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Thank You for Supporting The Bridge in 2021

Happy New Year and Welcome 2022!

As we put 2021 behind us we remember the many women, children and men who found safety and support through our services during the year. We are thankful for our incredible staff, our strong Board of Directors, our amazing volunteers, wonderful community partners and our generous donors.

From 7/1/20 - 6/30/21 staff and volunteers responded to **3440** calls for help on our 24-hour crisis line.

538 individuals with **541** kids received crisis intervention and support services.

51 individuals were provided crisis intervention on the scene with law enforcement and in the emergency room where they were provided medical crisis intervention.

50 individuals were provided safe and confidential shelter and support services. **60%** of those sheltered were able to move on to a safe home free from violence.

95% of individuals seeking homeless prevention case management had permanent housing at the completion of our services.

This past year we were in a few less classrooms due to COVID, but still gave **560** prevention presentations to over **5000** students. Due to the pandemic we have had to make some adjustments to our hands on activities that we do with the youth. But we are so grateful that our programming was determined an “**Essential Service**” and Stacey Lichtenberg our Educator has been allowed to remain in the schools.

Our staff and community have worked hard to remove barriers, seek resources and think outside of the box due to some of the new challenges the Pandemic has created. We wish everyone a safe and happy new year!

Thank you for helping us make a difference and sharing hope!

Christmas Adoptions

This year we were able to provide **15 families with 41 children** Christmas presents, thanks to our amazing supporters, the Stuchlik Family, Chris Sullivan, Cedar Bluffs Presbyterian Women, Debbie Koertner, Vickie Stafford, Nye Health Services– Cathi Sampson Random Acts of Kindness Group, & Terry & Tim Sautter.

We have also received a variety of gift bags, food, clothing, and toys that we also provided to the families.

The families that received these gifts were extremely grateful!



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Festival of Hope 2021

This year's Festival of Hope was a success. Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in our online silent auction, you helped us raise over \$10,000! We pledge to continue the fight to keep our friends and neighbors safe from violence and to offer hope, strength and support.

A huge thank you to this year's sponsors— Smith Law Office, Anytime Fitness, Steve & Pam Thomsen, Brenneis Insurance Agency, Braun Counseling Services LLC, Scriber Bank, Bank of Prague, Charter West Bank, Union Bank & Trust, Wholstone Farms, First Northeast Bank of Nebraska, Memorial Community Hospital & Health System, Brehmer, INC., First State Bank, Franciscan Healthcare, Sid Dillon, Methodist Fremont Health, Randy Senteney & Karen Allen, Dan & Misti Johnson, & Hannah Pritchett.

Thank you to all the businesses, and people who donated the items for the auction. It wouldn't have been possible without all of you— Becky Novacek Photography, Fremont Golf Club Ladies Assoc., Valley View Golf Course, Hilltop Country Club, It's A Great Hair Day, Runza, Max Design, Saunders Medical Center, Pines, Wheaten Greetin' Room & Groom, Cordes Customs, Z's Bar & Grill, Elkhorn Valley Golf Club, Fremont Golf Club, Oakland Golf Club, Petersen's Bar 75, North Bend Golf Course, Northridge Country Club, Chatterbox Brews, Greg's Barber Shop, Studio 213, Linda's Shear Impressions & Massage, American Broadband, Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, Durham Museum, Fremont Area Retired Personnel, Hilton Omaha, Kay McGill, Mary Coday, Ja Harnisch, Deb Riley, Stacey Lichtenberg, Dotty Gemar, Sarah Monke, Thomas & Evelyn McKnight, Lauritzen Gardens, Lincoln Children's Zoo, Omaha Children's Museum, Rose Theater, Steiny's General Store, Nye Technology Solutions, Jayme Bieker, Lincoln Children's Museum, Nelsons Food Pride, Top Golf, Storm Chasers, Country Gardens, Holstein Veterinary Clinic, Kathy Gilson, & Jeremy Rehwaltd.



The Bridge Staff

Suzanne Smith, Executive Director

Jody Bykerk, Shelter Program Manger

Stacey Lichtenberg, Community Education Coordinator

Jody Koziol, Washington Outreach Coordinator

Jennifer Thomason, Criminal Justice Advocate

Kylie Kampschneider, Sexual Assault/Criminal Justice Advocate

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Incredible Donations

The following names are of those who donated to The Bridge between the dates of December 1– December 28. We regret the accidental omission of any donor. Thank you for your donation and continued support; we could not do it without you!

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Needs List

Tracfones & Minutes	Industrial Broom
Security Cameras (ring door-bells, hunting cameras, etc.)	Toilet Brushes
Copy Paper	Old Cellphones
Stamps	Bottled Water
Brooms & Mops	Sports Bras (all sizes)
Cleaning Buckets	Size 7 Diapers



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The Bridge Services

24-Hr Crisis Line: 1-888-721-4340 or 1-402-727-7777, Crisis Intervention, Emergency/Temporary Shelter, Support Groups for Women and Children, Medical and Legal Referrals, Criminal Justice Advocacy, Public Education and Awareness.

Victim services are free, confidential, and available in Spanish.

Women's Support Group

Fremont - Women's Support Group in English, and in Spanish, and Children's Rainbow Days Group are still currently not active.

Volunteer at The Bridge

The volunteer rate remained steady as over 77 million Americans volunteered hours last year. Those who volunteer enrich our community and keep our nation strong. Volunteering goes beyond helping other people. Studies have shown that the volunteers themselves benefit, whether through increased job prospects, better health, or even better overall well-being. Nebraska rates 7th highest in volunteer rate, with 34.6% of Nebraskans volunteering their time.

We respond to nearly 4,000 crisis calls each year. If you or someone you know would like to get more involved with The Bridge, please encourage them to contact us (402-721-4340 or email: info@bridgefromviolence.com) to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

LEAVING A LEGACY

A thoughtful planned gift can become a beautiful legacy you leave to The Bridge and to the victims of abuse who come through our doors for years to come. Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts are a few of the many avenues you may consider for continual support. An attorney can help you decide which option best fits your personal needs and financial circumstances.

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