Because of you, the Bridge we imagined is becoming the Bridge we know.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Bridge.
A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Strengthening Communities

“Staying the Course” was the theme of our recently concluded 50th Anniversary celebration. After reflecting on five decades of mission-driven work, we look forward with optimism and a renewed commitment to our children and families. We are confident that by staying the course and continuing to offer vital programs and services, we will meet the growing and complex needs facing communities today.

The Bridge is a community. Your community. Our community.

It is short-term shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and life-skills training for high-risk teenagers, boys and girls. It is a soft pillow to lay their troubled heads on each night. It is a warm meal shared with caring counselors. Security, healing, and comfort. It is community housing assistance for young people as they navigate their way to adulthood and learn basic life skills. Independence, confidence, and responsibility.

It is our Family Resource Center and its support services that enhance parenting skills, promote family involvement, and help young children to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Welcoming, accepting, and enlightening.

It is counseling for kids and families who struggle as they face life’s challenges. It is an effective presence in our schools through mentoring, support groups, and crisis intervention. Courage, strength, and hope.

We have faith that what we do each day makes a difference. Faith that we have stayed close to our original vision of raising up and celebrating families. Faith that we will move into the future honoring that vision. Because sometimes people can’t find the light, so we at the Bridge have to be that light. The pathway through the darkness. The hand that reaches out to hold another. The ladder that boosts someone up. Thank you for helping us shine that light.

From the day in 1969 when a group of forward-thinking and compassionate people opened a drop-in center for teenagers in West Hartford, to the Bridge in 2020, two enduring values—community and faith—have guided our work. They are woven into our culture, they are present as we respond and adapt to economic and social changes, and they sustain us as our mission touches the lives of nearly 9,000 children and families each year.

Thank you for being part of the treasured Bridge community and for having faith that your generosity indeed makes a difference in the lives of those who seek a brighter tomorrow.

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Supporting Families While Building Communities

Our Family Resource Center (FRC) has nurtured the development of healthy families, created connections between families and schools, and built a network of support for children from birth to age eleven for almost thirty years. The Center is nationally recognized for its excellence and has earned several coveted awards and designations, including being selected as a “School of the 21st Century – National Demonstration Site” by the Yale Zigler Center for Child Development and Social Policy and as one of the ten best programs for families in the country by Working Mother magazine.

The impact the FRC has on our community is as broad and diverse as the integrated system of family support services it offers. Given the number and variety of FRC programs, it is helpful to think of its reach in terms of four components: Early Childhood Development, Adults, Families, and Schools. Each of these elements work in concert to ensure all members of the family receive the guidance, resources, and support they need to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. For instance, while young children participate in early learning playgroups, their parents are in a room nearby learning literacy skills to help with creating budgets, reading nutrition labels, and assisting children with their homework.

“It is so rewarding when our grandparents, parents, and little ones share with us how our programs have helped them. Through early learning playgroups for children and their parents and caregivers, home visits to monitor child development, adult ESL classes, parent education classes, parent leadership training, and after-school programs, we provide a warm, accepting environment where families can grow and thrive,” said Deborah Zipkin, Family Resource Center Director.
DONOR PROFILE

Amanda and Scott Aronson
Transforming the Lives of Children and Families

Since we were founded over 50 years ago, philanthropy has played a vital role in realizing our vision of Every family. Every child. Every time. We are deeply grateful to our many generous donors who choose to make a difference in the lives of the children and families who come to the Bridge seeking help and healing. Amanda and Scott Aronson are among our most inspiring and impassioned supporters, and together they have already transformed the lives of countless individuals and will continue to do so well into the future.

Amanda and Scott are mission-driven people who believe strongly in the power of philanthropy and volunteerism. When they returned to Connecticut from Boston in 2004, they researched organizations in the West Hartford area that supported issues they cared about. The Bridge addressed nearly all their priorities, so they made their first gift. “We love the scope of the organization’s mission. It meets the needs of people at every age and stage of life, and we appreciate that the Bridge offers services balanced among prevention, intervention, and response. We were drawn to their strength in the community,” relates Scott.

From that initial donation, their involvement with the Bridge evolved to include attending Bridge Evenings and the Children’s Charity Ball and becoming charter members of the Bridge Leadership Circle. Amanda served on the Ball committee for a number of years, leading to a position on the Board of Directors and serving as chair of the Development Committee. In 2016, Amanda joined the leadership team at the Bridge as Director of Marketing and Communications. “We were always certain the Bridge was a trusted and effective organization to support, but seeing it from the inside just reinforced how well run it is and how vital its work is in the community. Most people won’t ever know the depth and breadth of the mission, because so much of its work is done quietly and privately behind the scenes,” Amanda reflected.

With two children at home and Scott’s increasing work responsibilities, the family needed more flexibility to accommodate their busy schedules, and Amanda resigned from her position in 2018. She may have left the job, but she certainly didn’t leave the Bridge. “The Bridge is more than a place, it is a feeling, and it will always be close to our hearts. We love the dedication of the staff in all the program areas and the sense of family we have felt as part of the volunteer community of the Bridge. It’s a beloved organization that people are drawn to, and the closer you get to it, the more you truly appreciate the team and work,” says Amanda. “It just has a ‘secret sauce’ that is unlike any other organization where we have been involved,” she concluded.

The Aronsons’ commitment to the Bridge has a profound impact on our children and families today…and tomorrow. As members of the Bridge’s Planned Giving Society, Builders for the Future, they have made a bequest that will enrich the work of the Bridge for many generations to come. Please join them in supporting the Bridge to build a brighter future for our families and community.
The 21st Anniversary of our Children’s Charity Ball was a tremendous success, raising over $220,000 to sustain and enhance our vital programs and services. The theme for the event was “Staying the Course”, our guiding principle as we enter a new decade of serving and enriching our communities. Thank you to our exceptional committee, generous sponsors and amazing guests for making this possible!
Bridge Leadership Circle

As a group of our most distinguished donors, Bridge Leadership Circle members are committed to ensuring a bright future for children and families in our community by pledging $1,000 or more annually for three years. Their outstanding commitment is helping to build a solid foundation the Bridge can count on for its critical work.

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BUILDERS FOR THE FUTURE

The Bridge’s Planned Giving Society, Builders for the Future, honors donors who have made a bequest or other planned gift to support our future and leave a legacy for many generations to come. Joining is simple; just include us in your will and let us know you have done so. No gift is too small for permanent membership, and the impact will be deep and long-lasting. We are grateful for this most profound level of support for the Bridge and are proud to recognize the members of Builders for the Future:

- Amanda and Scott Aronson
- Lori M. Budnick
- Robert J. Burke
- Miriam Butterworth*^
- David L. Clay
- Edward Cohen^
- Thomas Driscoll and Patricia Teufel
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MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE

The Bridge is also pleased to recognize the generous donors to The Bridge Family Center Fund, our endowment fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Along with members of Builders for the Future, these donors are committed to ensuring our ability to meet the needs of children and families far into the future. Contributors this year are:

- Karen and Tim Brown
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You can make a lasting difference for the children and families of our community by making an outright or planned gift, such as a bequest, to The Bridge Family Center Fund. The Hartford Foundation provides management expertise, is a resource for advice on planned giving to the Bridge, and can work directly with you and your advisors on structuring a gift to the Fund.

To learn more about making a gift to The Bridge Family Center Fund, please contact Martha Rennie, Director of Development, at (860) 521-8035 ext. 1105 or martha@bridgefamilycenter.org.

More information is available on our website, www.bridgefamilycenter.org.
**Income and Expenses**

Year Ending June 30, 2019 | The Bridge Family Center, Inc.

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**TOTAL INCOME** 7,964,753 (57,037) 7,907,716

### EXPENSES

**PROGRAM SERVICES**

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**TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES** 6,359,445 6,359,445

**SUPPORTING SERVICES**

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**TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES** 1,558,246 1,558,246

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 7,917,691 7,917,691

Change in Net Assets 47,062 (57,037) (9,975)

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