



GetInvolved!



Volunteer Opportunities



Make an impact by volunteering your time and/or expertise to Bridge Communities.

Tutoring: Use your certified teaching expertise as a tutor in a one-to-one setting one hour per week.

 **GetInvolved** Contact Mary Slade at mary.slade@bridgecommunities.org.


Employment Program volunteering: HR professionals assist job-seeking clients by reviewing client resumes, participating in mock interviews, and providing feedback.

 **GetInvolved** Contact Jodi Fegter at jodi.fegter@bridgecommunities.org.

In-kind professional services: Support our families by providing services; we're in need of attorneys, mechanics, doctors, hair stylists and barbers, test prep professionals, dentists, orthodontists, optometrists, oral surgeons, and more.

 **GetInvolved** Contact Dave MacArtney at dave.macartney@bridgecommunities.org.


Mentoring: Provide encouragement and guidance to our client families so that they can achieve self-sufficiency.

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Nutrition Program help: Assist clients with food security, recipes, and gardening.

 **GetInvolved** Contact Megan DeAngelis at megan.deangelis@bridgecommunities.org.

"A Heart for the Homeless" Scout Patch: Complete required activities by grade outlined in our "What's It Like to Be Homeless?" curriculum on Bridge's website.

 **GetInvolved** Visit bridgecommunities.org/support-us/volunteer/earn-a-scout-patch.

Special Donations



Gift our families with the resources they need to be successful.

Women's professional clothing: Help women in the workforce look and feel the part with women's professional clothing.

 **GetInvolved** Contact the Bridge Communities Boutique team at clothes.boutique@bridgecommunities.org.

School supplies: Start the school year off right for children in Bridge by donating school supplies at our annual drive. For easy ordering, go to Bridge's Amazon charity page: <https://a.co/8tF1ovy>.

 **GetInvolved** Contact Jill Garbaliuskas at jill.garbaliuskas@bridgecommunities.org.

Specialty drives: Let us help you get creative with special drives, e.g. a fine motor skills toy drive, welcome kits for kids and/or parents new to the program, toy drive for Bridge's holiday party, care baskets for families going through intake, and more.

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Automobiles: Gift Bridge's working parents with reliable transportation by making a tax-deductible donation of your car.


 **GetInvolved** Contact Paul Matthews at paul.matthews@bridgecommunities.org.

Drives & Collections



Help Bridge families achieve their financial goals.

Help stretch our clients' budgets by donating gift cards, gasoline cards, quarters for laundry, and hygiene and household products. For easy ordering, go to Bridge's Amazon charity page: <https://a.co/8tF1ovy>.

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Special Events



Volunteer as a day-of helper, committee member, connect us to business sponsors, or buy a ticket and join us at one of our many fundraising events.

Celebrating Women, Transforming Lives

Glen Ellyn Backyard BBQ

Sleep Out Saturday (SOS)

Wine Women & Shoes

The Bridge Communities Golf Classic



GetInvolved Contact Margo Matthew at margo.matthew@bridgecommunities.org or visit bridgecommunities.org/news-events for more information.

Throw a Third-Party Event/Fundraiser



Invite your network of friends and family to join in the fight against homelessness.

Host a social media fundraiser or choose Bridge as a third-party recipient for your fundraising event or Giving Party

GetInvolved Contact Amy Van Polen at amy.vanpolen@bridgecommunities.org.

Impactful Giving



Invest in Bridge families' futures and help support their goals through meaningful and fulfilling giving.

Circle of Hope Recurring Giving: Ensure a consistent, reliable source of support to families through your monthly or quarterly gift.

GetInvolved Contact Liza Sury at liza.sury@bridgecommunities.org.

Scholarships: Help a child attend summer camp, enrichment programs, or even higher education with scholarships.

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The Bridge Communities Founders Fund: Connect teens to college prep workshops, career assessment, ACT and SAT tutoring, scholarships, personal assistance with college applications and financial aid forms, and more.

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Adopt a family: Help provide a gift card(s) to a family so that they can shop for their family's holiday needs.

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#GivingTuesday: The first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, join this global generosity movement and support families transitioning from homelessness to hope. This movement not only promotes a cause, but it is a day of unity within communities, giving to those less fortunate, and providing an opportunity to make change.

GetInvolved Make a gift at bridgecommunities.org/support-us/ways-to-donate/givingtuesday.

The Cornerstone Society: Let Bridge help you achieve your financial goals and leave a legacy of generosity.

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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. Together with over 400 volunteers, we help empower more than 100 families we serve each year. Won't you help us bring hope to families experiencing homelessness in DuPage County?

Please note that due to storage and distribution restrictions, we cannot accept the following donations: food, furniture, children's clothing, men's clothing, or used toys. Please visit www.givingdupage.org for locations that accept those items.



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