

Shining Our Light

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



THE
BRIDGE
FAMILY CENTER

OUR DEDICATED TEAM

Nearly 160 people are employed by the Bridge Family Center. Youth workers, nurses, mentors, therapists, parent educators, program directors and many more are on the front lines of our work every day. A strong leadership team and engaged Board of Directors support them and steer our course. We thank our entire team for their tireless commitment to the

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*“Hope is being able to see
that there is light despite
all the darkness”*

Desmond Tutu

*Thank you for taking the time to
learn more about the Bridge.*

Shining Our Light

When we think of the Bridge, we are reminded of the North Star.

The North Star always stays in roughly the same place in the sky, making it a reliable way to find the direction of north. While other stars move across the night sky, the North Star remains constant. For centuries, it has served as a guiding light for those searching for direction.

For 57 years, the Bridge has been the “North Star” for so many in our community. We have stood strong, never wavering, and always providing guidance and support for those who feel lost, overwhelmed, or alone.

We are the light that helps our children and families see, understand, and navigate their challenges. We shine our light by sharing our knowledge and expertise, meeting people where they are on their life journey, and encouraging hope, healing, and positive change.



Margaret A. Hann, Executive Director

This year alone, the Bridge served more than 10,000 children, adults, and families. Shining the light means something a little different for each one.

For some, it means working with a skilled and compassionate therapist in one of our three Counseling Centers. There, feelings of anxiety, depression, loneliness, and failure are explored and road maps are created to help our clients move through darkness and difficult times.

For others, it means finding a safe, welcoming, and inclusive place at our Family Resource Center. By nurturing the development of healthy families, strengthening connections between families and schools, and building a network of support, we are shining our light on the young children and families in our community.

For the teens and young adults in our Residential and Independent Living Programs - who have faced seemingly insurmountable challenges - our light provides stability, guidance, and the reassurance that hope is possible.

Through the development of coping skills, strong prevention and intervention programs, and structured support, the students in our Positive Youth Development programs feel the strength and courage our shining light brings.

In our Mosaic Parenting Centers, we shine our light by strengthening parent-child relationships, promoting healthy attachments, and coaching parents as they develop the necessary skills to safely and lovingly care for their children.



Peter Macdonald, President

Our light continues to shine brightly - guiding children, strengthening families, and helping individuals find their way forward - because of you and your commitment to our mission. Thank you!

As a recent graduate of one of our Independent Living Programs recently said, "Friends of the Bridge are everything. To know that I was not alone and people, who I have never met, cared about me gave me the strength and resiliency to overcome my past. I will be forever grateful to the kind-hearted strangers who made such a positive difference in my life".

Embracing our light

Our work is not just about helping others survive their darkness. We strive to help children, adults, and families find the strength to rise above their struggles, discover their potential, and build brighter tomorrows filled with hope and inner peace.

There are countless stories of our clients who have transformed pain and despair into courage and resilience. It is an honor to be a part of their journeys, and we share their experiences as a testament to the power of shining our light.

Recently, I graduated from college. A wish, a hope, a dream I never thought possible.

Just six years ago, my mom and I were homeless and I spent most nights sleeping in our car. It was hard to go to school, study, work, and act like my life was normal.



It was really hard, but with the incredible support of my caseworker at the Bridge I not only survived, I thrived. She believed in me and showed me I was capable of realizing my goals of working in the film industry.

I have spent the past four years at Connecticut College and am so proud of what we accomplished together. Because of my caseworker and the Bridge, I have had an incredible journey and am looking forward to an even brighter future.

Celebrating those we serve

Transitioning to a new culture, including learning the language and traditions, was very difficult for my family and me. At times, we felt hopeless. Through the many programs offered at the Bridge's Family Resource Center, we were able to overcome the tough challenges and begin a new life in America.

At the Family Resource Center, everyone's differences are embraced and celebrated. For the first time in our lives, my family and I felt seen and accepted for who we are and what we can contribute to our community.



“My wife kind of encouraged me to go try out therapy and it ended up helping a lot more than I thought it would. You find out a lot more about yourself than you think you'd ever know. I met my Bridge therapist and she just had this connection with me and she didn't compare me to other clients—she made me feel like an individual and it felt good to know that you're not alone in this whole journey.”



BRIDGE BY THE NUMBERS

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

COUNSELING CENTERS

The Bridge operates 3 outpatient counseling clinics located in Elmwood, Farmington, and West Hartford. This year these clinics:

- Held 10,997 counseling appointments
- Served 451 youth and 279 adult clients
- Opened a new Counseling Center at 2 Bridgewater Road in Farmington
- Offered medication management services to clients who are currently engaged in therapy at the Bridge, as well as people who receive therapy from another provider.

STTAR HOMES

The Bridge manages 3 Specialized Trauma Informed Treatment Assessment Reunification (STTAR) homes. In FY25 our STTAR homes:

- Served 54 youth with an average stay of 190 days
- 33 males and 21 females lived in one of our homes

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (FRC)

The Bridge supports the healthy development of families in the community through the FRC. This year, the FRC:

- Served over 1,300 children and parents
- Offered 3 parent-led Community Cafes for families of children with special needs
- Graduated 16 new parent leaders through our PLTI program
- Enrolled 14 families, speaking 8 different languages, in our English for Families and Futures classes

MOSAIC PARENTING CENTERS (MPCs)

The MPCs, located in Hartford and Cromwell, provide structured support and coaching during family visitation sessions for parents who are working on family reunification after a child has been removed from the home.

IN FY25 the MPCs:

- Served 286 children and families
- Conducted 399 visits

MOVING ON PROJECT (MOP)

The MOP is a transitional living apartment program that assists males ages 18-21 in developing the skills they need to live independently.

This year, the MOP:

- Served 17 DCF Youth
- Had a 95% positive discharge rate
- 7 youth were employed

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Our programs provide transitional housing, support, and guidance in the final steps to independent, responsible adulthood.

In FY25:

- Served 112 young adults
- 73% of clients were enrolled in education or vocational programs
- 93% of clients had access to safe and stable housing



To learn more about the Bridge, visit www.bridgefamilycenter.org and follow us on social media!

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YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Our youth and teen programs provide counseling, mentoring, and support groups for young people who are struggling with difficult life issues. The Teen Center, School Based Counseling, and Mentoring programs comprise these services. This year:

- Served 1,778 youth
- Saw 47 mentoring clients at 16 different West Hartford public schools
- Hosted 104 drop-in sessions and 9 Teen Nights at the West Hartford Teen Center

OUR SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER



The 27th Annual Children's Charity Ball

A Sky Full of Stars

This year's Ball will shine far beyond one memorable night. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our guests, sponsors, and auction donors, we raised \$277,000 in support of the Bridge's programs and services.

A very special thank you is extended to our Honorary Chairs, Rick and Kate Deurloo; our Presenting Sponsor, RTX; our Diamond Sponsors, Connecticut Wealth Management and Liberty Bank; our Emcee, Scot Haney; and the incredible group of women who work tirelessly to ensure the success of this extraordinary evening.



Executive Director Margaret Hann with West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor



Board member Kim Ambrose spends some time with her husband and West Hartford Public School employees



Guests enjoy dinner at the Hartford Golf Club



Committee members Ellen Sayers, Heather Clifford, and Suzanne Miller



Committee member Kara Fenn and guests of Sapphire sponsor Tidewater Wealth Management

OUR SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER



Top Left: Board and Committee member Caitlin Arnold and guests

Top Right: Committee member Laury Currier and her husband Allen

Middle: Honorary Chairs Rick and Kate Deurloo

Bottom Right: Board member Carlos Badiola and Board President Peter Macdonald with Executive Director Margaret Hann



THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY BALL



Top Left: Jill Coscarelli with her son Michael and Chris Gent

Top Right: Emcee Scot Haney, Honorary Chairs Rick and Kate Deurloo, and Executive Director Margaret Hann

Middle: Dave Donovan, Committee member Sarah Townswick, John Bierly, and Board and Committee member Judy Bierly

Bottom Left: Linda Ruby with Committee member Cheri Stabnick

Bottom Middle: The Newtons of West Hartford - Ted, Jon, Committee member Dee, and Ronni

Bottom Right: Board Vice President Karen List with Board and Committee member Helen Drohan



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. Members demonstrate their dedication by contributing \$1,000 or more annually for three consecutive years. Their outstanding commitment helps build a strong and reliable foundation the Bridge can count on to sustain and expand its critical work.

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Sarah Townswick

Providing Hope and Healing for Children and Families

Care, concern, action -- these are the three words Sarah Townswick uses to describe the Bridge. Having been involved with the organization for over a decade, she has seen first-hand how these words impact our work with children and families.

“The Bridge spoke to my heart and priorities of helping children and families at a profound level. It has been heartening to see the creativity and flexibility of the Bridge to meet the rising and ever-changing needs of the people they serve. One example of many, is the residential staff’s assistance in helping a teen living in the shelter go to their high school prom,” Sarah replied when asked about her connection with the Bridge.

The teens in our residential homes hold a special place in Sarah’s heart. “The homes uniquely target an often forgotten population, teenagers, who need care, stability, and concerned adults in their daily life. The shelters enable young people to hit “reset”, helping them get a fresh start and gain skills for an independent and productive life,” Sarah explained.

In addition to being a generous annual donor, Sarah has served on the Children’s Charity Ball committee for ten years. “The committee inspires me with their dedication, energy, and creativity! This impressive group works so hard behind the scenes to coordinate our annual fundraising event,” she enthused.

“We are so grateful for the many ways Sarah has supported our children and families. Her commitment to our mission is unparalleled and we have greatly benefitted from her thoughtful actions and meaningful contributions,” noted Margaret Hann, Executive Director of the Bridge.



Sarah with her children Camille, Charlie and George

To learn more about supporting the Bridge Family Center, please contact Doreen Tarascio, Director of Development and Communications, at (860) 521-8035 ext. 1108 or dtarascio@bridgefamilycenter.org.

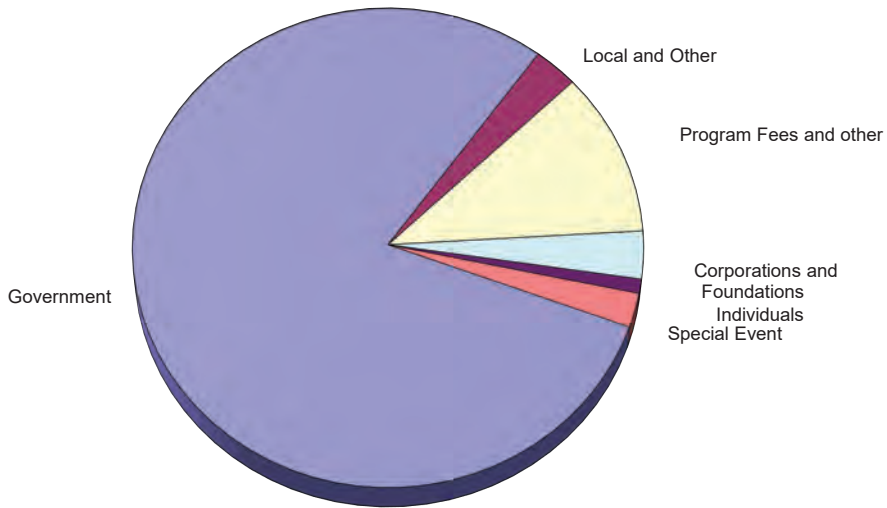
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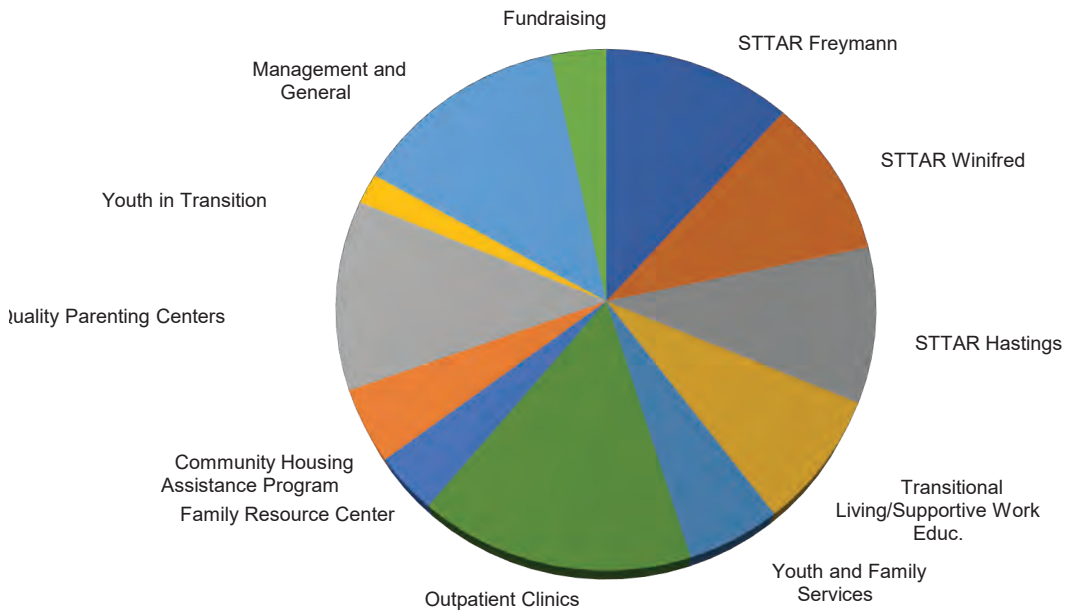
Year Ending June 30, 2025 | The Bridge Family Center, Inc.

INCOME	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Revenue			
Government	8,833,150		8,833,150
Local and Other	316,229		316,229
Program Fees and other	1,231,785		1,231,785
Net assets released from restriction-satisfaction of program purposes	276,467	(276,467)	0
Charitable Contributions:			
Corporations and Foundations	131,008	225,500	356,508
Individuals	106,518		106,518
Special Event	255,903		255,903
Total Income	11,151,060	(50,967)	11,100,093
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
STTAR Freymann	1,291,189		1,291,189
STTAR Winifred	1,097,377		1,097,377
STTAR Hastings	1,067,278		1,067,278
Transitional Living/ Supportive Work Educ.	919,494		919,494
Youth and Family Services	603,839		603,839
Outpatient Clinics	1,765,701		1,765,701
Family Resource Center	411,764		411,764
Community Housing Assistance Program	514,995		514,995
Quality Parenting Centers	1,303,443		1,303,443
Youth in Transition	208,722		208,722
Total Program Services	9,183,802		9,183,802
Supporting Services			
Management and General	1,480,982		1,480,982
Fundraising	375,153		375,153
Total Supporting Services	1,856,135		1,856,135
Total Expenses	11,039,937		11,039,937
Change in Net Assets	111,123	(50,967)	60,156
NET ASSETS, beginning of the year	5,031,704	109,795	5,141,499
NET ASSETS, end of the year	5,142,827	58,828	5,201,655

Revenue



Expenses



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Because of your generous support, we served nearly 10,000 children, adults, and families in FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).

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