

Ready to Rise



A public-private partnership between the California Community Foundation, Liberty Hill Foundation and the Los Angeles County Probation Department



Grantee Profile

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Mission

The Bridge Builders Foundation's mission is to remove the barriers of race, poverty, ignorance, and despair through mentoring, educational support, health care awareness, and community uplift.

R2R Project

Bridge Builders' Thriving Under the Influence Program seeks to empower youth with values, attitudes, and strategies necessary to thrive in school, at home, in the community, and in the workplace by exposing them to: Success Roles, Role Models, and Mentors. The program focuses on strengthening self-awareness, expanding understandings of environmental influences, and developing skills to work constructively with others. Students also participate in bi-monthly, "incentive-based" community enrichment field trips to educational and recreational venues.

Heart and Soul of the Program: At its founding, Bridge Builders was tasked with designing and developing supportive programs to address service delivery deficits in the African American and other communities of color. The Bridge Builders team believes that when passionate, purposeful and committed people come together, the possibilities to improve the lives of youth are limitless. The mobilization of human capital, social capital, shared aspirations, intellect and thought creates a movement that changes the lives of youth. It uplifts communities and expands human possibilities. Bridge Builders Foundation has emerged as a vehicle for change, and a platform for collective community engagement.

Organization Keywords:

Youth served: African American and Latino Males, 11-24 years old

Mission: Mentoring, Education, Health

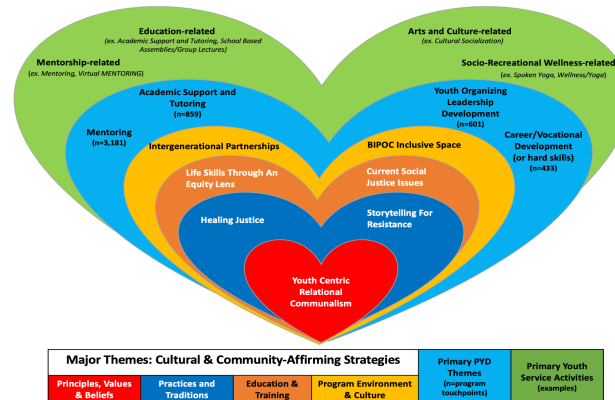
Services: Mentoring, Academic Development, Health Education

Youth Services/Activity Objective: By June 2022, Bridge Builders will serve at least 225 youth across all our R2R programs and activities.

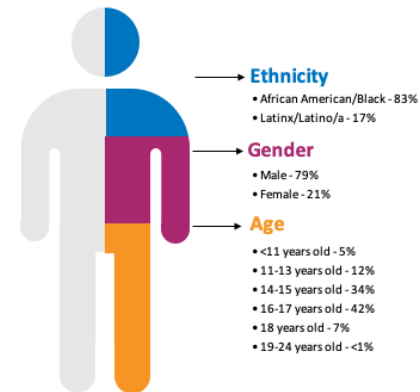
BBF Program Results : Year 2 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)



Program Heart & Soul



Participant Demographics*



*Percentages may sum to >100% due to rounding



Impact Stories

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QUOTE

“We implemented an ‘Assault on Illiteracy’ Initiative set up immediately outside of the school grounds. We have given away books, school supplies and read to over 200 young people to date, and plan to touch 500 during the next 5 months.”

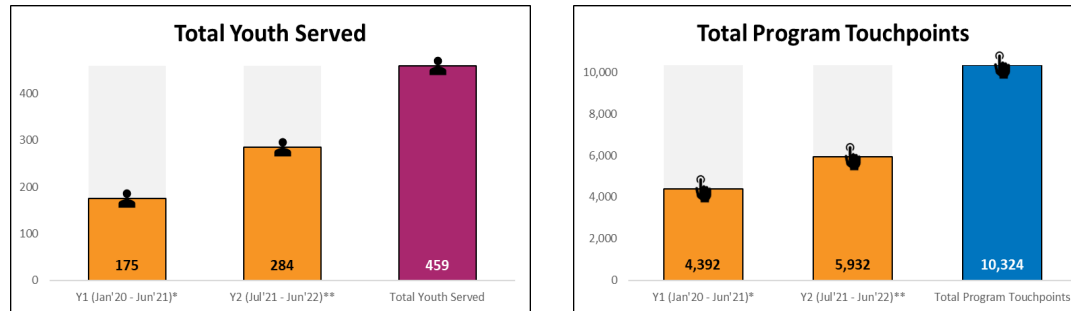


YOUTH
QUOTE

“Something that stood out to me was when we learned how to tie a tie for the first time. Learning all the different knots and whatnot. It's something that is really simple, but before then I actually had no clue how to tie a tie.”



BBF Program Results: Years 1-2 (January 2020 – June 2022)



*Note: Youth served counts impacted by 18-month reporting period and COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.

**Note: Grantee received additional R2R program expansion award funding which allowed them to serve more youth.

Organizational Capacity Building Successes

From July 2019 to June 2022, **BBF strengthened their organizational capacity across 8 areas:** Fundraising; Board of Directors; Community Engagement & Involvement; Evaluation, Data Management & Use; Partnership Development; Policy Advocacy & Community Organizing; Program Development; Senior Leadership.

Examples include:

- Deepened network of community collaborators (e.g., signed MOUs with school partners); established new partnerships with community volunteer organizations and provided capacity-building and technical support to new partners **[Partnership Development]**
- Board engaged in fund development education and explored revenue processes and streams **[Fundraising; Board of Directors]**
- Developed staff assessments, exit interviews, and other tools to develop and evaluate programming **[Evaluation, Data Management & Use]**