

A year of Bridges, by the numbers

1,100+

People
Received IDs



63,000+

Brown Bag Meals
Delivered

2,600

Volunteers

49,000+

Cups of Soup,
Hot Chocolate &
Lemonade Served



1,000

Backpacks
Given to Children
in Need



15,500

Pairs of Socks
and Underwear
distributed

225+

Total Runs

Make A Difference: Get Involved/Donate Now

To learn about volunteering with Bridges or to make a charitable contribution, please contact us at (908) 273-0176, email us at volunteerbridges@gmail.com or go to www.bridgesoutreach.org.

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“The people from Bridges
are the only ones
who hear what I have to say.
You can’t imagine
how good that feels.”

Who we are:

Bridges offers fellowship and direct street outreach to homeless people in Manhattan, Newark and Irvington, New Jersey. Our Newark location, Project Connect, provides case management services and access to a broad array of services designed to lead to a better quality of life and independence for people who are homeless. On Fridays, we open our doors in Summit to our neighbors in need.

Our mission:

Bridges connects the housed and homeless to establish relationships that lead to greater acceptance and understanding, social and economic growth, and wellbeing.



The Bridges Run:

The Run (street outreach) is at the heart of our mission, and reaches more than 21,000 people each year. On a typical Run, a group of volunteers accompanies our outreach staff to the streets to meet with men, women and children who are experiencing homelessness. Our iconic yellow truck is stocked with brown bag lunches, soup, hot chocolate and lemonade, plus necessities such as clothing, toothbrushes, and soap. Staff and volunteers offer food, clothing and conversation; life on the street is lonely, and kind words and a smile are priceless to people experiencing homelessness.

Project Connect, Newark:

At Project Connect at St. John's Soup Kitchen in the heart of Newark's homeless population, we offer:

- Case management
- Job readiness and employment assistance, including internet access
- Housing connections
- An on-site resource center where medical and social service agencies hold regular office hours
- Access to 90+ partner agencies
- New Jersey State IDs

Our Project Connect case managers work intensively with individuals to create an attainable set of goals that lead to a healthier life, with the ultimate goals of employment and housing.

Assisting people administratively and financially to replace lost identification is an important part of what we do - without a valid ID it is impossible for a person to access housing, social services or even a shelter bed. Obtaining an ID is often a first step in rebuilding a life.



"I was treated with kindness and respect, and fast-tracked to a job. I don't know where I would be without Bridges."



Help Bridges Help Others:

Bridges has numerous volunteer opportunities for individuals, corporations, schools, houses of worship, and clubs:

- Make fresh or sustainable lunches or toiletry kits
- Conduct a drive for needed items or seasonal clothing
- Donate new school supplies or holiday gifts
- Provide technical support, such as marketing or IT
- Join us on a Run (street outreach)

