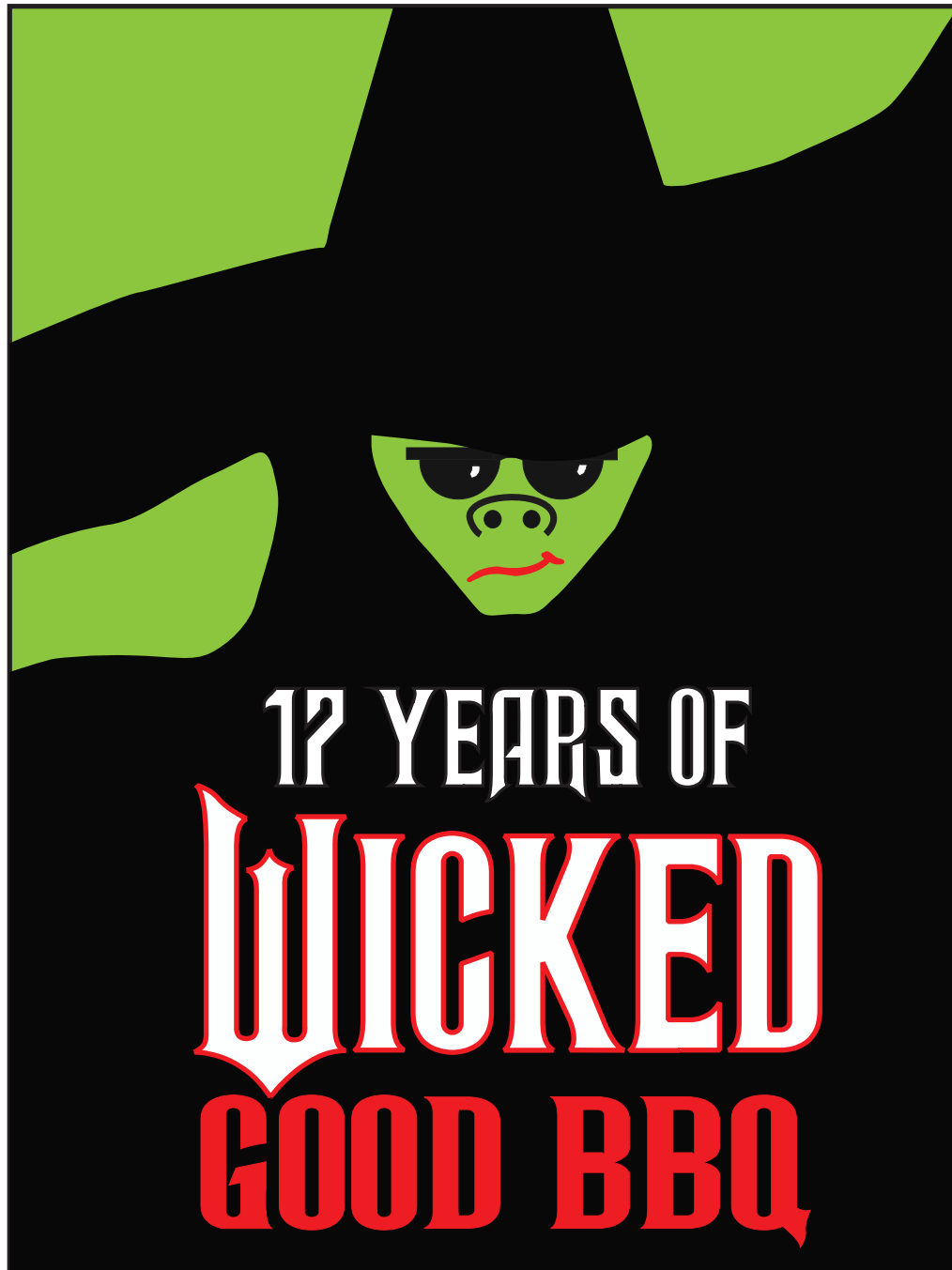




17th Annual Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ  
2025 Sponsorship Opportunities



*September 6th, 2025  
Glen Ellyn, IL*

Benefiting: Bridge Communities  
[www.glenellynbackyardbbq.org](http://www.glenellynbackyardbbq.org)



**OUR PROMISE:**  
**SAFETY FIRST WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE FUN**

The Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities will put guests, volunteers, competitors, and staff safety first, while also delivering a uniquely fun, family-centered, music and BBQ festival.

**Spacious, Outdoor Venue** – We'll be hosting all aspects of the event in spacious open areas of nearly 70,000 square feet of festival footprint.

**LOCATION THIS YEAR! Duane Street Public Parking Lot, West of Glen Ellyn Public Library.**

**Bag Check at Entrances** – All bags and strollers will be safety checked at all entrances by CERT volunteers (Community Emergency Response Team). Emergency, First-Aid Services and Glen Ellyn Police will be on-site throughout the day and evening. No alcohol can be brought into the event

**Cashless Purchases Encouraged** – Guests will be encouraged, and at some points of service required, to use debit, credit and mobile payment services such as Credit Card and Apple Pay.

**Piglet Playland** – Our beloved children's play area includes several social distance activities such as arts and crafts, live entertainment and bounce houses. Playland entrance and exit is monitored; parental supervision is required.

We've consulted the experts and considered every angle to plan an event that puts safety first without compromising all the fun and enjoyment the Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ promises to deliver.





Now in its 17th year, the **Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ** has become a much anticipated event, drawing thousands of BBQ and live music fans from across the Chicago region.

This family-friendly event provides an excellent avenue to showcase your business and achieve your marketing goals. Glen Ellyn and surrounding communities are economically robust with household incomes that average over \$100,000. They are primarily single family homeowners, college educated, and boast significant discretionary spending.



Led by an all-volunteer organization the **Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ** has the goal to raise \$60,000 to benefit homeless families housed and mentored by Bridge Communities. Your participation as a sponsor to the **Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ** is critical to meeting that goal.



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### *What your Sponsorship Dollars Bring You:*

#### **1. *Market your company throughout Chicagoland with emphasis in the western suburbs***

- The Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities have a robust social media presence of over 9,900 cross-network subscribers including 7,000 Facebook and 1,400 Instagram followers.
- The Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ attracts 2,000+ guests from some of the most affluent west suburban communities including: Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Naperville, Bloomingdale, Winfield and Downers Grove.
- Your company name and logo is listed in event marketing, social media, websites and media releases.
- Specific sponsorship in high traffic and visible areas, on the day of the BBQ event, that provide additional recognition.
- Banners, signage, and posters displayed at the event and in west suburban communities .
- Marketing booth space for you and your business located close to main gate and entertainment stage.
- Cross marketing opportunities available for top financial sponsors.

#### **2. *Tax Deductible Donation to Bridge Communities***

- Company name and logo associated with one of the area's most respected and award-winning non-profit organizations.
- Company name and logo associated with a Top 20 *Chicago Magazine* non-profit and multi-year, 4-STAR Charity Navigator agency.
- Company name and logo recognized on Bridge Communities' website, social media, newsletter, and annual report.
- Knowledge that your marketing dollars are being leveraged by one of the most successful programs designed to permanently end homelessness and poverty for local families.

#### **4. *Place Marketing Item in Swag Bags:***

- Company is encouraged to provide a promotional item in each contestant, judge and volunteer swag bags. Approximately 70 bags distributed.
- Company is encouraged to provide promotional item(s) at their marketing booth.

#### **5. *Fun for All:***

- Top financial sponsors can serve as guest celebrity judge of Best Dish
- Free food and beverage tickets given to company employees
- Company can help promote the event
- Company employees can volunteer at the BBQ
- Free t-shirts and other promotional items given to top financial sponsors





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### **Title Sponsor - \$15,000**

- Exclusive Naming Rights of Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ. To be listed as the Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ sponsored by: Your Company Name, to Benefit Bridge Communities. (Name change requires a multi-year commitment.)
- Prominent logo placement on all event marketing materials, website, social media, press releases, event signage, and select promotional items
- Company name and logo provided in all press releases sent to 20+ media outlets
- Company name and logo placement on Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities websites, with links to sponsor websites and social media sites
- Exclusive company name and logo signage the day of the event, along with minimum of seven company announcements from entertainment stage. Opportunity to speak from stage.
- Serve as celebrity judge in Best Dish category. If KCBS certified, serve as judge for Best Ribs
- Inclusion of company materials (provided by company) in thank you letters sent to 100 BBQ event competitors and judges
- Cross promotional and marketing opportunities to be determined
- Marketing booth space (size 10x20) provided to company
- Five BBQ event t-shirts and five BBQ event drink cozies
- Tickets for BBQ meal and beverages to all company guests with VIP seating
- Post-event recognition in all press materials, social media, and websites
- Your sponsorship is a tax-deductible donation

### **Backyard BBQ Competition Sponsor - \$5,000 - SOLD**

- Prominent logo placement on all competition marketing materials, website, social media, press releases, event signage, and select promotional items
- Company name provided in all press releases sent to 20+ media outlets
- Company name and logo placement on Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities websites, with links to sponsor websites and social media sites
- Company name and logo signage the day of the event, along with minimum of five company announcements from entertainment stage
- Exclusive signage at Turn-In Tent and Judges Tent areas. Opportunity to speak prior to Best Dish and Best Ribs Judging in Judge's Tent
- Serve as celebrity judge in Best Dish category. If KCBS certified, serve as judge for Best Ribs
- Inclusion of company materials (provided by company) in thank you letters sent to 100 BBQ event competitors and judges
- Marketing booth space (10x10) provided to company
- Three BBQ competition t-shirts and three BBQ event drink cozies
- Four Tickets for BBQ meal and beverages
- Post-event recognition in all press materials, social media, and websites
- Your sponsorship is a Tax Deductible donation



### **Liquid Libations Sponsor - \$5,000**

- Logo placement on all event marketing materials, website, social media, press releases, event signage
- Company name provided in all press releases sent to 30+ media outlets
- Company name and logo placement on Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities websites, with links to sponsor websites
- Option to provide a video promoting your business and its support of BBQ to be featured in one day of dedicated posts on Facebook and Instagram (video due August 15, 2025)
- Company name and logo signage the day of the event, along with minimum of four company announcements from entertainment stage
- Exclusive signage on display at beer and wine trailers.
- 10x10 marketing **booth space** provided to company or three BBQ t-shirts and three BBQ event drink cozies
- Four BBQ meal and beverage tickets
- Post-event recognition in all press materials, social media, and websites
- Your sponsorship is a Tax Deductible donation

### **King of the Stage Sponsor - \$3,000 - SOLD**

- Logo placement on all event marketing materials, website, social media, press releases, and stage signage
- Company name provided in all press releases sent to 30+ media outlets
- Company name and logo placement on Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities and Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ websites, with links to sponsor company
- Exclusive company name and logo on all stage signage the day of the event, along with a minimum of seven announcements from the entertainment stage. Unless there is title sponsorship, then stage signage will have both company names and logos represented. Opportunity to speak from stage.
- 10x10 marketing **booth space** provided to company
- Three BBQ event t-shirts and four BBQ event drink cozies
- Three BBQ meal and beverage tickets
- Post-event recognition in all social media and websites
- Your sponsorship is a Tax Deductible donation

### **Custom Trophy Sponsor - \$2,000 - SOLD**

- Logo placement on all event marketing materials, website, social media, press releases, event signage
- Company name provided in all press releases sent to 30+ media outlets
- Company name and logo placement on Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities websites, with links to sponsor websites
- Company logo incorporated onto the event trophy (typically on the back of the trophy)
- Company name and logo signage the day of the event, along with minimum of three company announcements from entertainment stage
- Exclusive signage on display with the day-of event trophy display.
- 10x10 marketing **booth space** provided to company OR two BBQ t-shirts and two BBQ event drink cozies
- Post-event recognition in all press materials, social media, and websites
- Your sponsorship is a Tax Deductible donation



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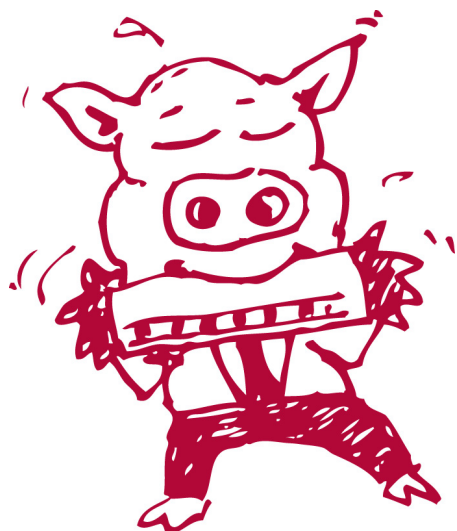


#### **VIP Volunteer Luncheon Sponsor - \$1,500 - SOLD**

- Logo placement on all event marketing materials, website, social media, press releases, and stage signage
- Company name provided in all press releases sent to 20+ media outlets
- Company name and logo placement on Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities and Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ websites, with links to sponsor websites
- Company name and logo on signage the day of the event, along with a minimum of three company announcements from the entertainment stage.
- Exclusive signage at VIP Volunteer Luncheon Tent. Opportunity to speak during the Volunteer lunch.
- Inclusion of company materials (provided by company) in thank you letters sent to 100+ BBQ Volunteers
- 10x10 marketing **booth space** provided to company OR two BBQ t-shirts and one BBQ event drink cozies
- Post-event recognition in all press materials, social media, and websites
- Your sponsorship is a Tax Deductible donation

#### **Piglet Playland Sponsor - \$1,500 - SOLD**

- Logo placement on all event marketing materials, website, social media, press releases
- Company name provided in all press releases sent to 20+ media outlets
- Company name and logo placement on Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities websites, with links to sponsor company
- Company name announced from entertainment stage a minimum of three times
- Exclusive signage at Piglet Playland area
- 10x10 marketing **booth space** provided to company OR two BBQ event t-shirts and one BBQ event drink cozies
- Two BBQ meal and beverage tickets
- Post-event recognition in all social media and websites
- Your sponsorship is a Tax Deductible donation





***Backyard BBQ Festival Sponsors - \$1,000***  
***(One month of housing for a homeless client family)***

***This Sponsorship is Available to Multiple Sponsors***

Your \$1,000 donation means a family facing homelessness is in safe housing for one more month. During this time the family will receive weekly mentoring and financial literacy coaching, counseling to heal from their traumas, employment workshops and coaching, nutritional workshops, and the children will receive holistic education, emotional, and physical assessments and care. You can give all of this and more for only \$1,000! Plus, you will receive all of the following marketing and promotions:

- Company name and logo on event marketing materials, website and social media
- Company name provided in all press releases sent to 20+ media outlets
- Company name announced from entertainment stage a minimum of three times
- 10x10 marketing **booth space** provided to company OR one BBQ event t-shirts
- Two BBQ meal and beverage tickets
- Post-event recognition in all social media and websites
- Your sponsorship is a Tax Deductible donation

***Prime Level Sponsorships - \$500 each***

***Technology Sponsor - \$500***

***Quench Your Thirst! Sponsor - \$500***

***Safety and Sanitation Sponsor - \$500***

***Hip, Hip, Hooray for Volunteers Sponsor - \$500 - SOLD***

***People's Choice Best Sauce Sponsor - \$500***

***Raffle Sponsor - \$500 - SOLD***

- Company name on event marketing materials, website, social media
- Company name and logo placement on Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ and Bridge Communities websites
- Exclusive signage at your sponsored location:
  - Technology - signage at event entry
  - Quench Your Thirst! - signage at soda and water tents
  - Safety and Sanitation - signage at wash stations and sanitizing stations
  - Hip, Hip, Hooray for Volunteers - signage at volunteer check-in tent and digital sign-up website
  - Raffle - signage at Raffle Tent and mention in Thank You Letter
  - People's Choice - signage at sales tent and serve as a celebrity judge in People's Choice Sauce Competition
- Company name announced from entertainment stage two times
  - 10x10 marketing **booth space** provided to company OR two BBQ event drink cozies
- Post-event recognition in all social media and websites
- Your sponsorship is a Tax Deductible donation





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### Sponsorship Form



Name of Individual/Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact/Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**We want to participate in the Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ in the following way(s):**

#### Sponsorship Levels:

Exclusive Title (\$15,000) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BBQ Competition (\$5,000) **(SOLD)**

Liquid Libations (\$5,000) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

King of the Stage (\$3,000) **(SOLD)**

Custom Trophy Sponsor (\$2,000) **(SOLD)**

VIP Volunteer Luncheon (\$1,500) **(SOLD)**

Piglet Playland (\$1,500) **(SOLD)**

BBQ Festival Sponsorships (\$1,000 ea.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Sponsorships (\$500 ea.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Sponsorship Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I would like a marketing booth space at the GEBYBBQ as indicated in my sponsorship level.

#### Payment methods:

☐ My sponsorship of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (Make check payable to Bridge Communities)

☐ I would like to be billed in \_\_\_\_\_ (month, 2025) for my full sponsorship of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
• **Payment must be made by September 1, 2025.**

☐ I would like to make a one-time charge for my sponsorship of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Visa MC AmEx

☐ I would like to charge my credit card in monthly increments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months  
(maximum of 5 months) for a final sponsorship amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete this form, indicate and/or enclose sponsorship payment and mail to:**

Attention: GEBYBBQ, Amy Van Polen  
Bridge Communities  
500 Roosevelt Rd  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



## Bridge Communities' Impact in 2023

### Connecting Families Facing Homelessness to a Brighter Future

The mission of Bridge Communities is to transition families experiencing homelessness to self-sufficiency by working with partners to provide mentoring, housing, and supportive services.

Bridge Communities offers a holistic approach to breaking the cycle of homelessness for the families we serve. We provide employment assistance, financial resources, children's services, educational resources, and more.

Bridge Communities has helped more than **970 families** go from homelessness to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

#### A Snapshot of 2023 Families

- 105** families were served (111 adults, 205 children)
- 34** new families entered the program
  - 100% were low to extremely low income
  - The majority were employed, but 33% reported high risk employment status
  - 33% reported high risk childcare status
- 44** families graduated the program

#### In 2023...

- 45** clients landed full-time jobs
- 51** clients received one-on-one employment counseling
- 236** youth received home visits
- 31** youth received personal tutoring, totaling 412 hours
- 36** total attendees at our nutrition workshops
- 81** total attendees at our peer support workshops



#### Achievements of 2023 Graduates:

- 88%** secured permanent housing
- 100%** agreed their ability to advocate for and communicate with their children improved
- 94%** had money set aside for emergencies



Median Monthly Income grew from \$2,286 to \$3,284, an increase of 44%

Median Savings increased from \$0 to \$10,916

Median Debt decreased from \$15,661 to \$1,500, a 90% reduction

