

Safe Haven for Survivors

As the oldest shelter in the state and one of the oldest nationwide, Prudence Crandall Center (PCC) in New Britain has been a pillar in the community for offering broad range of services to address the needs of domestic violence survivors and their children.

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EMPOWERING HEALING & HOPE SINCE 1973

Since 1973, PCC has provided safe haven to individuals fleeing from domestic violence – from providing shelter in times of crisis, to ongoing support and resources needed to rebuild their lives, free from abuse. They also lead state efforts to reduce the impacts of domestic violence in the lives of survivors, their children, and our communities.



(photo: Candlelight Vigil is held at Prudence Crandall Center)

Prudence Crandall Center provides services to over 7,000 men, women, and children annually - from central Connecticut (New Britain, Bristol, Southington, Berlin, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Terryville) and beyond.

AMERICAN SAVINGS FOUNDATION SUPPORT

For 25 Years, Prudence Crandall Center and American Savings Foundation have partnered in the growth, evolution, and sustainability of PCC's services. In 2008, American Savings Foundation awarded a \$500,000 Capital Grant to Prudence Crandall Center towards the Rose Hill facility, a full-renovated, state-of-the-art residential facility, home to its ground-breaking 28-unit transitional and permanent supportive housing programs.

Over the years, American Savings Foundation has also awarded smaller capital grants to Prudence Crandall Center for critical program needs, such as HVAC repairs and an upgrade to their 24/7 phone system.

NAVIGATING A PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

In 2020, the pandemic and stay-at-home guidelines shed a light on the immense need for domestic violence services. Prudence Crandall Center saw a 40% increase in need for counseling services, and at one point their emergency shelter reached 250% capacity.

To help meet the need and elevate the financial challenges of non-profits in the community, American Savings Foundations was able to increase awards to basic need services in both 2020 and 2021. For Prudence Crandall Center, the increased awards helped support critical needs for services for children, and support staffing to address the staggering increase in need during the pandemic and continuing to this day.

“PCC continues to face many challenges with the continued impacts of the pandemic – especially in our communal living programs – and ASF’s caring partnership is vital to carrying us forward to our next chapter of growth and evolution.” – Barbara Damon, President and CEO of Prudence Crandall Center

Since 1996, American Savings Foundation has awarded over \$1.4 million to the prevention of domestic violence.