Embracing Hope & Supporting Survivorship

Serving Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull
Dear Friends and Supporters,

When we first sat down to talk about our 2019-2020 Annual Report, our thoughts were focused on celebrating our past, present and future. We were excited to mark our 125th year as a nonprofit, dedicated to providing hope and healing to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and child abuse in the six communities we serve.

This past year has been filled with tremendous accomplishments. We were the proud beneficiary of the 2019 Fairfield Christmas Tree Festival and honored recipient of Bank of America’s 2019 Neighborhood Builders Award.

We have had so much success advancing our mission: We launched our LatinX Bilingual Direct Services Team; hired the first staff attorneys for our Pro Bono Legal Center; and added the services of a child clinician to provide ongoing therapy to our youngest clients impacted by trauma.

Little did we know when we first began planning this report that we would also be called on to transform the way we provide services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are so proud of the way the entire CFJ team has rallied to be there for our clients. While the majority of us worked remotely, we continued to keep our safe house and hotlines fully operational. Our Direct Services team held Zoom counseling sessions. Our Camp HOPE America – Bridgeport team pitched in to connect the youth we serve with technology for school and emotional support. Our advocates were there 24/7 to help a growing number of families experiencing a new wave of abuse this health crisis triggered.

Throughout this spring, we were inspired by one of our Camp HOPE America – Bridgeport alumni, Ethan O., who collected groceries for his fellow campers’ families and used the tagline #HopeIsNotCanceled as his call to action.

Ethan’s words have come to serve as a motivational mantra for us during this incredibly challenging year. The last several months have demonstrated how committed we all are to keeping victims safe as we empower them to become survivors. Hope is quite alive here.

A wonderful example of this hope in motion was our April Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® event. In the interest of public health, we took our walk virtual. We were thrilled when it was the most successful in its eight-year history. This success motivates us as we move forward in our efforts to raise money for our COVID-19 Relief Fund. It is imperative we remain focused on the continuation of the mission that began 125 years ago when our founding predecessor, The Bridgeport YWCA, began helping local women escaping domestic violence.

Our clients need us more than ever. We remain committed to doing everything in our power to be there for them.

With our warmest regards and appreciation,

The Center for Family Justice

breaks the cycle of abuse and violence – domestic, sexual and child – by providing services that create hope, restore lives and drive social change through education and community collaboration.

―CFJ has been an incredible resource and a place where I’ve received help, comfort and support within a safe and confidential environment.‖

…Alexa, Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group Member
**THE YEAR IN REVIEW HOPE BY THE NUMBERS**

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YWCA of Eastern Fairfield County founded in Bridgeport by a group of Protestant women to support the “physical, social, intellectual and spiritual condition of young women.”

1900
The YWCA establishes a permanent residence to offer to young women working in Bridgeport factories a “safe haven” from the stresses of urban life.

1942
YWCA opens new four-story headquarters at 263 Golden Hill Street which includes a gym, auditorium and residence.

1960s
YWCA begins to focus on social issues and programs with a particular focus on women’s rights and civil rights issues.

1963
The YWCA adds a Director of Suburban programs as Route 25 expands leading to an exodus to the suburbs.

1970s
Local YWCA participates in the national Y’s “One Imperative” project to eliminate racism and launches the Center for Radical Justice and a Women’s Center as part of its continued support of social justice issues.

1980s
The YWCA expands services to include rape crisis services and opens first domestic violence safe house.

1992
YWCA announces intensified focus on providing refuge to women in crisis, including abuse victims.

1996
Project Connect places domestic violence advocates at Bridgeport Police headquarters.

1997
Bridgeport YWCA disaffiliates from national YWCA to become The Center for Women and Families of Eastern Fairfield County.

1999
CWF adopts new mission statement focused on preventing abuse through intervention, education and advocacy.

2000
The Greater Bridgeport Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MIT) is created to respond to child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse cases.

2005
Fairfield’s David Nessel becomes CWF’s first male board chair.

2013
Ribbon cutting for Paul’s Place, CWF’s first transitional home for abuse victims leaving emergency shelter.

2014
CWF becomes The Center for Family Justice and begins the process of becoming Connecticut’s first Family Justice Center.

2014
CFJ founds its VOICES Survivors Group.

2016
CFJ holds a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its 753 Fairfield Avenue, headquarters to reveal extensive renovations and welcome multiple community partners on-site as part of its Family Justice Center model.

2016
CFJ chosen as one of 16 national sites to launch a Camp HOPE America program, which it does in partnership with the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA.

2017
CFJ partners with the nonprofit Triangle Community Center to provide on-site LGBTQ programming and services.

2017
CFJ launches its Justice Legal Center, Connecticut’s first legal incubator to expand legal services to its clients.

2019
CFJ launches its Pro Bono Legal Center to further meet the legal needs of its clients.

2019
CFJ launches its LatinX Direct Services teams to serve Spanish-speaking domestic violence victims.

2020
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CFJ temporarily takes most of its services remote.

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CFJ Launches its online Training Institute to expand its community prevention work.

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125 Years
The Center for Family Justice is pleased to honor nOURish BRIDGEPORT, Inc. as its 2020 Partner with Purpose award recipient. nOURish BRIDGEPORT is a nonprofit, founded ten years ago by the United Congregational Church of Bridgeport and its Senior Minister, Rev. Sara D. Smith, Esq., who also serves as President/CEO of nOURish.

While nOURish BRIDGEPORT provides more than 130,000 meals to local residents annually through its two Bridgeport-based food pantries, it is also a vital resource to CFJ clients seeking to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of domestic violence through its innovative Food for Family Justice Program. Because of this five-year-old partnership, an average of sixty healthy foods.

nOURish BRIDGEPORT Food for Family Justice

CFJ clients a week are able to shop for free food they need to feed themselves and their families at designated time each Wednesday. This include fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meats and poultry, all in keeping with the nOURish philosophy that everyone deserves access to high-quality, healthy foods.

The nOURish team also works closely with CFJ staff to make other accommodations, including deliveries, for client families who cannot access the food pantry on Wednesdays. During the COVID-19 health crisis, the volunteer-powered nOURish team, under the direction of Pantry Director Aly Lake, continued to work tirelessly to give CFJ families access to fresh food and pantry staples through a pick-up program.

“CFJ has been a bright light through a dark period of my life; a light that I never imagined I could see at the end of the tunnel.”

...Janie, Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group Member

HONORING OUR PARTNERS, SUPPORTERS AND LEADERS

2020 Partner with Purpose Award: nOURish BRIDGEPORT, Inc.

The “Food for Family Justice” program allows us to say to our clients, “There’s a safe place to go that will help you feed your family while you get back on your feet,” said Debra A. Greenwood, CFJ’s President & CEO. “To be able to eliminate food insecurity for our clients as they work toward self-sufficiency after the trauma of abuse is a true blessing for them. It’s also a gift for our staff to be able to work with such a generous and trusted partner.”

It is with great pleasure that CFJ honors nOURish BRIDGEPORT and its entire team with this honor.

2020 Community Outreach Award Winner: National Charity League, Fairfield chapter

Since 2016, the Fairfield chapter of the National Charity League has been dedicated to The Center for Family Justice as a philanthropic partner, supporting its mission through the hands-on contributions of mother-daughter volunteer teams dedicated to acts of community service.

Its outstanding teams of mother-daughter volunteers have worked side-by-side to provide CFJ with more than 200 hours of hands-on volunteer service at events including our annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, CFJ Golf Classic, Halloween Boo Bash and the 2019 Fairfield Christmas Tree Festival. Its members have also pitched in to help with packing for CFJ’s annual summer trips to Camp HOPE America-Bridgeport. The Fairfield chapter has also generously supported CFJ by sponsoring tables at its annual Speaking of Women luncheon and pitching in to donate gift cards for clients at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CFJ is grateful to NCL’s Fairfield chapter for the constant enthusiasm and generosity of its members. It also extends its deep appreciation to outgoing chapter liaison, Deb Dies, for her commitment to fostering this enduring relationship.

Our team looks forward to working with members of NCL’s Fairfield chapter for years to come.

Beatrice Boucher Volunteers of the Year: Debra Kovachi and Amanda Valese

Debra Kovachi and Amanda Valese have been named CFJ’s Beatrice Boucher Volunteers of the Year for their outstanding dedication and commitment to serving our clients impacted by domestic and sexual violence and child abuse.

For the last three years Amanda Valese, a Fairfield resident, has supported our team and clients by working at both our Crisis Reception Desk and as one of the first highly-trained volunteers on our team of Crisis Navigators, who provides front-line support to walk-in clients in crisis. The CFJ employees who nominated Amanda for this honor noted the kindness, warmth and compassion she shows in these roles to CFJ’s staff and clients.

Amanda’s volunteer commitment goes above and beyond as she has continued to support CFJ, even while engaged in an intensive internship at another nonprofit as she pursues an advanced degree in counseling.

One of Amanda’s nominators wrote, “With so much going on in her own life, Amanda still finds the time to so generously and effectively support our team and clients. We’re so grateful.”

Debra Kovachi, also a Fairfield resident, works two weekly shifts as a member of our Crisis Navigator volunteer team.

Debra is so committed to our mission that she began preparing for this role as she was about to retire as principal of Monroe El-

dinary School. With a background in social work, Debra brings an exceptional professional skill set to her volunteer role.

Our staff values her constant good cheer, along with her strong abilities to interact with and support our clients impacted by trauma. Deb’s willingness to devote so much time to this role has made her a trusted volunteer and supporter of our Direct Services Team.

One of her nominators wrote, “Whenever Deb is working with one of our clients, I know they are in the best possible hands. It’s wonderful to know she is the person greeting them as they come in the door.”

Carol Roberto Employee of the Year: Anne McGee

CFJ’s 2020 Carol Roberto Employee of the Year is Anne McGee, an Adult Domestic Violence Victims’ Advocate and member of our Direct Services Team.

Anne began her professional relationship with CFJ five years ago as an intern, when she was pursuing her master’s degree in social work from Southern Connecticut State University. Her passion and gift for supporting survivors coping with the trauma of domestic and sexual violence was so exceptional, she was soon asked to join our team.

Since that time, Anne has become a beloved member of the CFJ employee family, admired for her unwavering dedication to the clients she serves as well as her abundant kindness, warmth and compassion. As a survivor herself, Anne understands her clients’ trauma. Her passion for making sure they get all the services and support they need as they work to rebuild their lives is inspiring.

Anne is also the dedicated leader of CFJ’s weekly Domestic Violence Survivors support group, and has worked diligently to create an environment where clients can feel safe to gather and share their experiences, trauma and hope with each other.

In addition to her outstanding work in service to her clients, Anne is an exceptional ambassador for CFJ’s mission. She is the epitome of a team player, frequently baking her delicious gluten-free treats for our staff, or penning original songs about CFJ and leading sing-alongs on her banjo at staff gatherings. She has also stepped out to publicly share her personal story of domestic abuse at events such as CFJ’s annual Domestic Violence Vigils each October. At our 2019 vigils, Anne created individual shadow boxes representing each of the 23 deceased victims who had lost their lives to domestic violence in the previous year.

She stands out as an employee who consistently goes above and beyond to help support the agency and its mission. The entire CFJ is grateful she is part of our employee family and receiving this honor she truly deserves.

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*...Miriam, Domestic Violence Support Group Member*
The Pro Bono Legal Center

The Center for Family Justice made significant inroads in its efforts to bridge the justice gap with the launch of its Pro Bono Legal Center in September 2019. The PBLC began with the hiring of Uswah A. Khan, J.D., an experienced family law attorney, as its first staff attorney and was soon followed by the appointment of Jennifer Ferrante, J.D., as CFJ’s second staff attorney.

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For many victims and survivors, facing their abusers in court can add to their trauma and be overwhelming if they lack the support and advice of experienced legal counsel.

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Since its inception, the PBLC has already had a significant impact on CFJ’s clients in need of legal services. It has served more than 75 clients, providing 498 hours of free legal services.

The PBLC is an outgrowth of a broader, ongoing effort to expand CFJ’s ability to connect its clients with free or affordable legal services. This includes CFJ’s three-year-old Justice Legal Center, Connecticut’s first legal incubator program, which provides an opportunity for attorneys to launch their private practices at CFJ in exchange for providing free of reduced fee legal services to some CFJ clients.

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Some people may be hesitant to seek help because they are unsure of whom to contact or what services are available. The LatinX Community Advocacy Services Team is designed to make it easier for Spanish-speaking clients to access the help they need.

Fostering Hopeful Outcomes: Camp HOPE America - Bridgeport

Last summer, 60 campers ages 7 to 17 were part of the third summer of Camp HOPE America - Bridgeport. CFJ’s therapeutic summer camp and year-long mentoring program for children impacted by trauma and abuse.

CFJ launched New England’s first Camp HOPE in 2017 to offer children and teens who have been the primary or secondary victims of abuse the chance to reclaim parts of the childhoods they have lost. They get this opportunity through a fun, therapeutic summertime program focused on helping them foster newfound hope and resilience in their lives. Through this experience, our campers change the way they see themselves and their futures.

The summer portion of our program is held on the grounds of Camp Hi-Rock, an accredited summer camp in the Massachusetts Berkshires as part of CFJ’s partnership with the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA. Since its inception, Camp HOPE America - Bridgeport has offered more than 150 camperships to children and teens from the six communities it serves.

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Someone to Talk To: Clinician Supports CFJ’s Youngest Clients

Last year, CFJ was able to fulfill a long-time goal of connecting its youngest and most vulnerable clients—children and teens impacted by trauma and abuse—with the services of a skilled clinician.

CFJ was thrilled to welcome its first Child Advocacy Center Clinician, Melissa Martinez, LPC, to offer therapeutic counseling services to our youngest clients and their parents and caregivers.

These one-on-one counseling services were made possible with the support of grants from the Petit Family Foundation and the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through our state coalition, The Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

Thanks to this financial support, Melissa provides her services to all clients free of charge in a beautiful counseling room she decorated to create a safe, welcoming environment. Since her services are free, Melissa is able to offer young clients who have been impacted by crimes involving domestic and sexual abuse intensive therapy during extended sessions, giving them as much time as they need to discuss their trauma.

Since this initiative was launched, Melissa has provided kind, compassionate one-on-one therapy and support to scores of children and families who have experienced significant abuse, offering them the emotional tools and support they need to cope with their adverse experiences.

Melissa works as part of CFJ’s nationally-accredited Child Advocacy Center, which coordinates the Mult-Disciplinary Team of Greater Bridgeport. This team is led by Director of Youth and Adult Services, Kayte Cwikla-Masas and includes CFJ’s Family Advocate Rosario Terron. Together, this team works collaboratively to address serious cases of child abuse in our region.

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“I started coming to The Center for Family Justice because I had to, but then I kept my appointments because I wanted to. Speaking with my advocate has helped me release a lot of stress and anxiety and helped me stay calm at home. I’ve received coping skills that actually make sense to me. And I can be myself here.”

—Isabella, Sexual Assault Survivor

“Walking through the door at CFJ, I wasn’t ever sure if I would feel like myself again. But my advocate and support group have helped me turn my life around and have given me the hope to believe at the end of the tunnel, there’s light.”

—Juanita, Domestic Violence Support Group Member