



2023

Annual Report

24-Hour Sexual Assault Hotline: 303-322-7273

Linea de Crisis Sobre La Violencia Sexual:
303-329-0031

Resource Line: 303-329-9922 ext. 302

thebluebench.org

At The Blue Bench, our mission is to eliminate sexual assault and diminish the impact it has on individuals, their loved ones and our community through comprehensive issue advocacy, prevention and care.



DIRECTOR STATEMENT



Dear friends,

After 40 years and nearly half a million people served, The Blue Bench is still here. These last few years have not been easy. Our team has had to learn to be adaptable; from leadership changes and an office move, to cuts in funding and a forever different post-pandemic world, we've faced incredible adversity as an organization.

But in a world where things are always changing, The Blue Bench remains constant.

A constant for survivors of sexual violence, a constant for youth in schools, a constant for our community, and a constant for hope.

2023 marks our 40th year in the community. Since 1983, The Blue Bench has provided support and preventative education to over 450,000 survivors of sexual violence, their loved ones, and community members.

This is a huge milestone, but we have a long way to go before our work is done.

Some of our most sacred spaces have become compromised by sexual violence: hiking trails, schools, and even the doctor's office.

Despite this reality, The Blue Bench remains metro-Denver's only comprehensive sexual assault prevention and survivor support center.

The Blue Bench staff works tirelessly to provide crisis intervention services to survivors in need. In 2022 alone, we supported over 2,000 individuals. The need for crisis intervention is critical and not going away anytime soon.

One day we hope to close our doors because there is no longer a need for our services, but until then, we have to continue our prevention work in an effort to stop violence before it happens.

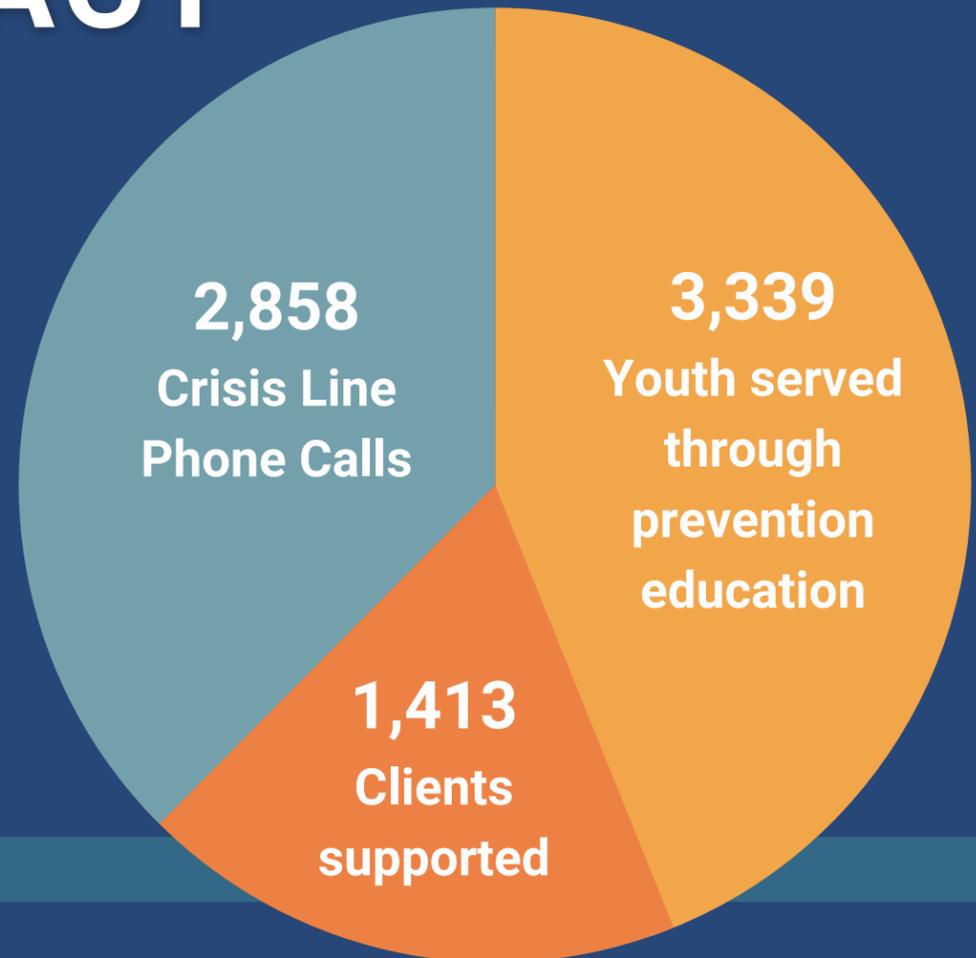
We partnered with local schools to teach over 3,000 youth about consent, how to intervene in situations of sexual violence, and to change the status quo.

But most importantly, we couldn't do any of this work without supporters like you. Thank you for investing in our work for 40 years, your commitment to survivors continues to put us one step closer to ending violence in our community.

Megan Carvajal, Executive Director



IMPACT





STATS

One in Two  women will experience sexual violence in their lifetime

One in Three  men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime

One in Two  trans/non-binary individuals will experience sexual violence in their lifetime

“67% OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS OCCUR BEFORE THE AGE OF 18.”

ART BY SURVIVORS

In 2022, The Blue Bench hosted our very first art show featuring art by survivors of sexual violence. We believe that art can transform survivor’s trauma in a healing way. Check out some of the amazing pieces that were on display, made by survivors in our community.



FINANCIALS



PROGRAM EXPENSES

