



Partnering with Bridgeport's youth and families to build resilience.

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LifeBridge Community Services held its Inaugural Building A Brighter Future Gala to support youth and families

Bridgeport, Connecticut – LifeBridge Community Services hosted its inaugural Building a Brighter Future Gala on Wednesday, June 12, to support its mission to partner with Bridgeport's youth and families to build resilience. The event was held at the Country Club of Fairfield, with a packed house of business and community leaders attending. Gala leadership included ESPN Sports Commentator Bob Ley as Honorary Chair and Master of Ceremonies; Gala Committee Co-Chairs were Laura Coughlin and Susan Trischman. President and CEO, Alan Mathis announced the development of a new LifeBridge Center for Youth Development to enable LifeBridge to expand its capacity to serve youth within the context of the family and better meet the needs of the one out of every three Bridgeport children who live in poverty.

LifeBridge Board Member and Honoree Larry Ganim shared, "LifeBridge has been a beacon of hope for youth and families in greater Bridgeport for generations. The new youth Center will allow them to build on their strengths and have a greater impact."

LifeBridge also proudly honored former President and CEO Brian Langdon by establishing the Brian Langdon Award for extraordinary leadership and awarding it to its first five recipients - Lawrence J. Ganim, President & CEO of Ganim Financial, Michael E. Harkins, President & CEO of People's Securities, Inc., Ellen Tower, Community Development Professional, Harold Trischman, Jr., Managing Director and Family Wealth Director of the Morgan Stanley Trischman Group and Kenneth Weinstein, President & CEO of Newtown Savings Bank. The night also recognized the significant contributions of an incredible supporter who passed earlier this year - Adam Wolf, a Trumbull resident and long-time supporter of LifeBridge.

LifeBridge was founded in 1849 with a mission focused on helping the poorest and most vulnerable members of the Greater Bridgeport community. They began with the humble



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ambition of helping small groups, first widows, and later orphans, who had nowhere else to turn. As the needs of the community have changed, their goal has too and with the same consistent commitment they move forward into the future. LifeBridge believes that a significant part of overcoming the obstacles Bridgeport youth and families are presented with in life, requires partnering with them to help build resilience.

To learn more and support LifeBridge Community Services, please visit LifeBridgeCT.org. Gifts in memory of Adam Wolf are still being collected.

About LifeBridge Community Services

About LifeBridge: Lifebridge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to partner with Bridgeport's youth and families to build resilience. Their vision is to work with Bridgeport's youth and families to reach their full potential within a stronger community.

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