



BRIDGE BUILDER CAMPAIGN

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BREAK DOWN BARRIERS AND BUILD UNDERSTANDING THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

Communities prosper and thrive when young people work together with their educators and families to take on service projects that tackle issues in their own neighborhoods—and beyond. As youth leaders choose to address inclusion, equity, and understanding, the Foundation expresses its belief and trust in you by providing up to 30 \$500 grants every year in support of your youth-led service project ideas.

Our mission for the Bridge Builder Campaign is to challenge you—young leaders—to lead in ways that bring people together in service to your communities. Our funding goal is to meet you where you are, with grants for projects that are as varied as the issues you face.

Bridge Builder service projects take many forms—what they all have in common is a motivated young person ready to go beyond their comfort zone to drive awareness, encourage unity, and bring about change. These grants are the chance for individuals, classrooms, or neighborhood groups with great ideas for civic engagement or physical service projects to put your young leadership and social entrepreneurial skills to work in service to peace, justice, and kindness.



WHO CAN APPLY FOR A BRIDGE BUILDER GRANT?

The Foundation is ready to provide the resources to bring youth-led service projects into communities. Young people, educators and youth development professionals are all welcome to apply. Use these guidelines to see if your project meets the requirements for a Bridge Builder Grant:

- ✓ Project is led by a young person (or group of young people) and must be supported by educators, or youth development professionals.
- ✓ Project is not political in nature.
- ✓ The values of peace, justice, and kindness are at the heart of the project.



BIRTHDAY KITS FOR HINGHAM FOOD PANTRY BY MS. TOLMAN'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

First-graders in Ms Tolman's classroom at Foster Elementary proved you're never too young to choose kindness and make a difference—especially in service to children. The students created birthday kits for their local Hingham Food Pantry by brainstorming the contents, decorating canvas bags to hold the supplies, and assembling and packing 25 kits. The school community and Martin Richard Foundation are so proud of the efforts of the youngest youth leaders.

"It was clear how rewarding the class found the project. They learned a valuable lesson about the importance of helping others and reaching out [to their own] community.

MS. TOLMAN



CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HURRICANE MARIA EVACUEES BY 8TH-GRADER EMILY BERGERON

Forty bags—more than 70 cubic feet!—of donated clothing and newly purchased socks, underwear, and baby shampoo were collected by Emily and her entire community of Bridge Builders in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The supplies were delivered to the Springfield Rescue Mission and Rebekkah's Closet for use by Puerto Rican evacuees displaced by Maria, a category 5 hurricane in 2017.

"Many people were overjoyed about the success of the project. My town was very helpful and willing to go the extra mile—they thought it was good that young people were being empowered to change the community. Without MRF, I never would have been able to lead this project or impact my community. I am very grateful and happy that I was chosen to be a Bridge Builder!"

EMILY BERGERON



SPREADING PEACE AT THE PIERS PARK SAILING CENTER

A 27-foot-high sail from Piers Park Sailing Center has become a creative canvas for East Boston 4th- and 5th-graders to spread their message of peace, justice and kindness to the entire city of Boston. More than 2,000 youth and 400 adults sailed the peace boat during the 2019 season, and the durable sail will be on the water—in full view of the greater Boston Harbor community—for an anticipated 4000 hours through 2021.

"The result of the project is a new dialogue on the harbor and the waterfront about creating communities of joy and kindness, empathy, and compassion—and it shows that we are connected by the water. The peace sail is a visual reminder to be loving, kind, and supportive of everyone!"

ALEX DEFONZO, PIERS PARK SAILING CENTER



ARE YOU READY TO LEAD? APPLY TODAY AT **MARTINRICHARDFOUNDATION.ORG**

If your project meets these guidelines, complete and submit an application today. Young people must apply in partnership with an educator or youth leader, or applications may be submitted by an adult on behalf of the young people who will carry out the project.

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS

Here is what to expect during the application process:

1 IDEAS AND APPLICATIONS **▶ SUBMIT YOURS TODAY**

Calling all young people ages 5–22 in K-12 school classrooms, colleges, youth groups, and service clubs! Promote peace, justice, and kindness in your community through your service project. Tell us how you encourage others to serve in a meaningful and replicable way at martinrichardfoundation.org

2 REVIEW AND AWARDS **▶ ALLOW 30 DAYS**

Bridge Builder Grant applications are reviewed by our Selection Committee. Projects are selected on feasibility and their emphasis on the values of peace, justice, and kindness.

3 READY! PROJECTS BEGIN **▶ GET STARTED**

Selected Bridge Builders are notified by email. Grant money must be received by an adult at a supporting school or community organization. Projects begin when funding is in place, and should be completed within six months. The Martin Richard Foundation may visit your community to see you in action!

4 REFLECT AND REPORT **▶ SHARE YOUR IMPACT**

All Bridge Builder Grant recipients are required to submit an on-line report at the end of your project. We look forward to celebrating your success and the impact it had on your community!



OFFICIAL RULES AND AGREEMENT

In consideration of my application, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrator, waive and release any and all rights for claims and damages I may have against the Martin W. Richard Charitable Foundation and its employees, volunteers and consultants for any and all injuries suffered or sustained by me in said event and in the planning sessions for said event or travel to and from any of the preceding. I further attest and certify that I am physically fit and able for this event.

I understand that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Foundation assumes no responsibility or liability for (a) incorrect or inaccurate entry information (b) any unauthorized access to, theft, destruction, alteration or misuse of community/private property as a result of the proposed project (c) any malfunction, failure or error of the proposed project.

I also grant permission for use of my name and/or photograph or voice in broadcast, telecast, print or any other account of this event without limitations for public relations and promotional purposes and agree to waive any compensation for such use.

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR RECEIVE A BRIDGE BUILDER GRANT.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- Please do not put Martin Richard's photo on a t-shirt or sticker.
- Please do not use Martin Richard's photo to raise money.
- The group or organization applying for the grant must be the organizer of the service project.
- The grant is not transferable to another group or organization.
- The organizer must abide by all rules/regulations in their town/city.
- The organizer agrees to photograph/video and record their project for use by the Foundation.
- All requested information must be provided for the application to be valid.
- The Martin Richard Foundation will notify the organizer with a decision by email.
- The potential grantee will be required to complete and return a Grant Agreement within five (5) business days of issuance of notification.
- Failure of the potential grantee to complete and return a Grant Agreement may disqualify participation in the Bridge Builder Program and payment.

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