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On Wednesday, February 12, The Jacksonville Bridge was officially dedicated. Now the temporary residence for some 300 men in transition, work release or residential substance abuse treatment, The Jacksonville Bridge boasts an 11 acre campus and state of the art classrooms, multipurpose rooms, dormitories and an outdoor pavilion by a pond with a walking track around it.

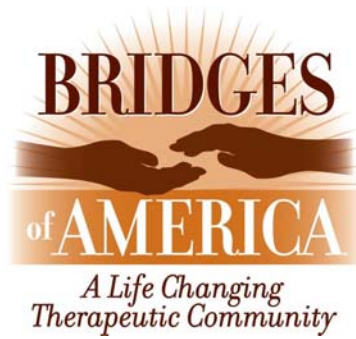
Department of Corrections Secretary Michael D. Crews was the special guest for the dedication ceremonies and assisted Bridges of America President and CEO Lori Costantino-Brown with cutting the official ribbon. Guests from all over the state

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gathered for the event, which featured remarks from representatives of the Mayor's office and the Duval County Sheriff, and from an inmate currently in the transition program. All noted that this form of re-entry is what works best for those who are released from incarceration. The dedication ceremonies were followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Chef and inmates who are working on culinary certification.

Bridges of America is growing in other areas of the state, too. Not only has Bridges of America acquired three new locations, but there are employment opportunities in eight Florida counties.



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