



# 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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# Bridge Builders 2026 Sponsorship Invitation

Breaking the Cycle. Building Futures.



Dear Friends,

Bridge Builders is one of Tampa Bay's premier philanthropic gatherings—a celebration of compassion and opportunity coming together to transform lives. We will unite for a shared purpose: to empower children and teens experiencing homelessness to rise above hardship and step boldly into futures filled with confidence, stability, and hope.

We are honored to serve as this year's chair couple and to welcome our keynote speaker, Dr. John C. Maxwell—a globally recognized leadership expert, bestselling author, and founder of Maxwell Leadership. His High Road Leadership principles remind us that true leadership begins with valuing every individual and harnessing the power of shared vision and collective impact—perfectly reflecting this year's theme: **Your Leadership Builds Theirs.**

Your sponsorship of Bridge Builders helps break the cycle of homelessness for an entire generation of children and teens. You're giving them the chance to build a new story—one filled with stability and opportunity. Because of you, doors will open to education, career paths, and life skills. Together, we will ensure that at-risk youth in Tampa Bay are empowered through our leadership and collective impact.

Please review the enclosed sponsorship opportunities and join us in building brighter futures—because together, we can make a lasting impact.

With hope and gratitude,

Chris and Lauren Schellman  
Chair Couple



# BRIDGE BUILDERS ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## HOPE PARTNER – \$100,000 (EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY)

Provides stable housing and support for 100 children and teens living with their families in our residential housing.

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

## INSPIRE PARTNER – \$50,000

Provides educational support and stability for 50 homeless children and teens ensuring access to resources to stay in school.

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

## COMPASSION PARTNER – \$25,000

Provides hope and healing through 250 therapeutic support sessions, helping children and teens navigate personal challenges and trauma.

- One table of 10 at the Bridge Builders event and table signage
- Half-page ad in the event program
- Annual Partner recognition and 4 tickets to signature events throughout the year

## RESILIENCY SPONSOR – \$15,000

Provides 50 youth with enrichment opportunities through our CREATE program. (Children's Recreational, Education, Arts, and Therapeutic Experience)

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

## NEIGHBOR SPONSOR – \$10,000

Provides STEAM materials and experiences for children and teens in our afterschool program.

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

## ACTION SPONSOR – \$3,500

Provides educational materials, resources, and equipment for 50 youth to participate in school activities, clubs, and events.

- One table of 10 at the 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
- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event

## AUDIO/VISUAL SPONSOR - \$40,000

- Half Page Ad in program
- Digital recognition
- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event

## NETWORKING RECEPTION - \$20,000

- Listing in event program
- Area Sponsor Signage
- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event

## DESSERT SPONSOR - \$7,500

- Listing in event program
- Area Sponsor Signage
- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event

## VALET SPONSOR - \$5,000

- Listing in event program
- Area Sponsor Signage
- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event

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## FRIENDS OF METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

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.



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