Greetings:

Life truly is about teachable moments, and preparing for our upcoming Gala has certainly been a teachable moment for me. You see, when Miami Bridge's Board of Directors entrusted me with the role of Chief Executive Officer just nine months ago, I thought my biggest challenge would be asking people for money. But what I am learning is that people are kind, generous and willing to give to our worthy cause - providing love and support to the abused, abandoned and neglected youth in our community. The Miami Community actually wants to help. We just had to ask. The outpouring of love and support as we prepare for our annual gala has been so amazing, even those who cannot attend have been sending donations and goodwill.

I employ you to practice this simple concept with me for the month of April: If you want something, step out on faith and ask for it!

See you at our gala on April 23rd! God Bless You for helping the great kids in our shelters, who come from not great situations. It is because of you that we can make a difference for them.

Dorcas
CEO
Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services Inc.
Miami Bridge Youth Testimonial

"Being at the Bridge has changed my life. I had no lights, no hot water, I wasn’t in school, I wondered how I was going to take care of my baby, and the Bridge was the answer to my prayer."

-Maria, 16 years old

Seminole Theater

Miami Bridge got a close look at the newly restored Seminole Theater in Homestead. The youth enjoyed touring the facility and hearing about its rich history. After nearly 40 years of being forlorn, the restored Seminole Theatre in Homestead reopened its doors in December 2015. But this is not the original site of the theater. Did you know the Airdome Theatre built in 1912 at 174 E. Flagler St. in Miami, was dismantled, put on a train and hauled to Homestead in 1916? Eventually, the theater was renamed the Seminole Theatre. Years later, the name was transferred to a theater built at the current location.

Carnival Arts

In This Issue

Seminole Theater
Carnival Arts
Daleus Museum
Whoopie!
The Fair
Alternative Spring Break
FIU Basketball
St. Patrick’s Day
Farewell Sandra
Karaoke Night
Miami Marlins
Gala Video
Thank you!
March Donors
Volunteer Opportunities
Shelter Needs
Upcoming Events!

THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Steven Solomon for your kind donation of a Wurlitzer piano for our Central Shelter!

The kids (and staff) have already begun to fill our halls with the sound of music.

March Donors

Angel Castillo Jr.
Boo Zamek
Amanda Cramarossa
Amanda Guevara

Thank you!
Miami Bridge continues to participate in the Carnival Arts program with Barry University. Always a fun time for our youth! Do you have a cool activity idea for our youth? If so, let us know. They love being busy. Send ideas to info@miamibridge.org or call us at 305.636.3529.

Art with Daleus Museum

The youth participated in an adventure in art with Haitian artist Daleus as part of Barry University’s Carnival Arts program. The artwork they made will be on display in May at the Miami International Airport.

Dinner & Whoopie Pies

Volunteer Opportunities

We encourage our community to volunteer and participate with our youth. Any assistance can make a difference in a child’s life.

Here are ways you can help:

- Data entry (up to 10 hours per week)
- Become a mentor through our Mentoring Program
- Tutor our youth
- Give a youth job training
- Plan an activity for our children and teens

Volunteer Event:

Dinner is an opportunity to dine and fellowship with the Bridge Family. We are looking for individuals, families, or groups to come in, prepare dinner and eat with our wonderful staff and kids. We can provide the food or you may bring your own food as well! Please note: Uncooked food must be prepared on our premises. We WILL welcome you with a huge smile and a loving environment.

The volunteer hours for cooking dinner for the youth are 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM (daily).

If you would like to volunteer, serve as a mentor or plan an activity for our youth, please call 305.636.3529 or email info@miamibridge.org.
Leslie Kaplan, co-founder of The Piping Gourmets, shared her secrets for healthy living with the youth by preparing a delicious and healthy meal of fresh fish, rice pilaf, broccoli, fruit and salad with a special treat for dessert - Whoopie Pies and ice cream! Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to come and spend time with our youth! Leslie, you are awesome!!

The Fair - We Were There!

Many thanks to Coastal Construction and the Miami Youth Fair & Exhibition for sponsoring our youth to enjoy themselves over Spring Break! The kids had a blast!!!

Alternative Spring Break

Shelter Needs
Many of our children arrive with little to no personal belongings. We can always use pajamas and undergarments. New or gently used sneakers are always helpful too. Your donations are very much appreciated!

Upcoming Events!

Flag Raising with City of Miami Fire Department
Movie Outing to see Batman vs. Superman
Youth Fair (again!)
Wolfsonian Museum
Trampoline High
Super Wheels Skating
Bird Bowl Bowling
Miami International Horse & Cattle Show
Sky Zone
Karaoke Night
PAMM Arts
Carnival Arts

Join Our Mailing List

Contact Us
Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services, Inc.
2810 NW South River Drive
Miami, FL 33125
Ph. 305-635-8953
info@miamibridge.org
Many thanks to the crew from The Little Lighthouse Organization and Georgia Southern University for serving our youth as part of their Alternative Spring Break program. Instead of laying on the beach for Spring Break, we are grateful these young adults chose to paint our dorms and cook for our Central campus youth and staff.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us keep our Miami and Homestead shelters in perfect condition. Reach out to us if you can help with tools, materials, labor and expertise!!

**FIU Basketball Games**

Miami Bridge youth had a blast at the FIU Basketball games against UAB & Middle Tennessee. One of our girls even caught a t-shirt thrown into the crowd at half-time!

**St. Patrick's Day @ The Bridge**
Miami Bridge celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with great food and all things green!

Did you know? St. Patrick wasn’t Irish. He was from Wales - and the original color associated with St. Patrick was blue, not green as commonly believed.

Farewell Sandra!

Miami Bridge staff said farewell to Sandra and wished her well in her new venture. We will miss you!

Karaoke Night

Thank you David Pavon and Evolusion Karaoke for encouraging and enabling our youth to sing their hearts out at our new monthly Karaoke Night.

Do you have a talent you want to share with our kids ...
Miami Marlins Ice Cream Social

Thank you to the Miami Marlins staff who came out and served ice cream to our kids. They truly showed their team spirit!!

Miami Bridge is always open to companies looking for opportunities to volunteer and foster their team spirit.

Gala Video Filming

We can’t wait to show you the newest Miami Bridge video at our gala on April 23rd. See you there!

Miami Bridge Board of Directors

We are accepting candidates for the Board of Directors.
For more information please email mjohnson@miamibridge.org or call (305) 636-3520.

Adrian Delancy - President
Attorney, Markowitz, Ringel, Trusty & Hartog

Jahan Islami - Vice President
Attorney, Cozen O’Connor

Beatriz Martin - Treasurer
Partner, Vizcaino Zomerfeld, LLP

Alexander Lian - Secretary
Attorney, Lian & Associates

Monique Mosley - Co-Founder, Always Believing Foundation

Dr. Todd Giardina - Licensed Psychologist - Coral Gables Counseling Center

Patrick Erin Murphy - U.S. Congressman, FL 18th District

Marlene Quintana - Shareholder, GrayRobinson P.A.

George White - Pastor, Mission Church
AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com.

The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc. Just choose us as your charity of choice.