Dear Friends of the Bridge,

Because of you...
This year, we were able to provide shelter and food to more than 500 abused, abandoned and neglected youth in our community.

Because of you...
We were able to send counselors into the homes of hundreds of youth and their families to provide much needed counseling and support services.

Because of you...
Truant and homeless youth, LGBTQI youth and runaways who were locked out or sexually trafficked found a safe haven where they could receive love, attention, and respect.

Because of you...
Dozens of youth will graduate and begin to realize their dreams of attending college or vocational school with an opportunity to become productive community members.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Dorcas L. Wilcox
CEO
I was honored to know that I had made such an impact that he wanted me to be present at this important milestone in his life. I accepted the invitation with much joy and pride.

When the client first arrived at Miami Bridge, he had been dealing with many challenging and negative issues with his grandmother who eventually refused to care for him. He gradually came to accept the reality of his situation and at the same time started to make steady progress by working hard at our on-site school and in the clinical group sessions. In time, he learned to communicate effectively and took responsibility for his actions. He also began to focus on setting short- and long-term goals, telling me that he wanted to finish high school and then join the military.

At the graduation ceremony, he confided that he made it “by the skin of his teeth.” I reminded him about the upheaval and trauma he had experienced, and reassured him that he had been able to turn himself around in a short time. He had made remarkable progress and was now poised to move on to the next phase of his life, at which point he told me he would be joining the army. I saw his focus and determination to continue reaching for his goals.

Here was a young man who had been abandoned by his mother and father, aunts and uncles, and then placed in the foster-care system. With great perseverance and the desire to better himself, he was able to achieve one of his goals by finishing high school. This young man has made me proud and has helped me reflect on why I wake up every day and do what I do. It is to make a difference in the lives of young people.
# MIAMI BRIDGE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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99% of youth show reduction in high-risk, anti-social behavior while in program.
Emergency Shelter Care

When kids in crisis need a place to go, Miami Bridge is there to provide care at its two emergency shelter facilities. When youth run away from family situations characterized by abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, Miami Bridge’s shelters are there to provide safe haven. When the child welfare system has no appropriate community-based homes available to provide domicile for dependent adolescents, Miami Bridge’s shelters are there to both nurture and provide essential services.

This fiscal year, we served more than 500 children through our shelter program. Our doors are open day and night to receive children who are in need of immediate shelter. Through financial assistance from the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Florida Network, Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program and United Way, we’ve been able to offer so much more than 48 available beds.

The emergency shelters offer:

- A safe haven for kids in crisis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
- Formal on-site education program with certified Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers;
- Structured daily living programs employing positive behavior modification techniques;
- Individual, group and mental health counseling;
- Life skills groups to promote responsibility and independence;
- Substance abuse prevention services;
- Family reunification services and case management;
- Activities such as arts and crafts and music to promote positive youth development;
- Health care coordination services to ensure access to medical treatment.

FY2015-2016

Miami Bridge provided
6,054 bed days
to 516 youth

100% of youth attended school while in the program
Recreational Programming

Miami Bridge provides structured and supervised recreational time activities for youth admitted for care. Recreational activities occur both on campus (arts and crafts, board games, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, pool, etc.) and off campus in the local community (movies, bowling, skating, park activities, etc.). Recreational activities and leisure time are ideal opportunities for youth to interact with our Youth Activity Workers, which provide the protective factor of positive adult role models and informal mentoring.

Arts Programming

Miami Bridge provides weekly music therapy group and creative arts classes, both conducted by community volunteers. Miami Bridge Carnival, our signature arts program, is a collaborative arts intervention project between the Miami Bridge youth crisis shelter and local dancers, drummers, poets, playwrights, visual artists, and videographers. With a grant provided by Galleria Farms, youth were able to experience music theory and fun through Evolution Karaoke and Motivational Edge.

Braman Tech Labs

In 2015, Miami Bridge was awarded a grant by the Braman Foundation. This grant allowed Miami Bridge to create a tech lab and purchase computers for our shelters. Our youth now have computer and internet access in both shelter locations to assist with online assessments, homework, education, and socialization.

Community-Based Program

When family tensions mount and problems seem overwhelming, Miami Bridge’s "First Stop for Families Program" is here to assist — working with 350 youth and their families per year. Our family crisis prevention/intervention program works with youth who are demonstrating ungovernable behaviors such as staying out late and demonstrating difficulties in school such as poor grades and habitual truancy. This program is designed to provide services to help families stay together and divert children from having to utilize emergency shelter services by providing short-term family crisis intervention services. We help families develop new solutions and approaches to overcome conflicts.

Miami Bridge’s "First Stop for Families Program" offers comprehensive assessment, case management, short-term counseling, and linkage to appropriate community services.

The program is designed to:

- Assist families in opening lines of communication;
- Teach families effective conflict-resolution skills;
- Reduce high-risk antisocial behaviors;
- Link families with needed community resources;
- Teach effective parenting skills.

These services are funded by the Florida’s Department of Juvenile Justice and local foundations. Follow-up is provided at 30 and 60 days after discharge.

95% of non-residential youth in First Stop for Families (FSFF) remain in their homes and the crisis is resolved.
**Truancy Diversion Services**

Formal education is a crucial key to future success. Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services, Inc. intercedes when Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) system has exhausted its range of outreach activities to re-engage truant youth. Miami Bridge develops new strategies to assist youth in overcoming issues that impede school attendance and personal development. Miami Bridge offers an array of intervention services to assist families with troubled kids, ages 6-17 who are at-risk, chronic runaways, abused, abandoned or neglected and/or have a history of truant behaviors.

Miami Bridge is one of two agencies serving M-DCPS that intercedes when M-DCPS’s Truancy Child Study Team determines that significant efforts have been made to re-engage the truant youth to no avail. The Truancy Child Study Team meets and concludes that significant efforts have been made to re-engage the truant youth to no avail. There are approximately 900 truant youth referred to Miami Bridge yearly who require new strategies to assist them in overcoming issues that impede school attendance, academic performance and/or prosocial skill development. Through funding from the Florida Network and United Way, Miami Bridge is able to employ master’s level counselors and case managers to address these critical issues.

92% of the youth improved their attendance
93% of the youth improved their grades

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**Miami Bridge Health & Wellness Facts**

- 2,762 doses dispensed from Pyxis Medstation system
- 99% conformance to Controlled Substance Inventory Policy

**Health Services**

Under the direction of our Registered Nurse, the Health Care Specialists at Miami Bridge are facilitators of all agency medical training and development. The medical team conducts Health Status Checklist assessments, assists with developing a plan for any needed health or dental care and addresses health-related emergencies. Facilitators create and maintain internal and community partnerships with key health and wellness agencies. Referrals are made to community partners.

**Safe Place**

Miami Bridge is the only designated National Safe Place in Miami for youth in need and has partners in the area. Safe Place is a community collaboration program that, day or night, makes it possible for any child or teenager in need to access help at specific locations which display the Safe Place sign.

90% of youth continued educational or vocational training daily in shelter and will enroll in community classes to complete HS or GED to enter employment.
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Community Partners

- Banyan Community Health Center
- Barry University – School of Social Work
- Be Strong International
- Camillus Health
- Carnival Arts
- Center for Family & Child Enrichment (CFCE)
- C-Florida Hospitality
- Chapman Partnership – Neighborhood Advisory Committee
- Circuit 11 Juvenile Justice Board
- Citrus Network
- City of Homestead
- City of Miami
- Council on Accreditation (COA)
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Children & Families
- Department of Transportation
- DJJ
- Dragonfly Expeditions
- Eckerd Kids

- Evolusion Karaoke
- Family Rentals & Guest Services
- FIU – Department of Psychology
- FIU – Occupational & Physical Therapy
- FIU – School of Social Work
- Florida Network
- Glory House
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
- Hands On Miami
- Human Trafficking Task Force
- Institute for Child & Family Health, Inc.
- Kristi House
- Little Haiti Service Partnership
- MDCPS Gang Free Task Force
- Miami Beach Coalition
- Miami Dade College
- Miami Dade County
  - Homeless Miami-Dade County
  - Miami-Dade County Homeless Initiative
  - Miami-Dade Police Department
  - Miami-Dade-County Public Schools
  - Miami Dolphins

- Miami Heat
- Miami Marlins
- National Safe Place, Inc.
- New Horizons Community Mental Health Center
- North Dade Youth and Family Coalition
- Nova Southeastern University
- Office of State Attorney
- Out My Closet
- PAMM Arts
- Physicians Health Center
- The Alliance for LGBTQ Youth
- The Door Christian Church
- The Little Lighthouse Foundation
- The Motivational Edge
- The Village South, Inc.
- University of Miami
- UM Behavioral Health
- United Way
- Walking One Stop
- We Care of South Dade
- YMCA of Homestead

90% of youth have stabilized living placements and implementation of positive life skills in the community.
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QUINTANA, Marlene
Attorney, Gray Robinson

REINACH, Judy – Director Emeritus

WHITE, George C.
Pastor, Mission Church

WILCOX, Dorcas
CEO, Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services

ZAMEK, Province “Boo”
President, Just Ask Boo, LLC

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and Family Services, Inc.

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2015-2016

GALACTIC NIGHTS
LAUNCHING INTO THE FUTURE

#MBGALA
OUR MISSION
The mission of Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc., is to promote positive youth development, and strengthen and support families to enable children to actualize their full potential to become productive community members.

OUR VISION
The organization is driven by a vision of a community in which every child is able to access the full range of social, educational, and institutional opportunities necessary to succeed in life. We adhere to the philosophic tenet that strong and healthy families are the building blocks of our society. A society is judged by the manner in which it cares for its most vulnerable members. We believe that the barometer that measures the level of future community prosperity is the well being of today’s children.

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