



Hope For Hale Boggs

Preventing hurt, inspiring hope one bridge sign at a time

Agenda

What we'll discuss today

01

Preventing suicide on Hale Boggs Bridge in St. Charles Parish by installing crisis lifeline signs.

02

Re-establishing Hale Boggs as a positive symbol that unites our community.

About Me

I'm Olivia Julien, JB Martin student. I enjoy singing at my church, cheering for the JBM cougars, and reading.

My goal is to inspire hope through Hale Boggs Bridge while raising awareness of suicide in our community.



Suicide Statistics

15.26%

The suicide death rate in Louisiana is at 15.26% per 100,000.

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on average every 12 hours, someone in Louisiana dies from suicide in Louisiana.

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Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for children my age, and 12th leading cause of death for adults.

29%

According to NOLA.com, in 2019 suicide rates in Louisiana had risen by more than 29 percent. Historically, after communities are faced with traumatic experiences suicide rates increase. since 2019 our community has been impacted by COVID-19 and the destruction of Hurricane Ida.

72.30%

72.30% of communities in the state of Louisiana do not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2021, according to federal guidelines.

125

It is estimated that there are 125 bridge suicides a year in the united states.

18%

in April of 2022 the House Committee on Education reported, 37% students reported being sad 18% reported they have thought of how they would commit suicide. These signs can help raise awareness for resources.

There is hope.

According to the national suicide prevention lifeline, bridge signs are the most cost-effective and most effective first line intervention measure when attempting to prevent suicide.

Bridges that have incorporated prevention signs have seen a significant decrease in the number of suicide attempts. Locations such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Coronado Bay Bridge, and the Bloor street Viaduc Bridge in Toronto claim to have seen a decrease suicide attempts in general, suggesting the signs prompted many to seek mental heath care before it was too late.

Studies suggests that placing signs promoting a hotline number near bridges that people frequently travel increased crisis calls from an individual's home, car or another location further preventing suicide attempts in the communities where signs are placed

This initiative will remind others that they are not alone and they are needed which indirectly improves overall mental health.

Hale Boggs Bridge is a historic symbol for our parish. Recent events have caused there to be negative attitudes toward the bridge. Through sharing messages like there is hope, you are not alone, and you are needed, the bridge can be a reminder that St. Charles Parish is the parish that cares and Hale Boggs helps us live united.

There is hope
Make the call

For Suicide and Crisis Lifeline **988**

You are not alone
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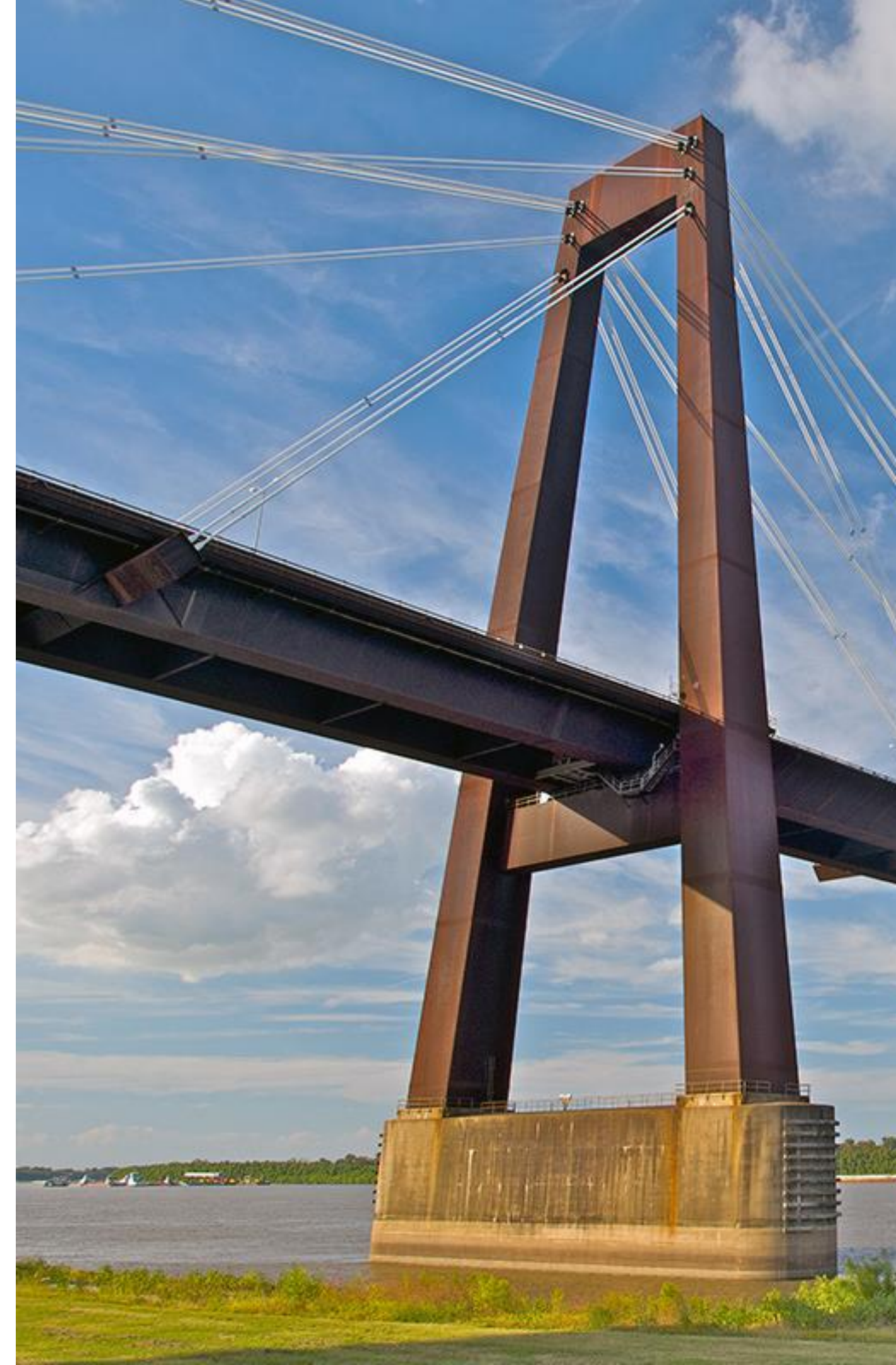
You are needed

For Suicide and Crisis
Counseling Call

1-800-273-8255

Indirect desired outcomes

Hale Boggs Bridge as a symbol of hope and infrastructure that unites our parish



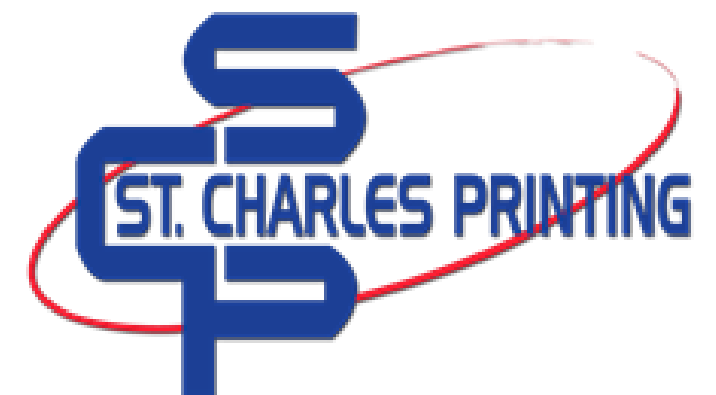
Funding

Funding often prohibits communities or transportation departments from being able to provide prevention strategies on bridges prone to suicide attempts.

- St. Charles Printing has agreed to print and install the signs.
- United Way of St. Charles has agreed to fund the project.



United Way of St. Charles



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nola.com

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