



BRIDGE BUILDERS 2026

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join Us

Thursday, March 26, 2026
Networking: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Program: 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
JW Marriott Tampa Water St.

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Class of
FUTURE LEADERS



Bridge Builders 2025 Sponsorship Invitation

Breaking the Cycle. Building Futures.



Dear Friends,

We're reaching out to you not just as this year's Bridge Builders Chair Couple—but as fellow supporters who believe in what's possible when compassion meets opportunity.

Bridge Builders 2026 is more than an event. It's a chance to help young people who have experienced homelessness at Metropolitan Ministries find stability, confidence, and hope to dream again. These kids are full of potential—they just need someone to believe in them and give them a fair shot at a brighter future.

This year, we're honored to welcome Dr. John Maxwell, who will share his message on high road leadership. His words about integrity, purpose, and lifting others up capture exactly what this day is all about—helping our youth grow into the leaders they were meant to be.

When you sponsor Bridge Builders, you're helping break the cycle of homelessness for a generation of children and teens. You're giving them the chance to build a new story—one filled with stability, opportunity, and hope for the future.

We'd love you to join us. Please take a moment to review the enclosed sponsorship opportunities and consider partnering with us this year. To confirm your sponsorship or learn more, contact Cindy.Sofarelli@metromin.org or visit metromin.org/bridge-builders.

Together, we can build bridges to something better—one child, one dream, one future at a time.

With heartfelt thanks,

Chris and Lauren Schellman
2026 Bridge Builders Chair Couple



BRIDGE BUILDERS ANNUAL PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

\$100,000 - HOPE PARTNER (EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY)

Provides stable housing and support for 100 middle and high school youth living with their families in our residential housing

- Two tables of 10 at our Bridge Builders event
- Two full page ads in the Bridge Builders program, stage signage, and recognition as Marquee Sponsor
- Opportunity to address guests from the podium
- 10 tickets to each signature events throughout the year
- Prominent recognition on our website, digital channels, and event collateral
- Premium recognition at our main Holiday Tent

\$50,000 - INSPIRE PARTNER

Provides educational stability for 50 homeless middle and high school youth by assisting with enrollment and ensuring they stay in school

- One table of 10 at our Bridge Builders event
- One full page ad in event program
- 6 tickets to each signature events throughout the year
- Recognition on our website, digital channels, and event collateral
- Prominent recognition at our main Holiday Tent

\$25,000 - COMPASSION PARTNER

Provides hope and healing to teenagers through 250 therapeutic support sessions, helping them navigate personal challenges and trauma

- One table of 10 at our Bridge Builders event
- Half page ad in event program
- 4 tickets to each signature events throughout the year
- Recognition on our digital channels and event collateral

\$15,000 - RESILIENCY SPONSOR

Provides 50 middle and high school youth with enrichment opportunities to learn, grow and thrive through our CREATE (Children's Recreational, Education, Arts, and Therapeutic Experience) program

- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event
- Half page ad in event program and table signage

\$10,000 - NEIGHBOR SPONSOR

Provides STEAM materials and experiences for middle and high school youth in our afterschool program

- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event
- Quarter page ad in event program and table signage

\$3,500 - ACTION SPONSOR

Provides education materials, resources, and equipment for 50 middle and high school youth to participate in school activities, clubs, and events

- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event
- Program Listing and table signage

SPECIALTY SPONSORSHIPS

The exclusive sponsorships will cover event costs so that all event proceeds can go directly to helping homeless youth heal and learn as their families become self-sufficient.

LUNCH SPONSOR - \$75,000

- Half Page Ad in program, recognition on all tables, digital recognition, and 1 table of 10.

AUDIO/VISUAL SPONSOR - \$40,000

- Half Page Ad in program, digital recognition, and 1 table of 10.

NETWORKING RECEPTION - \$20,000

- Listing in program, Area Sponsor Signage, digital recognition, and 1 table of 10.

DESSERT SPONSOR - \$7,500

- Listing in program, Area Sponsor Signage, digital recognition, and 1 table of 10.

VALET SPONSOR - \$5,000

- Listing in program, Area Sponsor Signage, digital recognition, and 1 table of 10.

FRIENDS OF METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES - \$2,500

Provides three nutritious meals a day for 10 residential teenagers for one month

Join our community of friends who share hope. Your gift ensures every family in crisis finds a pathway to dignity and self-sufficiency. Supporters who wish to contribute financially without attending the event make an impact that lasts far beyond the luncheon.

- **Recognition in printed program and digital event listings**
- **No Bridge Builders luncheon table included**

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