



Growing FORWARD

ANNUAL REPORT 2022 FISCAL YEAR



WE ARE | *Growing*
FORWARD



Dear Partner,

This last year was amazing!

We increased our capacity to serve more leaders. Board Member Steve Schultz helped us interview to fill two positions that will enable us to commit more time to training our leaders. Volunteer Toon Prasertsit built our Membership site. Volunteer Ted Merchant led our Growing Forward Team to raise more funds in less time than ever before. Board Member Todd Samuelson helped negotiate our contract for a new accounting system. All these steps move us towards our goal of serving 500 Bridge Leaders and beyond.

The following pages will inspire you to invest with Bridges as we continue Growing Forward in the year ahead. Thank you for all that you are doing to make so much possible.

Jim
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VISION

Bridges is building an ever-increasing number of Christ-following communities which are partnering with existing congregations to create positive social impact that is helping to transform America.

MISSION

Bridges seeks to provide the very best support to leaders seeking to change lives, start new ministries, and facilitate newly Christ-following Communities, especially among people who think traditional church is irrelevant.

BRIDGES GOES BEYOND JUST SUGGESTING WHAT TO DO; WE HELP BRIDGE LEADERS LEARN HOW TO DO IT.



Anthony Moreno: Fund new leader helping special needs families



Florence Annang: Impacting Generations



Susan Fudge: Bridge Leaders Change Lives

SERVICES

Assessments

Our assessments help evaluate real progress, identify strengths and weaknesses, and determine the next step in a Bridge Leader's journey.

Coaching

Coaching is personal help when you need it most. Our trained coaches walk with Bridge Leaders through every step of their journey asking powerful questions and helping discover creative new paths.

Training

Bridges goes beyond just suggesting what to do; we help Bridge Leaders learn how to do it. We want to provide them with more than just knowledge and help them develop the skills needed to be successful in their ministry.

Support Groups

None of us can do it alone. We need each other. Bridges Support Groups are created to encourage and assist Bridge Leaders in ways most relevant to their unique situation. In Support Group meetings, we share stories from our recent experiences, reflect on what happened, consult related scriptures, seek God's guidance in prayer, and create next steps for the month ahead.

IMPACT

SO FAR BRIDGES HAS OVER:

150 Leaders Trained 1570 New Disciples of Christ 7500 Intentional Friendships Outside of Church Culture

AS WELL AS:

- 12 new Christ-following communities created
- 3 generations of Christ's followers impacted

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Rev. Karen Berns

Retired pastor with 40 years of pastoral work experience within churches across the US and beyond.



Rev. Itefa Gobina Molte

Retired president of the EECMY Ethiopian Church Mekane Yesus. Ethiopian Representative to the All Africa Council of Churches.



Rev. Dr. James Milley

Founder and Executive Director of Bridges. He holds a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary.



Todd Samuelson

Partner-Chief Portfolio officer at Samuelson Partners, Commercial Real Estate.



John Wheeler Waddell

Retired Missionary of PCUSA and Partner Care Coordinator for The Antioch Partners.



Richard McFalls

Insurance Professional (Life, Disability, Long-Term Care, Group Medical and Benefits) Guardian Life Insurance.



Steve Schultze

VP of Special Projects and Community Development LA Mission.



WE MAKE AN IMPACT

Our Bridge Leaders Make a Difference for Many Causes in our Communities

Causes supported by Bridges, annual total dollars spent on each cause, and the total Ministry staff per cause over the past fiscal year.

COMMUNITY CAUSE SUPPORTED BY BRIDGES	STAFF	SUM OF EXPENSES
Immigrant Families	8	\$202,257
LGBTQ Friends	2	\$3,900
Incarcerated	1	\$0
Comfort Care for the Grieving/Sick	1	\$0
Homeless People	1	\$48,397
Poor Urban Families	6	\$10,109
Women/Children	7	\$7,787
Entertainment/Media	4	\$2,214
Neighborhood Ministry	3	\$52,089
Yoga/Fitness	3	\$70
Interfaith	1	\$18,500
Low Income Housing	1	\$2,250
Special Needs	2	\$10
Micro Business and Loans	1	\$318
TOTAL	41	\$347,900

2022-2023 Total Dollars Spent: \$347,900* / Total Part Time Ministry Staff: 41

*Does not include donations by Bridge Leaders from designated accounts to other designated accounts or to Bridges General undesignated accounts totaling \$94,110

MEET OUR BRIDGE LEADERS



Bridge Leader Donna has recruited her disciples to also become Bridge Leaders.



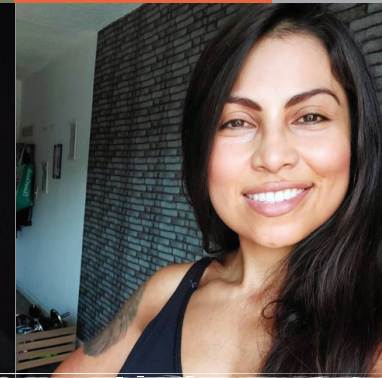
Bridge Leader Anthony helps children who struggle with mental health and behavioral challenges. He helps both child and family thrive in difficult times.



Bridge Leader Walter helps communities in California learn how to save energy in their homes.



Bridge Leader Norm brings together his community in Maryland to provide food assistance, prescription assistance, and more to those in need through Germantown HELP.



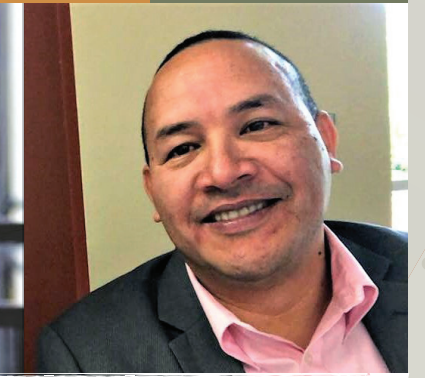
Bridge Leader Nancy is a strong single mother ministering to her neighbors and to clients she works with as a personal trainer.



Bridge Leader Emilio brings together other creatives in Sunday Night Studio.



Florence's ministry THRIVE!!! Learning Labs serves children in NW Pasadena.



Bridge Leader Ezequiel visits people living in Colonias in Southern Texas to bring food, supplies and support.

- During the past year, Bridges supported 46 Bridge Leaders across six states.
- Seven of these leaders joined us over the last 12 months!

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LARRY'S COMEBACK

Larry was despondent and almost died. Through a chance encounter, Larry and I met in the rehab center when I had my bicycle accident. We exchanged stories and became friends. The Holy Spirit worked through our conversations in our room and we created a special bond. Larry, who was once an editor for major magazines, is now an editor for Bridges and credits Bridges for helping to turn his life around.



Jim Milley sharing stories with Larry during rehab.



Jim and Larry working together on Bridges' 2022 Annual Campaign.



Regular check-ins with kids in the community encourages communication and builds relationships.



Florence leads Zoom oversight commission meetings with police and community members.

FLORENCE TESTIFIES

Florence helps dozens of local families in a struggling neighborhood of Pasadena. Through Thrive Learning Lab, her After-School Program and Summer Day Camp, she cultivates young minds through education, relationships, and community building.

Florence was also instrumental in creating a police oversight commission in Pasadena to foster a sense of more equitable practices of justice. She testifies that she could not be doing her ministry without the support of Bridges.

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GOALS 2023

NEW LEADERS:

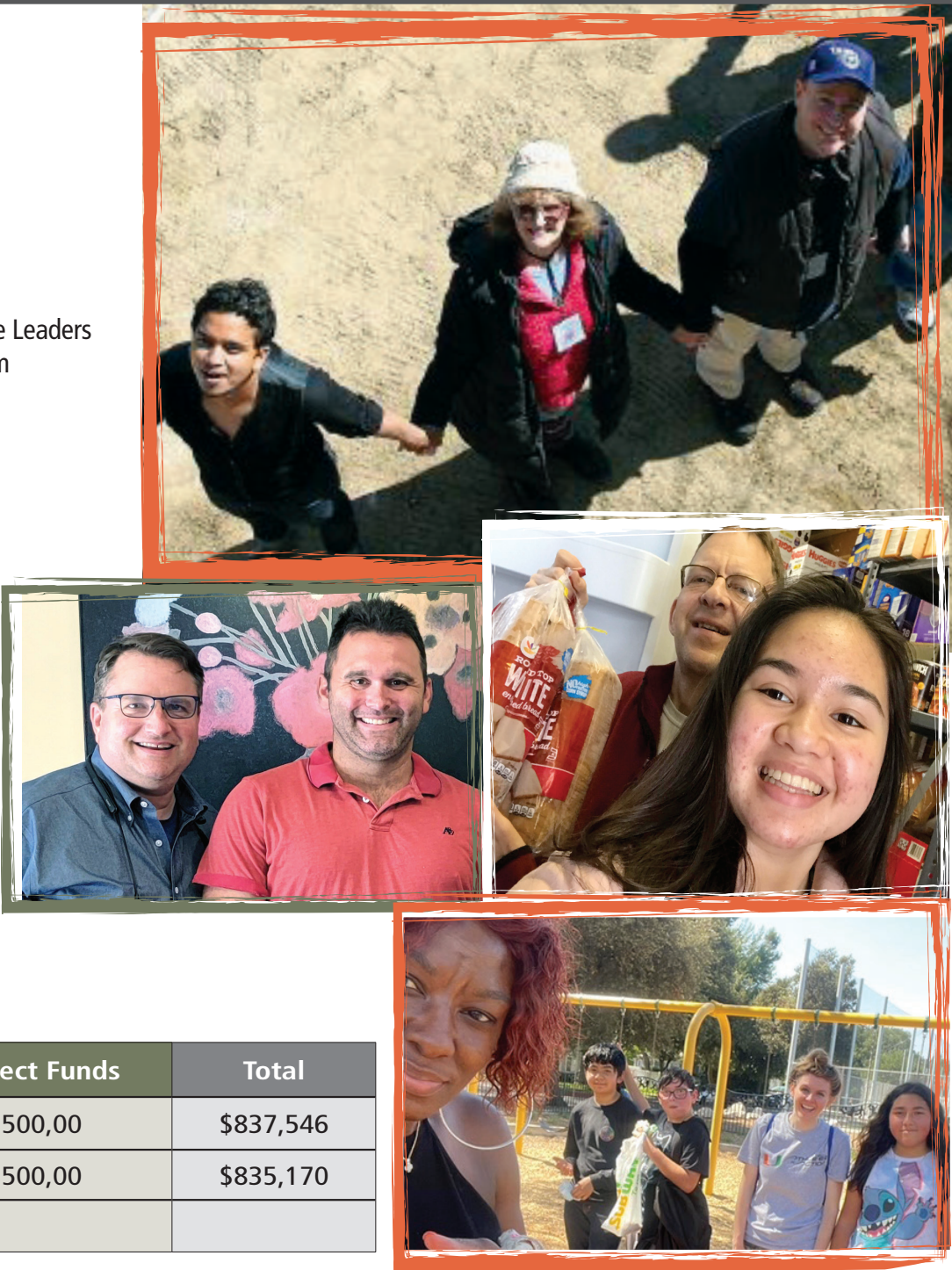
- Add 25 new Bridge Leaders
- Expand our Bridges Membership by 200 members
- Create a strategy for identifying and recruiting future Bridge Leaders
- Automate service delivery through our membership platform
- Expand Bridges to 5 more states

NEW CAPACITIES:

Complete two capacity building projects to enable our long-envisioned pivot to a business model resembling an App-based company. This will enable Bridges to expand, for example, from 50 Bridge Leaders to 500 Bridge Leaders in future years.

NEW DISCIPLES:

- Empower Bridge Leaders to
1. Make 80 new disciples
 2. Foster 200 new friends outside existing churches
 3. Start three New Christ-following groups



GET INVOLVED

Become a Bridge Leader
Reach out by email or phone to Jim Milley at (818) 371-0033 or jim@bridgesus.org

Volunteer
Let us know what skills you have that you would like to use to help our Team and/or our Bridge Leaders.

Join the Bridges Membership Subscription
<https://bridgesus.org/bridge-members/>

Donate
Go online to <https://bridgesus.org/give-now/> and select the orange button to send in a gift using a credit or debit card. This page also has instructions for giving by paper check.

Spread the word
Share what you love about Bridges and invite people to learn more!
Offer to host an event in your home.

“Go therefore and make
disciples of all peoples...”
—Jesus, Matt 28:19



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the Church culture.

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with 230
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