



EMPOWERING TEENS MONTH

Engage. Empower. Afterschool.



With all the challenges in today's world, teenagers need safe and encouraging places not just to BE, but also to BECOME. **The Bridge Teen Center** and **The Bridge Thrift Store** are committed to engaging, connecting and empowering young people on a daily basis. Through our FREE afterschool programs and job readiness program, we are challenging young people to discover new things, navigate life, and explore who they were created to be. **You and your group can support LOCAL teens and families during Empowering Teens Month in any of these 3 ways:**



Volunteer.

2 hours of volunteer time from a group of 6 can generate enough support for 2 students to have unlimited access to The Bridge for a year! Service projects will be held on select dates in November for individuals, families (no children under 12), businesses and groups. Volunteers receive t-shirts while supplies last.



Donate Your Stuff.

We rely on your donations of gently used clothing, furniture, and home goods to raise support for The Bridge Teen Center's free programs. If you have larger furniture to donate, schedule a pick-up by emailing pickup@thebridgeteencenter.org. Donations are accepted during store hours at the trailer behind the store.



Shop.

We process hundreds of bags of donated goods each month, which means our store stock is changing daily. Stop in for some incredible finds in November! The best part is, your bargain-hunting will support the holistic programs at The Bridge Teen Center that empower LOCAL teens on a daily basis.



Sponsorship Opportunities

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIPS WITH T-SHIRT AMENITIES IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th.

LEAD SPONSOR

\$5,000 DONATION (2 AVAILABLE)

- Prominent logo placement on *Empowering Teens Month* volunteer t-shirts (200+ will be distributed).
- Sponsorship mention on The Bridge Teen Center and The Bridge Thrift Store's social media (15,000+ followers).
- Logo in the event section of The Bridge Teen Center's website (7,000+ visits per month).
- Primary logo placement in two e-blasts in November (sent to 16,000+ supporters/families).
- Primary placement on the Thrift Store sponsor sign during the month of November (average 200+ guests daily).

PRESENTING SPONSOR

\$2,500 DONATION (8 AVAILABLE)

- Logo placement on *Empowering Teens Month* volunteer t-shirts (200+ will be distributed).
- Sponsorship mention on The Bridge Teen Center and The Bridge Thrift Store's social media (15,000+ followers).
- Logo in the event section of The Bridge Teen Center's website (7,000+ visits per month).
- Logo placement in two e-blasts in November (sent to 16,000+ supporters/families).
- Name on the Thrift Store sponsor sign during the month of November (average 200+ guests daily).

WEEK-LONG DONATION DROP SPONSOR

\$1,250 DONATION (4 AVAILABLE)

- Sponsorship mention on The Bridge Teen Center and The Bridge Thrift Store's social media (15,000+ followers).
- Option to provide a banner (max size 3' by 8') to be hung outdoors during your designated week.
- Logo placement on *Empowering Teens Month* volunteer t-shirts (200+ will be distributed).
- Name on the Thrift Store sponsor sign during the month of November (average 200+ guests daily).

CHECK-OUT SPONSOR

\$500 DONATION (10 AVAILABLE)

- Sponsorship mention on The Bridge Teen Center and The Bridge Thrift Store's social media (15,000+ followers).
- Rotating screen ad at the check-out counter throughout November (average of 150-200 transactions/day).
- Name on the Thrift Store sponsor sign during the month of November (average 200+ guests daily).

COMMUNITY PARTNER

\$250 DONATION (10 AVAILABLE)

- Sponsorship mention on The Bridge Teen Center and The Bridge Thrift Store's social media (15,000+ followers).
- Name on the Thrift Store sponsor sign during the month of November (average 200+ guests daily).



*November has been
officially proclaimed
Empowering Teens Month
in the State of Illinois!*

More Information:

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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE: VOLUNTEERING AS A GROUP

- We encourage any family or group to volunteer together (children must be 12+).
- Businesses often volunteer together as a team-building or community-building exercise.
- One group of 6 people who volunteer for 2 hours can process enough clothing to provide unlimited programming for 2 STUDENTS at The Bridge for a full year!
- Several dates are available for groups to choose from throughout November. We will do our best to schedule your group at a time that works best for you.
- Volunteers will receive a special “Empowering Teens Month” t-shirt while supplies last.
- Interested volunteer groups should contact us at 708.532.0500 or send an email to groups@thebridgeteencenter.org.



ORGANIZATION FACTS

- We have served over 13,000 different teens from 128 Chicagoland communities.
- Our innovative programming has received awards at the local, state and national level.
- We receive no ongoing state or federal funding, with over \$9.5 million raised privately in support of our free programs since 2010.
- 91% of every dollar we raise directly supports our students (the BBB standard is 65%).
- Our programs are holistically-designed around the interests and needs of our students.
- Our free holistic programs are designed to engage, connect and empower our students in a positive and encouraging environment.
- Our programs and events are intentionally designed in a holistic way; based on the interests and needs of the students we serve.
- Our job readiness program, offered in partnership with The Bridge Thrift Store, is among our fastest-growing and most popular offerings.
- Second thrift store coming soon to Frankfort, Illinois in 2025.