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Boston Area Rape Crisis Center

Sponsorship Opportunities

Supporting BARCC's work toward sustainable healing and sustainable change.

While many things have stopped during the pandemic, sexual violence—and the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center's work to prevent it and support survivors—has not.

For anyone who has lived through the trauma of sexual violence, this public health crisis can be hugely triggering. From fear, isolation, and a lack of control to job losses, financial stress, and not feeling safe . . . this situation amplifies what many survivors are grappling with already.

In these uncertain times, there are many things we are certain about here at BARCC.

- Survivors need our expert and confidential help now more than ever.
- Our staff and volunteers need extra support to continue this difficult work.
- We must continue our efforts to prevent sexual violence.

On the following pages, you'll learn about the many ways COVID-19 has impacted our free and confidential services, how we've adapted in the last several months, and how **you can help ensure that survivors and advocates for survivors continue to get the help and support they need** as this pandemic continues.

Invest in BARCC today!

Become a partner in our efforts to continue sustainable healing for survivors and sustainable change for our communities.

Thank you for supporting our free services for survivors. Please make a contribution that is meaningful to you for a service that most resonates with you.

All sponsorships will be acknowledged in BARCC outreach materials and on social media. For more details on partnership benefits, please contact Kim Sebastiao at ksebastiao@barcc.org.

Investment Opportunity Levels

- Presenting: \$50,000
- Innovator: \$20,000
- Activist: \$5,000
- Champion: \$10,000
- Healer: \$3,500
- Trailblazer: \$7,500
- I can't sponsor right now but would like to donate: \$_____

BARCC Services and Areas of Need

- Security and Confidentiality of Services
- Legal and Immigration Advocacy
- Group and Individual Counseling
- Virtual Community Education
- Food Security and Safe Housing
- Staff Support and Self-Care
- Telehealth Medical Advocacy
- Where It's Needed Most

Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name (as you would like it to appear in print): _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Thank you for your support!

Please submit your completed form to Kim Sebastiao at ksebastiao@barcc.org.
An invoice and payment instructions will be sent upon receipt.

Creativity of Education and Prevention Services



To maintain the progress of our prevention work, our community educators have been working tirelessly to translate our interactive in-person trainings into engaging and informative webinars. While this allows us to reach a wider audience, the investment in the appropriate software for our needs is \$10,000.

Additionally, BARCC is dedicated to ensuring our services and trainings are accessible to anyone who needs them. This means all of our webinars and recorded services are translated into Spanish as well as closed-captioned. With an investment of \$20,000 or more, you can provide this essential translation and closed captioning.

Importance of Telehealth Medical Advocacy



For more than 45 years, BARCC has been adapting to the needs of survivors. The global pandemic has made that more critical than ever.

With emergency departments overrun with possible COVID-19 patients and restrictions on visitors, our medical advocates are no longer able to be physically present to support survivors immediately after an assault. Knowing the critical importance of this particular service, our medical advocates have adapted to providing their care and support over the phone.

With your investment of \$10,000 or more, our medical advocates could soon be providing this crucial care through video conferencing at all of the 18 hospitals in our service area. This will allow survivors to see the face of the person providing them with the reassurance and support they deserve.

Innovation of Clinical



One-on-one counseling is a personal, confidential, and safe experience. Survivors have an opportunity to connect with their clinician and learn important coping skills to help them in their healing process. When COVID-19 took away our ability to see clients in person, our clinical team faced the challenge head on and found safe, confidential ways to connect with survivors virtually.

Your investment of \$5,000 or more will support personalized self-care packages for each new client and our confidential telemedicine sessions.

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Heightened Security to Ensure Confidentiality



At BARCC, confidentiality is of the utmost importance. Knowing that confidentiality is at the forefront of our minds allows clients to feel secure and safer. With all of our services being delivered remotely, confidentiality and security are even more critical. We are investing in end-to-end encryption for our e-mail server and utilizing courier services to transport and deliver critical paperwork.

By investing \$5,000 or more, you can help cover the cost of the added encryption for our e-mail services and the increased use of couriers to transport critical documents.

Critical Needs of Case Management Clients



At times of crisis, the most vulnerable are also the most affected—by hunger, by homelessness, and yes, by sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. And as you might imagine, survivors are now facing even more barriers to the services and support they need to heal.

To help meet these challenges and ease these burdens, we've increased our micro-grants for the growing number of survivors asking for help with food and housing costs.

With your investment of \$3,500 or more you can ensure survivors with these critical needs continue to have safe housing and food on the table.

Continued Confidentiality and Security of the Hotline



Since 1973, our 24-7 hotline has been there for any survivor who needs a listening ear. COVID-19 hasn't changed that, but our oldest and most-trusted service still needs funding to maintain its reliability.

"It is a lonely world after trauma and so it means a lot to call and find someone willing to listen on the other end of the line." —Survivor

By investing \$3,500 or more, you can keep our hotline running to take calls and answer online chats from survivors for a month.

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Legal Advocacy and Immigration Support Services



As you might imagine, survivors of sexual violence are in need of safety and support now more than ever. And with courthouses and other systems running at limited capacity, having a well-informed advocate is critical for survivors to navigate an already complicated system.

Feeling unsafe in using public transportation during the pandemic, survivors have had difficulties getting to and from their appointments in an affordable way. With your investment of \$2,500, you can provide vouchers that allow survivors to use ride-share services, limiting their exposure to COVID-19.

Our bilingual immigration attorney assists survivors with immigration concerns regarding their safety. The waiver costs associated with U-Visas—for survivors who have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of criminal activities such as sexual violence—are nearly \$1,500 per visa. BARCC strives to ensure that all survivors in need of this critical visa are able to apply. With your help, we can.

Importance of Infrastructure and Self-Care



In these unprecedented times, we are asking for even more from our dedicated and skilled staff. During the first six weeks of the pandemic, we provided services to more than 1,000 survivors in need. All while staff personally dealt with the same effects of the pandemic that we all were—adjusting to working remotely, childcare, homeschooling, anxiety, safety plans, etc.

BARCC is committed to supporting staff through these difficult times and outfitting them with what is needed to work efficiently and effectively. This includes allowing them to separate their work space from their personal space as much as possible.

We have allocated \$1,500 per staff person—a total of \$75,000—to provide the tools needed. You can sponsor one to 50 of our staff to ensure they have what they need to continue their work supporting survivors and preventing sexual violence.

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