was open to him: he killed his father and he's spending his life in prison as a result.

A week later, a local Pastor spoke of when he was a young boy living in a home filled with violence. He said that his mom walked through the doors of our shelter, that she felt safe, and that he saw what it was like for others just like her... strangers at The Bridge to help them get back on their feet. He said he felt the love and compassion and knew that he wanted to do something like that when he grew up. Therefore, he became a Pastor.

The first man is in prison for life. I asked him who helped him or who ever told him that this was not his fault and that this was not his place to protect his mother. He answered no one. This was so eye opening for me. It became so clear to me that unless we, all of us in our communities, reach out and tell these little boys and girls that violence in the home is not their fault and show them others care about who they are, our prisons will continue to be full and our little ones lost.

This is the difference between intervention/prevention and none. We are all called to advocate for these survivors of violence and effect positive changes in their lives.

Revenues

Government Grants: \$5,167,142

Non-Government Grants: \$1,007,540

In-Kind Donations: \$644,741

Auxiliary Activities: \$212,510

Interest and Other Income: \$16,129

Total Revenues: \$7,048,062

Expenses

Program Services: \$5,988,996

Supporting Services: \$750,584

Total Expenses: \$6,739,580

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A Bridge for Kids Capital Campaign: Hope and Healing for Kids!

This two-story building will be the primary space for The Bridge's Children and Youth Programs. In this critical moment, the way we build the places our children live, learn and play should benefit the most vulnerable: children who are victims and/or witnesses to the crimes of family and sexual violence. We hope you will join us as we work to break the cycle of domestic violence through providing a healing and supportive environment for children and their families. To learn more, please contact Becky Kyles at rkyles@tbotw.org or 713-472-0753.



"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men \sim Frederick Douglass

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 2018.

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

Government Funding

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

Emergency Food and Shelter Program

Texas Department of Housing Community Affairs, Emergency Solutions Grant

Texas Health and Human Services Commission – Family Violence Grant & Special Nonresidential Projects 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

Individuals & Businesses

Sarah Bales

Bank of America

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Bayway Auto Dealerships

Beverly Cheek

BIP Crude

Estate of Marlene Ann Caesar

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Clear Creek Community Church

Durrett Motor Company

First Baptist Church of Pasadena

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Home Town Bank

Houston Pilots

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Running Alliance Sport

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Tempo Logistics

Texas Council on Family Violence

Texas Trucking Association (TXTA)

Thrivent

Linda Tuck

United Way Houston

United Way of Greater Baytown & Chambers County

University Baptist Church

Valero Corner Store (CST Brands)

Grants and Foundations

Albermarle Foundation

Bill & Helen Crowder Foundation

Boeing Employee Community Fund

The Brown Foundation

Burns & McDonnell Foundation

The Clayton Fund Foundation

The Hamman Foundation

Hildebrand Foundation

Houston Endowment

Houston Texans Foundation

The Lubrizol Foundation

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