

# The numbers are urgent and overwhelming...

Someone is sexually assaulted every 2 minutes in the United States.

In Massachusetts alone, 4,418 people are sexually assaulted each year.

That's 12 people a day.

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BOSTON AREA RAPE CRISIS CENTER

# So is the need for your help.

# Your gift to BARCC matters more than you might think...

Your support makes the difference for the nearly 5,000 victims of sexual violence who receive services at BARCC each year as well as their partners, parents, family, and friends. You also touch the lives of another 10,000 people annually through prevention outreach, education, and training.



## Your support matters to PARENTS...

“We found comfort, understanding, support and friendship offered to us from the counselors at BARCC and the other parents who unfortunately had been through the same turmoil with their children.”

## Your support matters to SURVIVORS...

“You gave me a place to channel my hurt and frustration and fear in a very positive direction. Words cannot express how grateful I am.”



## Your support matters to the POLICE...

“It is important that we have the support of agencies like BARCC to help us. We were really impressed and honored to have you enlighten us on some subject matter that we didn’t have all the facts about.”

## Your support matters to FAMILIES...

“I would not be where I am today without BARCC. And, I certainly would not be in a happy marriage, enjoying the amazing joys of motherhood.”





# You can save lives...

In celebration of 40 years supporting survivors and working to prevent sexual violence, BARCC has created a very special giving opportunity for you – the 40th Anniversary Giving Circle.

You are invited to join the Giving Circle as a way of celebrating the difference you have made during the last 40 years, and the difference you will make in the next 40 years.

Joining the Giving Circle is the perfect way to honor your commitment to ending sexual violence, or pay tribute to someone close to you who has been part of BARCC or affected by this issue.

As a member of the Giving Circle, your leadership will inspire others to become a member and showcase their commitment to eradicating sexual violence.

**“We are always so impressed with how you’re in the trenches helping survivors while working on the policies, processes, and constant change that come with it. It’s an honor to be part of BARCC’s 40th Anniversary Giving Circle.”**

**~ Tom & Midge DeSimone**

Launched in November at our Champions for Change Gala, BARCC’s 40th Anniversary Giving Circle raised more than \$60,000 from 28 of your fellow supporters that night. They each hope you will join them and become a Giving Circle member today.

**Join us.**



I'm happy BARCC is here because...

you save  
lives



# Past • Present • Future

## 1973

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center was founded in 1973 as a 24-hour hotline for rape victims. At the Women's Center in Cambridge, we had a room just big enough to have a desk, a phone, and a mattress. To make sure someone was always there to answer the phone, the women who started BARCC took turns sleeping in the room overnight.

## Today

Thanks to you, the hotline has been taking calls ever since. Open to survivors literally every minute of every day since 1973. You've also made much more than a hotline possible in the last 40 years - from support groups, legal help, and counseling, to prevention and training. All provided free of charge because of you.

**We've come so far. And there is still so much more to do in the next 40 years...**

## 2053

**Imagine everyone who works with children** - from schools to day care centers to summer camps - being trained on how to prevent sexual violence and intervene when abuse is suspected.

**Imagine all universities** having staff in charge of sexual assault prevention and response, with the weight of campus administration and law enforcement behind them.

**Imagine every police department** having specialized sexual assault units that are compassionate, validating, and supportive of survivors.

**Imagine every emergency room having staff** who are welcoming, knowledgeable, and reassuring to survivors.

**Imagine all courtrooms** having prosecutors who can explain the premeditated behavior of offenders and show the jury concrete evidence of a planned sexual assault.

**Imagine a world without sexual assault...**a world where lives aren't derailed by trauma and violence.

**In the next 40 years, you can make this world possible by joining BARCC's Giving Circle today.**

# How your gift is put to work...

## You may know BARCC best for our 24-hour hotline

Trained volunteer counselors who speak 10 languages including Spanish, French, Korean, and Hindi take more than 3,000 calls each year. Since 1973, more than 65,000 calls have been answered.

## And there's so much more you make possible when you give...

### Counseling

Licensed clinicians provide individual and group counseling for victims of sexual violence, significant others, and family members.

### Legal Help

Legal advocates and attorneys help survivors and their families understand their rights, explore legal options for criminal and civil issues, and make the best decisions for themselves.

### Case Management

Experienced case managers help survivors with complex needs after an assault. This can include assistance with medical follow-up, insurance, immigration, their school, their landlord, or their employer.

### Advocates in the Emergency Room

- Medical advocates meet with survivors, family members, and significant others at the hospital to provide information and emotional support after an assault. They also follow-up with survivors by phone within 48 hours after they leave the hospital to check-in, and offer support and referrals.

### Support Groups

- Counselors run support groups and workshops in English and Spanish for survivors and those close to them. Often done in partnership with other organizations, offerings include groups for male survivors, teens, women, partners, parents, family, and friends. Survivors tell us that group support can be one of the most effective tools we offer to them in their healing process.

### Forensics Information

- A dedicated website [www.surviverape.org](http://www.surviverape.org) where survivors can better understand the forensics of their case and learn what happens to their rape kit after it leaves the hospital. There is also a specially trained advocate to call if survivors can't find the information they need online.





## Public Awareness

Engaging trainers present educational programs and work with communities to raise public awareness about BARCC's services, increase understanding of rape and the role of bystanders, and train professionals to prevent sexual violence.

## Prevention & Training

- Seasoned facilitators provide trainings on how to prevent and respond to sexual violence for health care providers, counselors, therapists, youth workers, school staff, faith leaders, college administrators, police and military personnel, and social service providers.

## Survivors Speakers' Bureau

A dedicated group of survivors and significant others who are passionate about sharing their stories of sexual violence and healing with others. Their presentations spread awareness on how sexual violence happens, the impact it can have, and the strength and resiliency of survivors.

**None of this existed 40 years ago. And none of this would be possible today without your support. So much more is possible in the next 40 years. Will you help?**



# Frequently Asked Questions about BARCC's 40th Anniversary Giving Circle

## **How do I become a member of the Giving Circle?**

By making a gift of \$4,000 (as a Founder), \$2,500 (as a Supporter) or \$1,000 (as a Friend), you will become a member of BARCC's 40th Anniversary Giving Circle. You can sign up by returning the enclosed membership form, by going online to [www.barcc.org/givingcircle](http://www.barcc.org/givingcircle), or by contacting Kristy Sierra from BARCC at 617-315-9218 or [ksierra@barcc.org](mailto:ksierra@barcc.org).

## **Do I have to make my gift in one payment?**

No, you can fulfill your pledge however you choose - by check or credit card, online or through the mail, and in one gift or in installments. All we ask is that your pledge commitment be fulfilled by June 30, 2014. (If this date is a barrier to your joining the Giving Circle, please contact Kristy Sierra from BARCC at 617-315-9218 or [ksierra@barcc.org](mailto:ksierra@barcc.org) to discuss other options for pledge payments.)

## **Can I make a gift in honor of someone?**

Absolutely! What better way to honor a survivor, dedicated volunteer, or a staff or board member than making a donation in their name? Your honorary gift will mean so much to an organization that has meant so much to them.

## **What are the benefits of being a member of the Giving Circle?**

As a member of BARCC's 40th Anniversary Giving Circle, you will receive personal updates and special reports about the impact your generous gift has made. You will also be invited to a private receptions and events exclusive to members of the Giving Circle. Most importantly, you will expand access to services for more survivors, and your gift will inspire others to join you as a member of the Giving Circle.

## **How will I be recognized?**

With your permission, you will be formally recognized as a generous member of the 40th Anniversary Giving Circle on a plaque at BARCC's main office in Cambridge. You will also be listed on BARCC's website as a member of the Giving Circle, again with your permission. Or, you can always choose to make your gift anonymously.

## **Who can I contact with questions or to learn more?**

If you have any other questions or would like to learn more about BARCC's 40th Anniversary Giving Circle, please contact Kristy Sierra from BARCC at 617-315-9218 or [ksierra@barcc.org](mailto:ksierra@barcc.org).



**BOSTON AREA RAPE CRISIS CENTER**

Ending sexual violence through  
healing and social change since 1973.

Thanks to the support of dedicated friends like you, BARCC is a nationally recognized leader in sexual assault prevention and healing. Since our founding 40 years ago, services have been available 24/7 for survivors in Boston, Cambridge, and 28 surrounding cities and towns. BARCC is the only rape crisis center serving these communities.