A Message from our CEO

"Everyone has an invisible sign hanging from their neck saying, 'Make me feel important.' Never forget this message when working with people." -Mary Kay Ash, Entrepreneur (Founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics)

Happy Holidays!

At the Bridge, all lives matter. Therefore, we want everyone to feel important - from our staff to our kids. At this time of year, many experience the 'holiday blues' because they have no one to make them feel special or important. During the week of Thanksgiving, our staff was assigned to encourage anyone they saw with just a smile or kind words. Now, we want to pass on the assignment to you - our dear partners. During this month, could you perhaps take a few moments to smile or say a few words of encouragement to other people you meet, e.g. "great job," "you look nice today," "thank you," or "you are so kind." It doesn't cost anything to say these words, but the effects may last longer than a tangible gift. Try it and let us know how it goes!

Enjoy the holidays with your family. Please remember to pray for our kids and those who will be celebrating alone.
God Bless,
Dorcas

Client Testimonial

"I like Miami Bridge because I learned how to control my anger and be responsible for my things and chores. I also like it here because we go out to a different place every day and that is really fun. I like being around my favorite staff members who treat me like one of their own. We are all here for different reasons but at the end of the day we are one big family."

- James, 17

You're Invited!

Adriana Garcia
Adrianna Alvarez
Albert Santiago
Alice Milagre
Alida Brady
Amy Zambrano
Anne Crotti-Wilson
Anthony Denigro
Belinda Robertson
Benedict Kuehne
Benjamin Waxman
Betty Capote
Betty Newhan
Brian Tannebaum
Candace Borja
Candice Maze
Carlos Guzman
Carmen Fanego
Carnival Arts
Carol Klopfer
Carola Castro
Chris Delapena
Christine Bertram
City of Miami
Coastal Construction Group
Corali Lopez-Castro, P.A.
Dane Graziano
Save the Date!

Annual Holiday Luncheon
Free to the community*

Thursday, December 15th, 2016
11:30 am to 2:00 pm

2810 NW South River Drive
Miami, FL 33125

RSVP to Marys at 305-636-3520
mjohnson@miamibrige.org

* Suitable gift cards for our youth (ages 10-17)
in $5 - $20 increments for them to spend
this Christmas will be accepted and appreciated.

November Recap
Carnival Arts Rehearsal
Miami Bridge youth practiced extensively, and even on-site, for the street parade celebrating the Grand Opening of Faena Forum in Miami Beach.

Faena Grand Opening
Miami Bridge youth joined more than 30 Miami-based cultural groups, in partnership with Carnival Arts, at the Grand Opening of Faena Forum in Miami Beach.

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Miami Bridge joined the community for an early Thanksgiving celebration, with performances by our youth and lots of delicious food. If you missed out, we hope you will join us on December 15th for our Annual Holiday Luncheon!

Cupcakes with Marlys
Staff member, Marlys Johnson, baked cupcakes and made frosting with her 8-year old son for the youth of Miami Bridge. The youth of Miami Bridge then joined Marlys in decorating these turkey cupcakes. Some youth made their own original designs and everyone had fun.
Fairchild Tropical Gardens

Miami Bridge had a blast exploring nature and watching butterflies at Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

Santa's Enchanted Forest

The youth enjoyed a trip to Santa's Enchanted Forest.

Fort Lauderdale Boat Show

Miami Bridge very much enjoyed visiting the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show. They had fun exploring the different boats on display.

Supa Nova by Maria Corina

Miami Bridge youth enjoyed a special performance of Supa Nova, via MTC Theater. Our very own Chasity Hart was part of the cast.

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

Special Thank You

Saresta Rolland
Shed Boren
Stanley Tate
Stella Fernandez
Steve Hope
The Kislak Family Foundation
Todd Giardina
Walmart

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
Give Miami Day!

Many thanks to our many supporters. You gave $21,400 in 24 short hours! At Miami Bridge, we believe ALL youth can become productive adult citizens, with some support and guidance, which YOU make possible. Thank you!

Bridge Kids Jewelry Coming Soon!

Many thanks to Nancy Blechman, who donated millions of beads to Miami Bridge, along with the know-how and the equipment for our youth to craft their own works of art. Stay tuned for "Bridge Kids Jewelry." Coming soon!

Grants Administration Food Drive

Many thanks to the City of Miami employees who contributed food items, toiletries, and clothing to Miami Bridge for Thanksgiving.

New 79th Street Word Church

Many thanks to Dr. Robert Young and Johnnie Young for organizing the collection of 24 turkeys and 24 boxes of food items, in partnership with Girl Scout Troop 361.

Shelter Needs

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

Follow Us on Instagram!

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.

Upcoming Events!

Christmas with Coastal Santa’s Enchanted Forest Sky Zone Annual Holiday
For #MotivationalMonday & more...

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