



2024

# ANNUAL REPORT

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Blue Sky Bridge is committed to addressing and eradicating child abuse and creating lasting change in our community.





# Our Values

Children First

Be At Our Best

Resilience & Wellness

Respect & Inclusion

Gratitude

**“Thank you for all that you do. Boulder is lucky to have you and we are grateful.”**

*Caregiver/Parent*



## Dear Friends of Blue Sky Bridge,

As we approach our 30th anniversary in 2025, I am reflecting on this journey we've taken together at Blue Sky Bridge. It has been my honor to lead this organization for the past 12 years. While I will be stepping down on January 31, 2025, I am certain that Blue Sky Bridge will continue on its critical path as a **beacon of hope and resilience for Boulder County.**

With our Intervention, Therapy, and Prevention Education programs, **we create lasting change for children and families.** Thank you for your support so that we can offer our services free of charge to those affected by abuse.

**Our Intervention Program supports families and gives children a voice.** Brave children and teens talk about their experiences on their terms, with someone who understands how to hear them. Safe and supportive caregivers receive support, resources and referrals as long as they need it. And families have access to medical professionals to get all their questions answered.

**Our Therapy Program helps children heal and grow.** Trauma therapy measurably reduces trauma symptoms and our newest treatment model can even reduce the onset of PTSD while increasing communication in the family.

**Our Prevention Education Program empowers kids and helps adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to abuse.** In the last five years, our School-based Prevention Education program has grown 73%. Teachers value its results in instilling healthy boundaries, and we are seeing evidence that **our education program is reducing the incidence and severity of sexual abuse in Boulder County.**

We are grateful to our community members who support us financially and with their time and talents. From pro bono branding and systems consultants, to our team of education volunteers, to our terrific Board of Directors and Associate Board, **we can't do this work without you.**

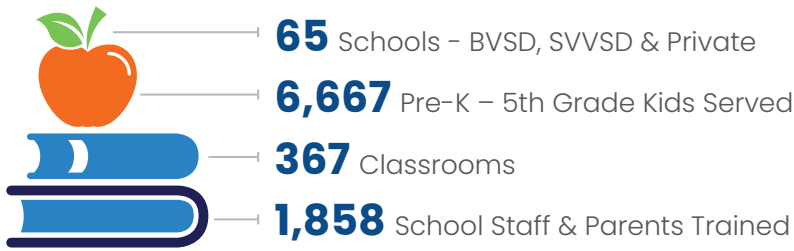
Much more is coming as a new Executive Director takes over. We are creating a new permanent space in Longmont for therapy and community-building. Our programs continue to grow and evolve. Join us as we help Boulder County be a safe place for children and families.

*With hope and gratitude,*

*Gina Maione Earles, Executive Director*

# OUR IMPACT

## The 2023-24 school year



## Student breakdown by grade\*



\*3% represents other grades

## PREVENTION EDUCATION

Blue Sky Bridge believes that education is a tool for preventing child abuse. Our school program utilizes a three-tiered holistic approach that includes a presentation with tips and resources for parents, training for school personnel, and developmentally age appropriate presentations for kindergarten, 3rd, and 5th grade students.

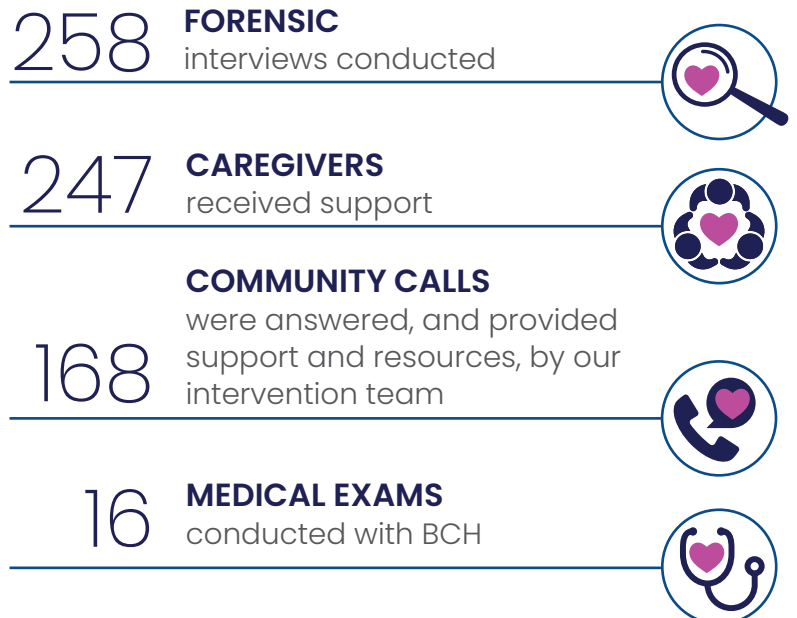
We believe it is the responsibility of adults to keep children safe and are committed to helping adults learn how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. We offer a range of trainings and outreach opportunities throughout the year to serve our partners and community members.

## INTERVENTION

It used to be that a child would have to tell their story of abuse over and over to potentially more than a dozen school officials, police officers, doctors, attorneys, and social workers. Today, a child and their family is able to come to one place, our place.

By providing a centrally-located, child-focused facility and a coordinated response by all investigative agencies, we are proactive in our approach to helping families during child abuse investigations. We provide immediate intervention, forensic interviews, crisis intervention counseling, medical exams, family support, and follow-up services to child victims and non-offending family members.

## Intervention by the numbers



**“Que te escuchan y te dan orientación sobre todo los problemas.”**

Caregiver / Parent

*“They listen to you and give you guidance on all your problems.”*



**39 THERAPY CLIENTS**

**15** Children completed treatment and graduated therapy, showing reduced trauma symptoms.

## THERAPY

Early intervention of mental health services is crucial to the healing process and the long-term health of child victims of abuse. Treatment is designed to reduce negative emotional and behavioral responses and post-traumatic stress symptoms after a traumatic incident. We offer a variety of evidence-based trauma-focused modalities – including Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (**TF-CBT**), Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (**EMDR**), and The Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (**CFTSI**) – for children who have experienced a traumatic event.

We offer therapy in both English and Spanish, and clients can receive services in-person in our Boulder or Longmont offices as well as tele-mental health.



## EXPERIENCE, SHARED

*“Blue Sky Bridge’s prevention education program has been a bright spot in our family’s education! My children have gotten a strong, age-appropriate foundation on which to build self-confidence and a sense of safety about their bodies. As a parent, I now have a simple shared language that I can use to talk to them about difficult topics like bodies, sexuality, and consent!”*

*As a millennial/child of the 80s and 90s, we were taught that bodies were a source of shame and taboo. I’m so glad as a parent to have this resource to normalize the topic and as a result, give my kids a healthy relationship to their bodies. I would strongly encourage all parents to attend the optional live webinar to understand more about their children’s development and safety.”*

**SVVSD parent**

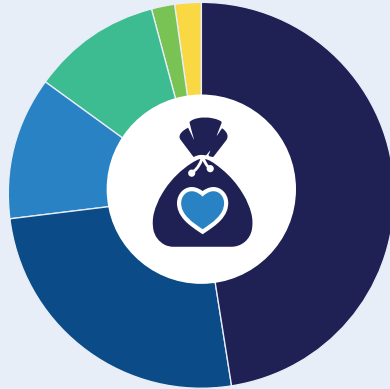
*“It was so vivid [the worst time in my life] because we were dealing with so many other things – detectives and psychologists – when we were in a financial crisis. To get support [at Blue Sky Bridge] that we didn’t have to pay for. We didn’t have to delay the process. I can’t tell you what a life saver that was at that time. I hope your funders know.*

*There was no stigma. Me with no knowledge of how this works. It felt very supportive and very collaborative and respectful. How “easy” you made it seem (behind the scenes) in a respectful and compassionate way with the ability to start the healing process.”*

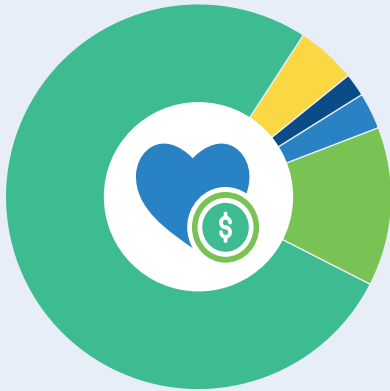
**Parent of a child who received a forensic interview and therapy services at Blue Sky Bridge.**

# FINANCIALS

## Operating Income



## Operating Expenses



## Income Statement

	FY24	FY23
Operating Income	\$1,574,927	\$1,806,059
Operating Expense	\$1,693,548	\$1,796,543
Net Operating Income	(\$118,622)	\$9,516

## Statement of Financial Position

	3/31/24
Current Assets	\$544,074
Fixed Assets, net	\$1,684,666
Other Assets	\$567,848
Total Assets	\$2,707,588
Current Liabilities	\$97,702
Long Term Liabilities	\$9,227
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,871,979
Restricted Net Assets	\$782,681
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,707,588



A Moveable Feast™ | June 1, 2024 | Boulder



# OUR SIGNATURE EVENTS

**A Moveable Feast™** is a progressive dinner benefiting Blue Sky Bridge where guests begin their evening at an appetizer reception, at a private residence, socializing and enjoying savory bites. Then guests head to various homes across Boulder County, where dinner hosts create a unique dining experience in an intimate setting. We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated supporters, generous sponsors, and the gracious hosts of both our dinner and appetizer gatherings.

**By the Glass** is a festive gathering that brings the community together to support Blue Sky Bridge while enjoying savory appetizers and specialty drinks in a fun social setting.

All photos courtesy of In Kind Sponsor, Lisa Doane Photography.



By The Glass | January 31, 2024



## A Moveable Feast™ XXV Sponsors

June 1, 2024

### Culinary Catalyst \$25k

Alice Wonderland Fund

### Gold Palate \$10k

Annette & Tom Kissinger  
Sherial & Greg Starr

### Joy of Cooking \$5k

Terri A Benjamin Family Fund  
The Michael & Nancy Berman Family Foundation  
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Stacey & Eric Kramer  
Melton Design Build  
Karin & Jeff Morgan  
Tess Roering & Nathan Dopp  
Trash the Runway  
The Mary & Tim Wolf Family Foundation

### Boulder Gourmet \$3k

Michelle & Tom Gallop  
Inna & Norman Jones  
Peak Asset Management, LLC  
Jessica & Yancey Spruill

### Epicurean \$1,500

Alpine Bank  
Amy & Terry Britton  
Colorado Health Quest  
Julie & Karl Maier  
Megan & Jonathan Schoenberg  
Christine & Doug Werking  
Sabra & Dave Willner  
Wong Orthodontics

## By The Glass Sponsors

January 31, 2024

The Studio, Boulder

### On The Rocks \$5k

Savory Catering

### Stirred - \$3k

Melton Design Build

### Shaken - \$1,500

Melissa Roza & Rico Changeux  
Inna & Norman Jones  
Stacey & Eric Kramer  
Sabra & Dave Willner  
Zim Consulting

## Our Staff\*

**Gina Maione Earles,**  
*Executive Director*

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# Discover Blue Sky Bridge

We are Boulder County's Child Advocacy Center, committed to addressing and eradicating child abuse and creating lasting change in our community.

## MISSION

Blue Sky Bridge is a center dedicated to creating lasting, positive change in the lives of children affected by abuse in Boulder County and beyond.

## VISION

To be a beacon of strength, leadership, hope and resilience with a commitment to addressing and eradicating child abuse.

## PROMISE

We pledge to champion children's safety through a dedicated center offering training, education, coordinated response teams, and therapeutic healing, ensuring the highest level of care.

**EDUCATE** | foster safe communities by providing the tools to protect children from child abuse and child sexual abuse.

**ENGAGE** | bring together a comprehensive team focused on intervention in service of children's health and well-being and provide support for children and families

**EMPOWER** | give children a voice and help them build fortitude through care, therapy and healing

**"I really liked the puppet shows**

**and the 'No, Go, Tell' plan.**

**Blue Sky Bridge is the best!"**

*3rd Grade Student*



*Artwork by students*