

# BRIDGE A LIFE

HOPE FOR CHILDREN . SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

## ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

FOSTER • ADOPT • VOLUNTEER

**2018** VOTED BEST  
★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★  
PARTNER AGENCY  
by the Safe Children Coalition

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MORE THAN  
**300**

Unique volunteers that serve in one of **Bal's** programs.

OVER  
**46**

Foundations, Organizations, and Churches that partner with **Bridge a Life** to help keep kids safe

**HAMMER TIME** - in one year, **83 volunteers** from **3 churches** invested **303 hours** in home improvement projects.

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

#### THE GATHERING

Training & Support

**717 VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**127 FAMILIES SERVED**

Nearly 40 families participate each month

#### STEW CREW

Meal Preparation & Delivery

**305 VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**356 MEALS SERVED**

#### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Support & Community Building

**50 VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**96 WOMEN SERVED**

#### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Bal** partners with 4 churches to offer events that serve 40-80 children monthly



### GLOBALLY

Ayınza is Bridge a Life's global initiative in Mpongo, Uganda.

**21** Students in the School Sponsorship Program

**314** Daily Lunches Served at 4 Primary Schools

**2** Mission Teams Sent per year

**1610** Volunteer Hours



## More Bridge a Life Initiatives:

**Empowered to Connect** - each year **BaL** hosts this internationally known two-day simulcast designed to equip families, churches, volunteers, and professionals to better serve children impacted by childhood trauma.

Additionally in 2018, **BaL** was able to scholarship a local pediatric OT for a week long training that certified her as a Trust-Based Relational Intervention Professional. She is a valuable local resource, working with children at The Gathering, mentoring families, and leading trainings.

**Superhero 5K** - a themed race to raise awareness for local foster care needs. In 2018 there were over 1100 registered runners plus spectators.

**Donation Drives** - throughout the year, **BaL** partners with churches, businesses, and individuals to collect most needed items for foster/adoptive families. THOUSANDS of socks, undies, pjs, hygiene items, etc... are collected and distributed to vulnerable children each year.

**Back to School Picnic** - held annually, this get together connects families who are on similar journeys.

**BaL** serves Florida's 12th Circuit (Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto Counties) as well as globally in Mpongo, Uganda.

Nearly **2700** people engage with **Bridge a Life** on social media and have subscribed to our monthly newsletter distribution.



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