



We are a movement of inclusive leaders driving positive change in Metro Denver.

At Building Bridges, we equip resilient young leaders with communication and relationship-building skills to transform divides in our communities. Since 1994, Building Bridges has empowered thousands of people to come together for social change across seemingly impossible differences.



SHIFTING FROM SOCIAL SERVICE TO SOCIAL CHANGE

The need for Building Bridges is two-fold. As a **social service**, we provide youth and young adults with dynamic leadership training. We meet young people's need to develop supportive relationships, experience safety and connection within their community, and find their voice to speak up about their lived experience. As a result, youth decrease unsafe risk-taking behavior, decrease risk for mental illness, increase their resilience, and improve academic outcomes.

But the need for these positive changes isn't the only thing we're addressing. Our work is also about **social change**. To that end, all of our programs are embedded in a framework of inclusion and equity. Our curriculum encourages participants to broaden their perspectives, and equips them with the skills to recognize, challenge, and change discriminatory practices. In addition to the personal growth, young people exit our programs motivated to lead for positive change in their schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

Throughout history, young people have played crucial roles in the success of social movements that transformed oppressive systems. Our vision is to work in partnership with youth to create a new path, towards community and healing rather than separation and discord.

Join the Movement.







We invite businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations that value inclusion and equity to partner with Building Bridges in creating social change.

OUR IMPACT AND REACH

- Since our founding in 1994, we have served more than 3,000 people through thousands of hours of experiential learning programs. Our programs for youth, young adults, and adults consistently demonstrate positive improvements in skills, confidence, and desire to take action for positive social change.
- Thousands of people have been exposed to our inclusive vision through social media. Over 2,500 people have “liked” our Facebook page, and we have high levels of organic engagement. The vast majority of people in this network are from the Metro Denver area and are age 25-44.
- Our youth program is our core service, and reaches 30-40 young people each year. Of these, 60% remain engaged with Building Bridges throughout young adulthood. One-third of our seasonal facilitation staff is comprised of program alumni, and we have consistent alumni representation on our board. We believe shows a genuine feeling of belonging and commitment to Building Bridges.
- Our family-friendly fundraising events are regularly attended by over 200 people, with broad representation from different racial, economic, and religious identities. Our sponsors are featured prominently at our events as leaders in social impact.
- We facilitate regular workshops addressing communication, conflict transformation, inclusion and equity, and team building. Attendees include teachers, students, advocates, business owners, parents, and other engaged community members.
- Emily, an alum of our youth program, shared: “I participated in Building Bridges in 2017-2018. It was life changing. For the first time, adults I looked up to and trusted weren't only pointing out the injustices I saw in life, but they were giving me the tools I needed to address them on my own. Building Bridges allowed me to grow into a more aware person, unafraid to call out injustices as I see them in the world around me, and willing to work with anyone to create solutions to problems created by these injustices.”

Building Bridges is inspired by our core values of **empowerment, justice, empathy, and transformation**. We seek partners who share similar values to ours and who demonstrate a commitment to practicing those values through **action**.

Sponsor Benefits

	 Community Champion (\$10,000)	 Local Leader (\$5,000)	 Civic Booster (\$2,500)	 Neighborhood Advocate (\$1,000)	 Block Captain (\$500)	 Friendly Neighbor (\$250)
NAME LISTED ON WEBSITE & PROGRAM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LIVE SHOUTOUT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUTOUT BEFORE EVENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
LOGO PROJECTED AT EVENT	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT AFTER EVENT	✓	✓	✓			
2-HOUR WORKSHOP FOR YOUR TEAM	✓	✓				
DISPLAY YOUR BANNER	✓	✓				
BOOTH SPACE AT EVENT	✓					
4 FREE TICKETS	✓	✓	✓			
2 FREE TICKETS				✓	✓	✓



We'd love to learn about what's important to you and your organization. Please contact our Executive Director with questions, ideas, or to pledge your support.

Thank you for your consideration!

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