



**BRIDGE BUILDERS 2025  
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

# THE **RIPPLE** *EFFECT*

You can be the drop that creates ripples of change in the life of a teenager experiencing homelessness. Your act of caring expands opportunity and hope, impacting not only their life but everyone and everything around them.

## JOIN US

Wednesday  
April 16, 2025

Networking: 11:00 am - 11:45 am  
Program: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

JW Marriott  
Tampa Water St.

*Honorary*  
**CHAIR COUPLE**  
Tim and Valeri Marks

*Presenting*  
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Dear Friends,

It is truly an honor for Valeri and I to join the long list of Bridge Builders volunteers who have used their voices and influence to bring hope to families in need across Tampa Bay. Personally, this will be my 19th Bridge Builders event, and with mixed emotions, it will also be my last as CEO of Metropolitan Ministries. As we shared with the community earlier this month, I notified the board that the year I turn 68 would be my final year in full-time service at Metro. However, this will not be the last year Val and I support Metro, nor the last year we care for families in crisis or attend Bridge Builders.

Whether this is your first year attending or you are a long-time supporter, we always like to talk about the why behind the what. This year, I've chosen the theme **The Ripple Effect: Investing in the Lives of Teenagers Living in a Homeless Shelter – The Transformative Power of Hope.**

When I first came to Metro in 2006, I was deeply moved thinking about raising teenagers in a homeless shelter, some of which have living spaces as small as 260 square feet. I thought about my own challenges as a teen, my children navigating their teenage years, and the unimaginable difficulties of being part of a homeless family who has lost everything – yet still strives to create hopeful outcomes for the mother and her children.

There is nothing more gratifying than helping to change the trajectory of a teenager emerging from homelessness. Your specialty sponsorship, table sponsorship, and the support of your associates will have a ripple effect, transforming the lives of countless teens. Please join us at lunch, which we hope will sell out and generate the greatest level of support for the teens entrusted to our care. It would be our highest honor to have you with us to create an impact that will be felt by homeless children in our community for years to come.

With Gratitude,

Tim & Valeri Marks  
Honorary 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
- Recognition from podium to 1,000 guests
- 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 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
- Recognition and six seats at three signature events throughout the year  
(Tampa Bay FoodFight, 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 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
- Recognition and four 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 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
- Recognition and two 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 STEAM materials and experiences for middle and high school youth in our afterschool program

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

## \$7,500 - UPLIFT SPONSOR

Provides education materials, resources, and equipment for 100 middle and high school youth to participate in school activities, clubs, and events

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

## \$2,500 - ACTION SPONSOR

Provides three nutritious meals a day for 14 residential teenagers 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 homeless teenagers heal and learn as families become self-sufficient.

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

**\$60,000 LUNCH SPONSOR**

**\$30,000 AUDIO/VISUAL SPONSOR**

**\$8,000 DESSERT SPONSOR**

**\$7,000 NETWORKING  
RECEPTION SPONSOR**

**\$6,000 VALET/PARKING SPONSOR**

**\$5,000 PROGRAM SPONSOR**

**\$2,000 ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR**

