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2025



# ABOUT BRYDGES

In February 2004, The name was changed to BRYDGES (Building Responsible Youths by Delivering Genuine Enrichment Services) to better reflect our purpose and mission.

BRYDGES, formerly named NCGYC (Northeastern Church of God 7th Day Youth Consortium) was birthed in the fall of 2001 out of the desire of the youth leaders of four churches to enhance the current operations of their youth ministries and to establish protocols and structured training conduits to produce equipped, committed, and skilled youth leaders to assume positions in the Body of Christ. However, the organization has evolved into an entity that reaches beyond the boundaries of the church to become the change agent for reaching and impacting our communities in a holistic way.

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Services that will revolutionize thoughts, empower youths, impact society, and transform lives.

## **Purpose of BRYDGES:**

BRYDGES Inc. is a non-profit organization that is positioned to provide holistic services to our children, youths, and young adults to enhance and effect spiritual, social, emotional, and cognitive growth.

We emphasize the creation and maintenance of collaborative relationships among communities and Church organizations.

## **BRYDGES Program Tracks:**

- BRYDGES On Demand
- BRYDGES Connect
- BRYDGES Engage
- BRYDGES Equip

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# Mission and Vision

As advocates for the expansion of horizons, we equip individuals with the tools necessary for structured and comprehensive training. Our focus extends to current and potential youth ministers, those inclined towards academic, technical, ministry vocations, and dedicated workers devoted to the development and well-being of our youths

## Mission

The mission of BRYDGES is “To enrich, empower, and engage Youths and Young Adults through diverse leadership training and enrichment programs to become change agents and leaders within their communities.



## Vision

The vision of BRYDGES is “To deliver holistic services to children, youths, and young adults of our communities and churches.





# BRYDGES PROGRAMMING

The programs of BRYDGES Inc. are executed through four distinct tracks:

## BRYDGES On Demand

Brings to the forefront the organization's commitment to holistic enhancement of the community through workshops, seminars and training.

## BRYDGES Connect

BRYDGES Connect focus on maintaining spiritual relationships through transformational activities. BRYDGES Connect will create a spiritual empowerment hub that will establish, build, and re-energize networks that emphasize worship, spirituality, and intellectual growth.

## BRYDGES Engage

The community-focused activities of BRYDGES Engage emphasizes youth engagement with missions; philanthropic projects; civil and social engagement; and service to others.

## BRYDGES Equip

BRYDGES Equip will systematically Create a culture of learning. Foster an environment that values continuous learning and growth through: BRYDGES facilitated workshops, conferences, and partnerships with other likeminded organizations.

Your generous donation to BRYDGES, Inc. helps us deliver impactful programs that uplift youths and equip leaders in the church and the broader community. With your support, we can continue to create transformative opportunities, fostering growth, leadership, and a stronger, more connected community.

Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to fulfilling our mission. Together, we can bridge the gap and build a brighter future.

**Take a look at all the amazing things we did as an organization in 2025!**

## Global Leadership Summit 2025

BRYDGES partnered with Thrivent to host a GLS in person viewing site at Southern Connecticut University. We also had virtual attendees. The impact was profound and everyone left with practical and motivational takeaways.

## BRYDGES Fellowship & Bible Competition

The theme for this year's Fellowship is, "The Ultimate Cost: Are You Willing to Pay?" We are anticipating a time of powerful worship, a dynamic word, and an exciting bible competition amongst our partner churches.

## Community Outreach Events

BRYDGES has awarded several grants this year, utilized by the youth groups of our partner churches to host Community Outreach events. Continue reading for recaps from each event.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN 2024-2025

Beulah's Community Engagement Day was inspired by the Dare-2- Share Evangelism virtual week camp that challenged them to share gospel to other youths in their communities.

The YES Ministry took the Gospel to the streets by way of partnering with the Bronx Community Engagement day event where they distributed snack bags. In every snack bag they included scripture cards or written messages sharing the Love of Jesus/message of hope.

## Beulah Bronx Y.E.S (Youth Empowered To Serve) Ministry



## Beulah Brooklyn (E.P.I.C) Youth Ministry



The E.P.I.C Youth Ministry's community outreach event on Saturday, August 17th, gave us the opportunity to worship, pray, and serve persons at our neighborhood shelter. We distributed school supplies, lunch, and beverages to over 200 persons.

This truly was a remarkable, rewarding, fulfilling event, especially for our youngest volunteers (6 and 7 year olds) who were actively able to serve our community. One Youth stated that serving in the community was the best thing he has done this year. This will be an ongoing thing that our youths will continue to engage in. We are looking forward to serving again at the same shelter on Sunday, November 24th, where we will serve a Thanksgiving meal and distribute clothing.

On May 3, 2025, the youth ministry of Shiloh Church of God 7th Day, Shiloh Young People Association (SYPA), went into the Hyattsville community and distributed forty-two care packages and ten \$10.00 gift cards. A total of \$200.00 was allocated for the care packages, and \$100.00 was used for the gift cards.

Youth between the ages of three and eighteen participated and were fully engaged in the packaging and distribution process. In the giving process we were able to pray for those who agreed to be prayed for.

Members of the community were amazed by the love shown through giving and encouraged the youth to continue on this path. SYPA was truly blessed by the experience.

## Shiloh Young People's Association



## Brooklyn Community Church of God Youth Ministry



On Sunday, June 29, 2025, the Youth Ministry of Brooklyn Community Church of God Seventh Day hosted an impactful community outreach event aimed at serving and uplifting those in need. As part of their mission to live out the teachings of Christ through service, the youth prepared and distributed hot meals accompanied by refreshing juices and water. In addition to the meals, they also handed out gently used clothing to individuals and families experiencing hardship.

The event was not only a time of physical nourishment but also spiritual enrichment. The youth extended prayers and offered words of encouragement and spiritual counsel to those who needed it. Members of the missionary team worked alongside our young people as they sought to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

It was a great and rewarding time for the youths as they experienced the joy and fulfillment in doing service unto God.





# Forecasting 2026-2027

## **Lead 365 – Virtual**

3rd Thursday of every month  
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM

## **Leadership Retreat**

Spring 2026

## **Global Leadership Summit**

August 6-7, 2026

## **One Day Fellowship & Bible Competition**

Fall 2026

## **Brydge2MENTorship**

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## **Summer Camp**

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## **Recreational Sports Connections**

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# Getting Involved

## Become A Partner Church

As a partner church you will have privileges to receive all our services for free or at a discounted rate. Partners get the access to our presentation contents, scholarships, training and development, grants and other resources to equip youths and youth leaders.

Partner churches maintain an annual membership with BRYDGES, Inc. Partners contribute **\$250 annually** towards BRYDGES Administrative cost. **Fees are paid annually by or before April 30th.** Payable by Check: to BRYDGES Inc

## Become A Donor (Individuals & Organizations)

We invite individuals and organizations to support BRYDGES, Inc. as we continue our mission to build strong communities and empower lives. Your generous contributions will help sustain and expand our programs.

- Bridge Builder – \$250+ (Individual) | \$500+ (Organization)
- Community Connector – \$500+ (Individual) | \$1,000+ (Organization)
- Impact Partner – \$1,000+ (Individual) | \$2,500+ (Organization)
- Visionary Leader – \$2,500+ (Individual) | \$5,000+ (Organization)
- Legacy Champion – \$5,000+ (Individual) | \$10,000+ (Organization)

## Become A Volunteer

We are currently looking to fill Key Roles:

- Event Planning Team Members
- Program directors
- Fundraising coordinator

Qualities:

- Passionate about serving the youths & young adults
  - Aligned with BRYDGES values
  - Legal compliance
  - Strong commitment to service
  - Willing to learn and take stewardship
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- **Executive Board Member** – Please submit your expression of interest along with your resume to Madrine Straker, Executive Director at **madrinestraker.brydges@gmail.com**.

# Donor Tiered Giving Levels & Benefits

For donors interested in making a transformational impact, we offer exclusive sponsorship opportunities such as naming rights to programs, scholarships, or community projects. Please contact us to discuss how we can align your philanthropic goals with our mission.

Thank you for being a bridge to a brighter future!

## ➔ Bridge Builder

\$250+ (Individual)

\$500+ (Organization)

- Thank-you letter and tax-deductible receipt
- Quarterly impact report

## ➔ Community Connector

\$500+ (Individual)

\$1000+ (Organization)

- All benefits from the Bridge Builder tier
- Name listed in our annual report
- Social media shout-out
- BRYDGES, Inc. supporter badge for your website or business

## ➔ Impact Partner

\$1000+ (Individual)

\$2500+ (Organization)

- All benefits from previous tiers
- Personalized thank-you video from BRYDGES, Inc. leadership
- Recognition at one of our events
- Discounted tickets to select BRYDGES, Inc. events

## ➔ Visionary Leader

\$2500+ (Individual)

\$5000+ (Organization)

- All benefits from previous tiers
- Featured spotlight on BRYDGES, Inc. donor wall
- Exclusive invitation to donor appreciation networking event
- Recognition in our newsletter

## ➔ Legacy Champion

\$5000+ (Individual)

\$10000+ (Organization)

- All benefits from previous tiers
- Custom sponsorship opportunity for a specific BRYDGES, Inc. initiative
- Special recognition plaque
- Private meeting with BRYDGES, Inc. leadership



