

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**.



2185 FANS



2049

EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

THE GATHERING

Training & Support

700 VOLUNTEER HOURS
100 FAMILIES SERVED

STEW CREW



Meal Preparation & Delivery

350 VOLUNTEER HOURS
220 FAMILIES SERVED

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Support & Community Building

50 VOLUNTEER HOURS
96 WOMEN SERVED

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Free Childcare Events

600 VOLUNTEER HOURS
285 FAMILIES SERVED



GLOBALLY

Ayınza 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 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.

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