

February 2024

Greetings!

Happy New Year! Gina and I are excited to kick off 2024 as we continue our meaningful volunteer work with Metropolitan Ministries. In serving on the Board of Directors, spending time volunteering as a family in the Holiday Tent, and visiting the Sullivan Partnership School, we have witnessed the tremendous impact of this organization and are excited to lead this year's Bridge Builder's event as Chair-Couple, on Tuesday, April 16th over an inspiring lunch.

When you think of homelessness, you may picture a homeless person on the street. However, we should also be thinking of families, including women and children, knowing that more children are under Metro's care each night than adults!

Through our involvement with Metropolitan Ministries, we have seen the amazing work of the BrigADe mobile outreach team who are making great strides to alleviate suffering for our neighbors on the streets experiencing chronic homelessness. But as parents, we have been struck by the alarming number of children facing homelessness, as many as 5,000 in Hillsborough County, 4,000 in Pinellas County, with similar numbers in Pasco and Polk County, and it's believed that the numbers are undercounted. These are the faces we do not readily see. That's why this year's Bridge Builder's theme is centered around children, entitled "Building Hope, One Block at a Time"

We invite you to come be a significant part of the work being done to help homeless children heal from their trauma, pour into their future with education, improve their mental well-being, and invest in changing the trajectory of their lives...one block at a time! Your support of Bridge Builder's has a direct impact in helping children feel safe again and begin to reach their full potential. We humbly ask you to consider the attached opportunities to be an Annual Partner with year-round benefits or an Event Sponsor. Each sponsorship level offers recognition as gratitude for your support, but more importantly, provides innocent children opportunities to find an oasis - a safe haven at Metro Ministries - along their journey.

Thank you for your consideration to support Metropolitan Ministries.  
We look forward to seeing you on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Tampa Hilton Downtown!  
With sincere appreciation,

Eric and Gina Bailey  
2024 Bridge Builders Chair Couple





SAVE THE DATE

# BUILDING HOPE ONE BLOCK AT A TIME

Constructing brighter futures for children  
experiencing homelessness

## BRIDGE BUILDERS 2024

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> | Tampa Hilton Downtown

**Networking:** 11:00-11:45 AM

**Program:** 11:45 AM-1:00 PM

**Chair Couple:** Eric and Gina Bailey

**#HopeDoesMore**



# BRIDGE BUILDERS ANNUAL PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Provides stable housing and wrap around services for 250 children living with their parents in MiraclePlace

- 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 1,000 guests from podium
- Recognition and 10 seats at three signature events throughout the year  
*Tampa Bay Food Fight, Pasco Leadership Luncheon, and Business Breakfast of Champions*
- Prominent recognition on our website, digital channels, and event collateral
- Premium recognition at our main Holiday Tent
- Metro Immersion/Effinity training for up to 40 people

## **\$50,000** - INSPIRE PARTNER

Provides 60 children the opportunity for Early Learning Childcare for one month

- One table of 10 at our Bridge Builders event
- Recognition and 6 seats at three signature events throughout the year  
*Tampa Bay Food Fight, Pasco Leadership Luncheon, and Business Breakfast of Champions*
- Recognition on our website, digital channels, and all event collateral
- Prominent recognition at our main Holiday Tent
- Metro Immersion/Effinity Training for up to 25 people

## **\$25,000** - COMPASSION PARTNER

Provides 350 safe shelter nights for children to focus on trauma recovery and their education goals

- One table of 10 at our Bridge Builders event
- Recognition and 4 seats for two signature events  
*Tampa Bay Food Fight and Business Breakfast of Champions*
- Recognition on digital channels and event collateral

## **\$15,000** - RESILIENCY PARTNER

Provides STEAM materials and experiences for children and teenagers in our C.R.E.A.T.E. (Children's Recreational, Education, Arts, and Therapeutic Experience) program

- One table of 10 at Bridge Builders event
- Recognition and 2 seats at two signature events  
*Tampa Bay Food Fight and Business Breakfast of Champions*
- Recognition on event collateral



# EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## **\$10,000** - NEIGHBOR SPONSOR

Provides 100 children with prevention services in high need neighborhoods

- Table of 10 at Bridge Builders event
- 1/2 page ad in Bridge Builders program and table signage

## **\$7,500** - UPLIFT SPONSOR

Provides STEAM materials and experiences for children and teenagers in CREATE therapeutic out of school programs

- Table of 10 at Bridge Builders event
- 1/4 page ad in program and table signage

## **\$2,500** - ACTION SPONSOR

Provides 3 nutritious meals a day for 14 residential children for one month

- Table of 10 at Bridge Builders event
- Program listing and table signage

# SPECIALTY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*(EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES)*

Your exclusive sponsorship will cover event costs so that 100% of the proceeds will go directly to helping children heal and learn as families become self-sufficient.

All Specialty Sponsors will be listed in Bridge Builders Event Program, signage in specialty areas, and two seats at the event.

**\$40,000** LUNCH SPONSOR

**\$20,000** AUDIO/VISUAL SPONSOR

**\$6,000** DESSERT SPONSOR

**\$5,000** NETWORKING  
RECEPTION SPONSOR

**\$2,500** PROGRAM SPONSOR

**\$2,000** VALET/PARKING SPONSOR

**\$1,000** ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR