



The Mission of the Association is to provide services for persons with or at risk for mental health and substance abuse issues.

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MHA is thankful to the women of Quota Club of Baton Rouge for the Thanksgiving Dinner they have provided for the clients of the Alliance House Drop In Center the past three years.

A Letter from the Executive Director

As with many non-profits, the Mental Health Association for Greater Baton Rouge dedicates time every few years evaluating our mission, our programs and services and our purpose. Who is MHA? What do we stand for? Are our efforts supporting those within our community?

After asking ourselves these questions, one fact remains clear: MHA has and will continue to provide quality services to those suffering from mental health and substance abuse issues. We will continue to educate and advocate for those without a voice... the most vulnerable within our community.

For nearly 60 years, MHA has collaborated with funders, donors, stakeholders and community organizations in efforts to strengthen the services and programs needed to care for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and substance addictions. MHA's work is for our community and our commitment to serve. In 2012, MHA served 4,000 individuals. Still 1 in 4 adults suffer from a mental health diagnosis. At any given time 150,000 individuals are living on the streets homeless. Heroin abuse is on the rise within our community and once again marijuana is one of the leading drugs of choice.

While MHA continues to feel the effects of an economy slowly recovering, we are grateful to you, our community partners that remain true to our mission and MHA is optimistic that we will continue to be a leader of behavioral healthcare programs and services. MHA's collaborations continue to produce positive results. By joining forces with other non-profits and funders, MHA continues to deliver critical services in an effective and efficient manner. As a non-profit agency, creativity and imagination are often needed to meet the challenging and changing needs of the populations we serve. Dedicated staff, strong leadership, generous donors and targeted advocacy also assist MHA in producing positive outcomes for our community. As the new year approaches, MHA hopes to further strengthen our mission and strategies, as well to bring a continued understanding and awareness within our community. We thank you for your continued trust and your support of MHA.

With regards,

Melissa B. Silva

About Us

MHA specifically serves individuals who have been treated for any mental or emotional disorder and/or substance abuse, with a special focus on the seriously and chronically mentally ill adult population.

The Alliance House Residential Center is a transitional living facility housing 24 men and women with substance addictions and co-occurring disorders (mental illness and substance abuse). Residents must work full time and are provided board, meals and support services including financial management, job placement and assistance with independent housing. Once a resident completes the three - six month program staff continue to offer support for an additional twelve months to assist them in maintaining sobriety, employment and independent living.

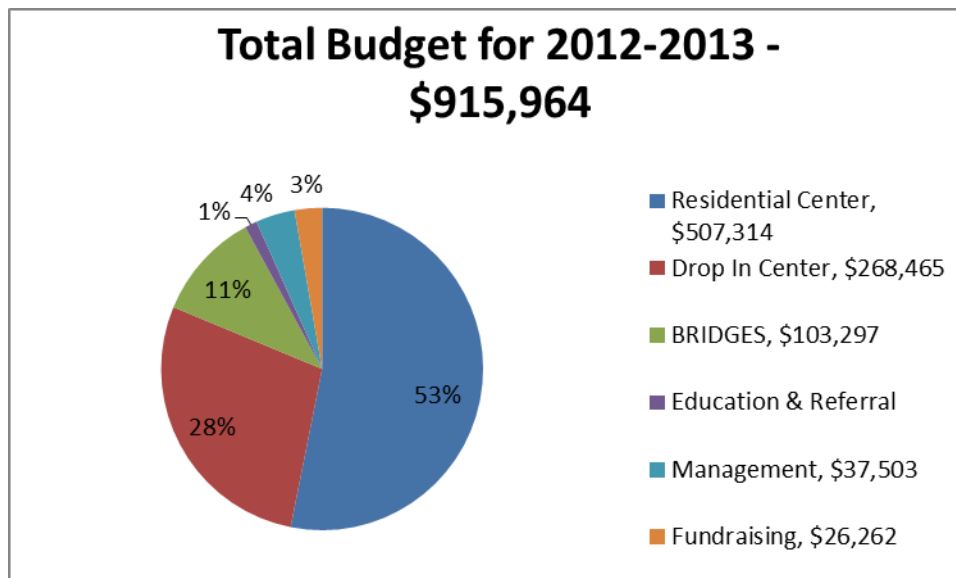
The Alliance House Drop-In Center, our flagship program since 1980, is a day program for adults with chronic mental illness that offers social, educational and recreational activities. These consumer-run services, operating 8:30 am to 2:30 pm weekdays, help to keep members mentally stable and out of the hospital.

The **BRIDGES** program provides peer-run educational classes and support groups statewide.

- In 2012 99% of MHA's Drop In Center Clients remained free of in-patient hospitalization saving the Baton Rouge community more than \$1,000,000.
- Last year 61% of Residential Center clients served remained alcohol and drug free in independent housing one year post discharge. Nationally only 20% of clients discharged from drug and alcohol programs are drug free 6 months following discharge.
- MHA takes its stewardship seriously as 93 cents of every dollar received directly supports programs and services for persons with mental illness and substance addictions.

Services to our Clients

Promoting Self –Sufficiency	103	Education and Advocacy	6,000
Empowering Others	210	Referrals	1,200
Promoting Financial Stability	136		



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MHA would like to thank all those who support our mission to provide programs and services to those in our community with mental illness and substance addictions. **We appreciate your support!**

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