



Gala

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

PURPOSE

The Chef's Table Gala: Honoring Flavors of Hope celebrates Building Bridges Across the River's expanding network of urban farms and its commitment to advancing food access, health, and opportunity east of the Anacostia River. Through seven urban farms, Food & Farm Fridays, workforce development initiatives, holiday food distributions, and community health partnerships, Building Bridges is addressing food insecurity while cultivating leadership, sustainability, and economic mobility in Wards 7 and 8. Proceeds from the Gala will support Building Bridges' mission to expand access to arts and culture, economic opportunity, and health and well-being east of the Anacostia River.

DATE

Saturday, September 19, 2026

TIME

6PM Cocktail Reception | 8PM Dinner & Dancing

LOCATION

THEARC - 1901 Mississippi Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020

ATTIRE

Cocktail Attire

CHAired BY

Capital One & Novo Nordisk

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

\$100,000 - Presenting Sponsor	\$10,000 - Advocacy Sponsor
\$50,000 - Visionary Sponsor	\$5,000 - Steward Sponsor
\$25,000 - Leadership Sponsor	\$2,500 - Patron Sponsor
\$15,000 - Impact Sponsor	\$1,000 - Host Sponsor

ABOUT BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS THE RIVER:

Building Bridges Across the River is a nonprofit organization based in Southeast Washington D.C. dedicated to advancing equitable access to arts and culture, economic opportunity, and health and well-being for children, families, and neighbors east of the Anacostia River. Through five signature projects including THEARC, THEARC Theater, Building Bridges Farms, Skyland Workforce Center, and the 11th Street Bridge Park, we serve more than 30,000 residents annually. Our network of urban farms and community food initiatives provides fresh produce, nutrition education, workforce training, and free community markets that strengthen food security and economic mobility in Wards 7 and 8. Join us at the Chef's Table Gala as we celebrate the flavors and future of Southeast DC.



Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

\$100,000 - Presenting Sponsor

- Two tables (20 seats) with premiere placement at the Gala dinner
- Recognition on the 20th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque in THEARC East lobby
- Opportunity to speak during exclusive Gala sponsor event
- Recognition from the stage during the Gala program
- Prominent listing on the invitation and program
- Full-page advertisement in the event program
- Recognition on the Building Bridges website
- Featured profile in the Building Bridges Annual Report
- Social media spotlight on Building Bridges accounts
- Invitations to exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$25,000 - Leadership Sponsor

- One table (10 seats) with premiere placement at the Gala dinner
- Recognition on the 20th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque in THEARC East lobby
- Prominent listing on the invitation and program
- Full-page advertisement in the event program
- Recognition on the Building Bridges website and Annual Report
- Invitations to exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$10,000 - Advocacy Sponsor

- 6 seats at the Gala dinner
- Listing on the invitation and program
- Half-page advertisement in the event program
- Recognition on the Building Bridges website and Annual Report
- Invitations to exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$2,500 - Patron Sponsor

- 2 seats at the Gala dinner
- Listing on the invitation and program
- Recognition on the Building Bridges website and Annual Report
- Invitations to exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$50,000 - Visionary Sponsor

- One table (12 seats) with premiere placement at the Gala dinner
- Recognition on the 20th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque in THEARC East lobby
- Prominent listing on the invitation and program
- Full-page advertisement in the event program
- Recognition on the Building Bridges website
- Featured profile in the Building Bridges Annual Report
- Social media spotlight on Building Bridges accounts
- Invitations to exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$15,000 - Impact Sponsor

- 8 seats with premiere placement at the Gala dinner
- Listing on the invitation and program
- Half-page advertisement in the event program
- Recognition on the Building Bridges website and Annual Report
- Invitations to exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$5,000 - Steward Sponsor

- 4 seats at the Gala dinner
- Listing on the invitation and program
- Recognition on the Building Bridges website and Annual Report
- Invitations to exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$1,000 - Host Sponsor

- 1 seat at the Gala dinner
- Listing on the invitation and program
- Recognition on the Building Bridges website and Annual Report
- Invitations to exclusive events for Gala sponsors



Response Form

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name(s)/Company: _____
Please print your name(s) as you wish it to appear in the Donor Listings

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

II. I/WE WILL SPONSOR AT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____ \$100,000 - Presenting Sponsor | _____ \$10,000 - Advocacy Sponsor |
| _____ \$50,000 - Visionary Sponsor | _____ \$5,000 - Steward Sponsor |
| _____ \$25,000 - Leadership Sponsor | _____ \$2,500 - Patron Sponsor |
| _____ \$15,000 - Impact Sponsor | _____ \$1,000 - Host Sponsor |

III. DONATION

_____ I cannot attend but please find enclosed my contribution of \$ _____ to support Building Bridges Across the River.

IV. PAYMENT INFORMATION

_____ Enclosed is my check payable to Building Bridges Across the River
_____ Please charge my credit card in the amount of: _____
Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV _____

V. Scan to Complete Payment



VI. PLEASE SEND CHECKS AND THIS RESPONSE FORM TO:

Building Bridges Across the River
ATTN: AfterDark@THEARC
1901 Mississippi Ave SE
Washington, DC 20020



after
dark @ THEARC



CHEF'S TABLE *Gala*

HONORING FLAVORS OF HOPE

For more information, please contact Development Coordinator
Sarah Shindler at sshindler@thearc.org.

Building
Bridges
Across
The River



SKYLAND
WORKFORCE
CENTER

THEARC
THEATER

