



## 2016-17 Specific Needs...

Please contact Bonny Tynch, Founder, for more information at [bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com](mailto:bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com)

**Board Expansion:** *Our original founding board is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and celebrating our expansion to two more Fairfax County Public School communities in addition to Cunningham Park in Vienna, VA. We recognize that the talents of our founding board are not the same talents of a development board that will bring us into the next stage of service. We are specifically seeking interested community members that understand our mission and are willing to contribute their talents to our exciting non-profit. VPC has been supportive of BRIDGES since its inception as an after school program at Cunningham Park Elementary in 2013. We welcome VPC members to become involved by serving on our board, or recommending potential candidates to Board President and Founder, Bonny Tynch.*

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**CPA Experience:** *We ask all of our participating families to invest a very modest fee with the option of tuition assistance to help us offset the costs of running our program. The most any family is asked to contribute equals less than \$4/hour for programming. Even then, we offer tuition assistance which lowers the cost to about \$1.50/hour for programming. We have learned that when families invest their time and money (according to their means), they develop ownership and pride in their program and become dedicated supporters for their children and our program, often becoming more involved in their own child's life. Our expenses are mostly covered through grants and donations. The larger grants for 501(c)3 require a yearly audit by an accredited CPA. We are searching for someone willing to donate their time to help us. Please contact Bonny Tynch, Board President and Founder,*

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**Grant Writing/Seeking:** *As a young non-profit, we are always looking for other organizations, businesses and foundations that align with our mission to increase opportunity for the underserved children in our community. We are doing great things and need to continue to grow our funding base. If you or someone you know would like to assist our Director of Development in this area on a one time basis, or an on-going basis as you are able, please contact: Edward Leaf, Director of Development at [bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com](mailto:bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com).*

**501(c)3 Marketing:** *As we navigate our fourth year of programming and grow, we are finding that recognition in the communities in which we serve requires a thoughtful and efficient approach to sharing our mission. We are looking for someone interested in serving on our board and helping design a few, specific projects we can use to become more visible in our community and beyond. OR we are looking for someone with marketing and design gifts to volunteer their time for specific projects as they arise. Know someone? Could it be you? Please contact Bonny Tynch, Board President and Founder, [bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com](mailto:bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com)*

**Event Planning:** *We are all about bringing our community together. Whether it is a spring benefit concert in a community member's backyard, or a small gathering of friends for a wine tasting to learn more about our program and its impact in our community, we need help organizing and planning. We're not just talking fundraisers, either. We very much want to reach into our community and give back, perhaps partnering with businesses or corporations to serve. Our goal is to engage our students and their families in their communities. Do you have community connections that could lead to projects like these? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact our Board President and Founder, Bonny Tynch at [bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com](mailto:bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com).*

**Homework Tutoring:** *Each day in BRIDGES, our students complete their homework and spend time with a Cunningham Park teacher and volunteers before they attend their music classes. This is not only an important time for them to get help completing their homework and to build a routine, but it is a chance for them to get to know the volunteers that care about them, learn about the people in their community and to build social skills like eye contact and conversation. If you would like to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Bridges Program Director, Justin Hartsell at [bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com](mailto:bridgesharmonythroughmusic@gmail.com). Cunningham Park tutoring days will be on Wednesdays, 3:30-4:15pm beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup>. High school students and adults (after successful completion of FCPS background check coordinated by BRIDGES) are welcome!*

**Supporter:** *We are so appreciative of your support and prayers for our program. We serve a very diverse population in Vienna, including children and families from all socio-economic, religious and ethnic backgrounds. It is this diversity and our steadfast commitment to empower children through positive experiences and opportunities, that allows us to make an impact in our community that goes beyond our students' lives. We are seeing parents from different walks of life learn each other's names and volunteer side by side through the opportunities we create through our music based after school program. Our staff are of the highest quality, and we seek out performance opportunities on college campuses, inner city Baltimore, nursing homes, the Town Green in Vienna and more to give our students and families a wider view of the world. We are building BRIDGES every day. Your prayers and/or monetary support are coveted for this work. If you are in a position to give, all donations are tax-deductible and you will receive a letter of receipt for your records. Please write checks and mail to:*

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