## BRIDGE A LIFE
**HOPE FOR CHILDREN . SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES**

### ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT
**FOSTER • ADOPT • VOLUNTEER**

#### AWARDS
- **2017 CHAMPIONS OF HOPE AWARD WINNER**
  - Presented by the Florida Faith Based and Community Based Advisory Council.

- **2017 PROJECT GIVE GOOD AWARD WINNER**
  - Presented by two local Starbucks locations.

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- **300** Unique volunteers that serve in one of Bal’s programs.
- **21** Partner organizations that work alongside Bridge a Life to keep kids safe.
- **6** Foundations that partner with Bridge a Life.
- **2049** Facebook fans and **2049** email subscribers.

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS
- **THE GATHERING**
  - Training & Support
  - **700 VOLUNTEER HOURS**
  - **100 FAMILIES SERVED**

- **LADIES’ NIGHT OUT**
  - Support & Community Building
  - **50 VOLUNTEER HOURS**
  - **96 WOMEN SERVED**

- **PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT**
  - Free Childcare Events
  - **60 VOLUNTEER HOURS**
  - **285 FAMILIES SERVED**

- **STEW CREW**
  - Meal Preparation & Delivery
  - **350 VOLUNTEER HOURS**
  - **220 FAMILIES SERVED**

### GLOBALLY
- **Ayinza** is Bridge a Life’s global initiative in Mpongo, Uganda.
  - **21** Students in the School Sponsorship Program
  - **550** Daily Lunches Served at 4 Primary Schools
  - **2** Teams Per Year
  - **2000** Volunteer Hours

### VISIT
Visit bridgealife.com for more information.
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More Bridge a Life Initiatives:

**Empowered to Connect** - each year **Bal** hosts this internationally known two-day conference designed to equip families, churches, volunteers, and professionals to better serve children impacted by foster care and adoption.

Additionally in 2017, **Bal** was able to send a local couple to CA for a week long training that certified them as Empowered to Connect Parent Trainers. They are a valuable local resource, speaking at The Gathering, mentoring families, and leading a small group.

**Hammer Time** - 2017 was a huge year for this home improvement initiative. Over 700 volunteer hours were invested, with support from nine different churches/service groups.

**Superhero 5K** - a themed race to raise awareness for local foster care needs. In 2017 there were over 600 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.