

WHY INVEST IN BRIDGES?

Our mission is to cultivate communities free from violence as we support victims and survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking.

DID YOU KNOW?



the cost of intimate partner violence exceeds **\$8.3 billion** per year
Rothman et al., 2007



Odds are you or someone you know will be affected by one of these traumatic crimes.



Bridges has been serving the community since **1977**



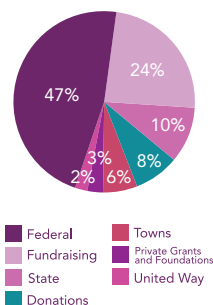
- 1977** Crisis line goes into operation
- 1980** Emergency shelter opens
- 1981** Child abuse information line opens
- 1988** Expanded services to include adult survivors
- 1996** Milford office opens
- 1998** Department of Justice database allows better tracking of number of victims served
- 2002** Rape & Assault Support Services becomes Bridges: Domestic & Sexual Violence Support
- 2005** First annual Kelly Mann Memorial 5k race is held in Nashua
- 2011** Transitional Housing program started with federal grant money
- 2017** 40th Anniversary

Bridges serves 14 communities in Southern NH, providing free and confidential services to victims and survivors.
With your support we can and will end the cycle of violence.

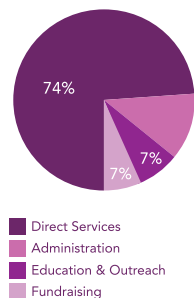
in 2017
2,334 survivors served

HOW WE DO IT

FUNDING



EXPENSES



Bridges saves lives

WHAT WE DO

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Advocates provide emotional support and information for survivors through our 24-hour support line and in person at our offices Monday-Friday, no appointment necessary. Advocates can also meet survivors at the hospital, police department, or court.

HOUSING

Janice's House
We offer a safe, confidential shelter at a non-disclosed location for those fleeing dangerous domestic violence situations. Janice's House is a comfortable home in a residential environment. Trained advocates offer support, information, and referrals to survivors staying in our home, to assist them in rebuilding their lives.

Transitional Housing
Support for survivors to find a new place to call home along with help managing the expenses that come with that milestone.



SUPPORT GROUPS

Weekly ongoing support groups for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. Groups create the opportunity for survivors to learn from each other while they continue their own healing journey.

58 of total number of survivors served attending support groups

COURT ADVOCACY

Emotional support and assistance in seeking restraining orders with help filling out the necessary forms. Advocates also provide support through child custody cases, divorce, criminal, and sexual assault trials. Bridges covers Milford, Merrimack and Nashua courts.

234 of total number of survivors served receiving support in court

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Presentations related to domestic and sexual violence are delivered to local schools, businesses, and civic groups. Education programs include bullying, sexual harassment, and teen dating violence prevention. Professional presentations in the community are also offered.

196 workshops provided
6,573 participants

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY

Ongoing support to children who have been sexually abused and their caregivers. Ongoing support to children who witness domestic violence and their nonviolent caregivers. This support often lasts for years and is very intensive.

299 of total number of children served

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