



Join us for
Our 29th Circle of Friends Gala!

May 30, 2023

at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge, MA

Honoring our esteemed outgoing
Executive Director Bob Gittens



**BRIDGES
HOMeward**

Finding Family Everywhere

www.bridgeshomeward.org


Join us in our mission to protect youth and families!

For every child a caring adult, a loving family, a supportive community.

We are excited to invite you to be a part of our 29th Circle of Friends Gala. Please join us as we come together to honor Bob Gittens, who will be stepping down later this year after serving as Bridges Homeward's Executive Director since 2016! Bob has devoted the bulk of his career to public service, from the Office of the Governor's Legal Counsel to the Massachusetts Parole Board to serving as Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to his most important role of all: leading Bridges Homeward. We are grateful for Bob's years of leadership.

At Bridges Homeward, our goal is for every person we work with to find **permanency** where they didn't have it before. Here, that means every single child, teen, and adult we serve has someone that is always there for them: a caring person, a loving adult... a supportive community. **In short, when you have permanency, you have family.**

Our work wouldn't be possible without companies like yours. In our uncertain times, families, youth in foster care, and individuals with developmental disabilities still need Bridges Homeward's constant, high-quality support. **So we ask you to give the gift of certainty to these vulnerable families and children with your generous partnership this year.**



“One of the unique things about our relationship with Bridges Homeward is our heritage. We’ve been around for 187 years, they’ve been around for 147 years. We see a real importance to our existence. We both wouldn’t be around this long if we weren’t impactful, clearly.”

– Wayne Patenaude, President & CEO,
Cambridge Savings Bank

Our **Adoption** program works to ensure that all children and teens have the opportunity to grow up in a healthy, committed family that provides unconditional love, a sense of security, and a community to call their own.



In our **Developmental Disabilities** program, we provide training, advocacy and social opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.



Our **Family Services** program recruits, trains, and supports adoptive and foster parents, making sure their entire journey goes as smoothly as possible.

2023 Gala Partnership Opportunities

When you partner with Bridges Homeward, you're helping keep children and families across Greater Boston safe and healthy!

All partnerships include recognition of your company's support on our website, our social media channels, and during the Gala itself.

VISIONARY

\$25,000

Our Visionary Partners make the biggest impact in the lives of the families we serve. This partnership provides resources to children and families in all of our programs.

- Your company will be highlighted during our event by our Program Host and our Executive Director Bob Gittens
- Your company will receive 15 tickets to our celebration
- Opportunity for a presentation and discussion about child welfare with your employees and Bridges Homeward social workers
- We will celebrate your partnership with dedicated posts on our social media channels

PLATINUM

\$15,000

Platinum Partners provide essential resources and education for our agency to strengthen our permanency practices and create better outcomes for more children across Massachusetts.

- Your company will be recognized during our event
- Your company will receive 10 tickets to our celebration
- Opportunity for a presentation and discussion about child welfare with your employees and Bridges Homeward social workers
- We will celebrate your partnership with dedicated posts on our social media channels

PREMIER

\$10,000

Premier Partners provide educational materials and domestic support to parents and families working towards reunifying with their children.

- Your company will be recognized during our event
- Your company will receive 8 tickets to our celebration
- Opportunity for an open discussion about child welfare with your employees and Bridges Homeward social workers

Our Family Support & Stabilization program focuses on strengthening overwhelmed families, with the goal of keeping them together.



Our Intensive Foster Care program supports children and teens in foster care who were born exposed to substances, who were subjected to abuse or neglect, or who have complex medical needs.



Our Independent Living program provides apartments to youth ages 18 to 22 who are transitioning out of the foster care system and need support before they are totally ready to go out on their own.

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BENEFACTOR **\$5,000**

Benefactor Partners provide high-quality care and attention to youth in intensive foster care. These youth face many challenges to permanency, and your Benefactor partnership helps youth overcome these challenges.

- Your company will be recognized by our Program Host
- Your company will receive 6 tickets to our celebration

BUILDER **\$2,500**

Builder Partners provide much-needed social opportunities to adults and children with developmental disabilities, who can be some of the most isolated individuals in our community.

- Your company will receive 4 tickets to our celebration

SILVER **\$1,500**

Silver Partners allow us to provide families with food, diapers, and other essentials that make daily life easier.

- Your company will receive 2 tickets to our celebration

LEADER **\$1,000**

Leader Partners help us to spread the word about Bridges Homeward and how we can band together to support youth in foster care and prevent youth homelessness.

- Your company will receive 2 tickets to our celebration

BRIDGES HOMEWARD GALA PARTNERSHIP FORM

Thank you for supporting
Greater Boston's children and families!

Yes, my company will partner with Bridges Homeward!

- Visionary** at \$25,000 **Premier** at \$10,000 **Builder** at \$2,500 **Leader** at \$1,000
 Platinum at \$15,000 **Benefactor** at \$5,000 **Silver** at \$1,500
 We are unable to partner, but would like to make a donation of \$ _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Partnership Payment Options

- Our check is enclosed
 Please send an invoice
 We wish to pay by credit card.

(If so, please call Jeanette Queenan at 857-453-4281.)

Please email your completed Partnership Form to event@bridgeshomeward.org,
or send by mail to:

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