

2015 FAMILY



BRIDGE
LACROSSE



The photo on the left is one of my favorites, it represents the entirety of the Bridge Family. Surrounding and supporting our student-athletes, you see parents, coaches, volunteers, partners and donors. There's something special about hearing the cheer "family" all at once by all these members.

As we move into the new year, with a new mission and new goals, we hope you'll enjoy our recap of 2015. Looking back, we can celebrate great accomplishments and learn from our mistakes. And as we take stock of the whole year, we know we are ready for a fantastic 2016.

We are incredibly thankful for every member of our family, for every dime donated and every second volunteered. With a new year in front of us, we hope you'll continue to be a part of our family as we use lacrosse to broaden the horizons of our community's youth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DH".

David Higbee | Executive Director, Goalie Coach, Uniform Washer

OUR MISSION IS
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TO **BROADEN**
THE **HORIZONS**
OF OUR
COMMUNITY'S
YOUTH.





#BRIDGEFAMILY

STUDENT-ATHLETES

5,535
Hours of Lacrosse

308
Student-Athletes

5
Competitive Teams

58
Spring Games

39
ZIP Codes Represented

64%
Free and Reduced
Lunch Status

85%
African-American or
Hispanic Ethnicities

The Bridge Family will always begin with our student-athletes. We are proud to work with amazing kids, whether in schools, recreation centers or community organizations. And we are fortunate to work with kids from a multitude of backgrounds and neighborhoods across North Texas.

We raised the bar by offering more opportunities for our student-athletes to engage in our programming. We expanded our summer open sessions, expanded our fall festival, started college visits and had some fun exploring Dallas neighborhoods.



65%

Improved PACER Aerobic
Test Scores

97%

Scored in the
Healthy Fitness Zone

75%

Improvement in at Least One
Impact Attribute (Grades 3-5)

96%

Improvement in at Least One
Impact Attribute (Grades 6-12)

72%

Improvement in at Least One
Nutrition Category

83%

Yearly Retention of
Student-Athletes

31%

New Student-Athletes

We've always known that simply providing lacrosse to our community's youth was never enough, and never our greater purpose. We know we have an obligation to use our sport for social good and to provide our youth with the unique benefits only lacrosse can provide.

As a nonprofit, we understand the need to measure our impact to better understand our work. With the help of Up2Us, we measured aerobic fitness through the PACER test. More than half of our student-athletes improved, and almost 100 percent ended the season in the Healthy Fitness Zone.

Every spring student-athlete was also surveyed on competence related to eight high-impact attributes (self-awareness, positive identity, situational awareness, plan B thinking, focus, discipline, confidence and pro-social connections). We saw positive results from all groups.



IMPACT

Of all the members of our family, the parents and guardians of our student-athletes are the unsung heroes of our organization. Our parents continue to be active members, whether they're running the scoreboard for games or carpooling to practice. Little could be done without their constant engagement.

Thank you to all the amazing mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles and grandparents who register, drive and prepare every one of Bridge's student-athletes for practice and games. Thank you for your feedback and input into Bridge. And for bringing all that food to our picnic last year!



PARENTS

COACHES

709

Hours of Service

13

Spring Coaches

Kim Alvarez

Byron Bailey

Breanna Brown

Jason Detweiler

Ian Flanagan

Lewis Flanagan

Jerry Hawkins

Thomas Hay

Diney Hobgood

Brian Koza

Ariel Shapiro

Jack Tierney

Lauren Traube

The backbone of our organization will always be the people that put in their time and energy to coach and mentor. Throughout the year, our coaches work hard to share their expertise and compassion with our student-athletes. Success on and off the field starts with these coaches.







We know that we could never accomplish many of the great things we do without the help of incredible friends and partners. Our belief that sports can be an integral part of youth development only works within a collaborative and supportive environment.

Bridge is proud to work alongside these great organizations, schools and community partners. We thank them for their efforts and support in our own mission. We are also thankful for the opportunity to support them in their purposes and missions.

St. Philip's School
and Community Center

Irma Rangel YWLS

Barack Obama MLS

Circle of Support

DeSoto ISD

Cedar Hill Parks
and Recreation

Wesley-Rankin
Community Center

Uplift Education

K.B. Polk Recreation Center

Sam Houston Middle School

MetroLacrosse

Texas State Men's Lacrosse

C2C Lacrosse

StickStar Productions

Up2Us

Union Coffee

SportsChallenge
Leadership Academy

Dallas Stars Foundation

SMU | The Budd Center

PARTNERS

230

Total Volunteers

2,006

Hours of Service

1,385

Hours of Coaching

3

High School Interns

Jake Henigsman
Hillcrest

Michael Kelley
Jesuit

Sam Schroeder
St. Mark's

We rely heavily on a number of volunteers for their organizational expertise, fundraising prowess and coaching experience. We thank these volunteers and supporters for believing in our mission. We've been fortunate to have amazing volunteers support all aspects of Bridge.

In 2015, we looked to our friends with coaching knowledge, marketing backgrounds, photography skills and, sometimes, just helping get equipment out to our student-athletes. We expect these numbers to increase as we grow volunteer engagement, like the return of our young professionals group.



VOLUNTEERS

ALUMNI

Alumni as College Student-Athletes

Audrey Ace
St. Edwards University 2016

Lizbeth Alvarez
Texas State University 2020

Chantal Castillo
Saint Louis University 2020

Maddie Nayfa
Texas State University 2015

Melissa Rodriguez
Iowa State University 2020

Tyler Thompson
University of Houston 2020

Alumni as Verbal Commitments

Paxton Marks
The Ohio State University

Nakeie Montgomery
Duke University

Alumni as Coaches

Kim Alvarez

Clarissa Candia

Diney Hobgood

Maddie Nayfa

Tyler Thompson

One group we are very excited to see grow is the alumni. We are thrilled to have many alumni return to Bridge to volunteer and give back to the program that got them started. We also love seeing alumni continue their playing career in college.





A very special thank you goes out to the many friends, donors and supporters that contribute to our student-athletes through their financial generosity. Without this amazing group of the Bridge Family, most of what we accomplish on and off the field would never be possible.

There are simply not enough words to express the immense amount of appreciation and gratitude we have for our incredible donor base. We know that no gift is a small gift, and we do our absolute best to ensure that all donors understand the impact they're making for Bridge.

SUPPORTERS

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

William & Lydia Addy

John Alberse

Elaine & Robert Andrews

Van Ayvazian

Mike Baughman

Larry & Judith Belker

Louise Benoit

Mark & Fran Berg

Terri Marini Bilek

Bill & Julie Borus

Steven & Lori Brockett

Peter Brown

Kay Lynn Brumbaugh

Kathy Bryan

Franklin & Jami Byrd

Pamela & Ron Carey

Rives Castleman

Mary Ann Climer

Kendall & Christina Cotten

Kathy & Harlan Crow

Angelia Disney

Oscar & Peggie Dixon

Sean Duffy

Katie Facciola

Cheryl Franklin

Mark Frears

Printice & Cynthia Gary

Thomas Goolsby

Cindy Gould

Margaret Hancock

Pearlene Harden

Nicole Hart

Thomas Hay

Joe & Sherill Hearne

Tim Higginbotham

Kelley Housman

Douglas Housman

Haley Huffines

Macy Jagers

Jay Jerrier

Shawna Johannsen

Robert & Lori Jones

Edward & Wendy King

Elizabeth & William Knittle

Edie & Bo Lycke

Sharon Lyle

Chris & Ann Mahowald

Joe & Tori Mannes

Jackson Marvel

Patricia & Brian Morris

Richard Moses

Connie Naugher

Cynthia Pladziewicz

Ladeen & James Pluss

Pamela & Steven Pluss

Alice & Ronald Ribman

James & Darcy Ribman

Catherine Rose

Tamara Sakuda

Craig Schenkel

Shannon Scherr

Vinita & Jim Schroeder

Steven Shapiro

Mark Sitler

Taylor & Jenny Smiley

Scott Smith

Stuart Smith

Jessie Fay Tatum

Mary Taylor

Margaret Tierney

Jim Van den Dyssel

David Vaughn

Gayle & Joe Weinberg

Sarah & Russell Weinberg

James Welch

Linda Wheeler

COMPANIES & FOUNDATIONS

AT&T Employee Giving

Cane Rosso

Cardinal Health

Cirries Technologies

Communities Foundation of Texas

Dick's Sporting Goods

Holland and Knight

NAIOP

Neiman Marcus

Replay Sports

Rust-O'leum

Sharla Myers Consulting

Sheraton of Dallas

Texas Comm. & Satellite LLC

US Lacrosse





LEADERSHIP BOARD

640

Hours of Service

55

Leadership Board Members

6

After-School Sites

104

Student-Athletes

33

Returning from 2014

John Alberse | Coppell
Lizzie Benedict | Hockaday
Amanda Biedermann | Keller
Sarah Biedermann | Keller
Frances Burton | Hockaday
John Burton | St. Mark's
Austin Cain | Coppell
Shea Castleman | Hockaday
Sloane Castleman | Hockaday
Will Cotten | St. Mark's
McKenna Coulter | Ursuline
Ashley Dieste | Ursuline
Luke Dorshorst | Colleyville
Ariyanna Easter | Hockaday
Grant Falk | Coppell
Matthew Favre | Jesuit
John Gunnin | St. Mark's
William Hall | St. Mark's
Mia Harp | Coppell
Grayson Hassell | Jesuit
Neela Houshmand | Ursuline
Alexander Huerta* | Hillcrest
Reid Johannsen | St. Mark's
Reagan Jones | St. Mark's
Natalie Jones | Hockaday
Michael Kelley | Jesuit
Prescott King | Episcopal School
Molly Mahowald | Hockaday

Mike Mahowald | St. Mark's
Paxton Marks* | Episcopal School
Hoyt Matise | Highland Park
Alexandra McGeoch | Hockaday
Caroline McGeoch | Hockaday
Brandon Meaux | Episcopal School
Maria Munoz | Ursuline
Gracie Nelson | Keller
Keegan O'Toole | Ursuline
Jude Perry | Keller
Clay Phillips | Jesuit
Allison Piot | Ursuline
Tucker Ribman | St. Mark's
John Scalley | Coppell
Sam Schroeder | St. Mark's
Brynne Smith | Ursuline
Jackson Smoot | Highland Park
Will Stern | Highland Park
Will Stroud | Episcopal School
Audrey Van den Branden | Hockaday
Jake Vaughn | St. Mark's
KK Vaughn | Hockaday
Bernadette Weigman | Ursuline
Morgan Widner | Coppell
Jeremy Winston* | Parish
Will Wood | St. Mark's
Cole Wuestenberg | Colleyville

* Bridge Alumni



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



With the need to re-evaluate and re-prioritize our goals and develop a long-term strategy, this group in the Bridge Family is key to the future of Bridge. We are grateful for this collection of strong business and philanthropic minds who share their expertise with and for Bridge.

Rivka Linksman Altman
Invesco Real Estate

Marcia Beare
Episcopal School of Dallas

Franklin Byrd
Hunt Oil

Christina Cotten
St. Mark's School of Texas

Chris Creedon
TruSouth Oil

Jason Detweiler
Cardinal Health

Doric Earle, PhD
Forward Planning

Joe Hearne
Pilgrims Rest Missionary Baptist

David Higbee
Bridge Lacrosse

Robert Jones
Holland and Knight

Michelle Jordan
AT&T

Richard Moses
HEADStrong Texas

Misty Pressley
Civitas Capital Group

Vinita Schroeder, MD
Park Cities Skin Care

Taylor Smiley
The Richards Group

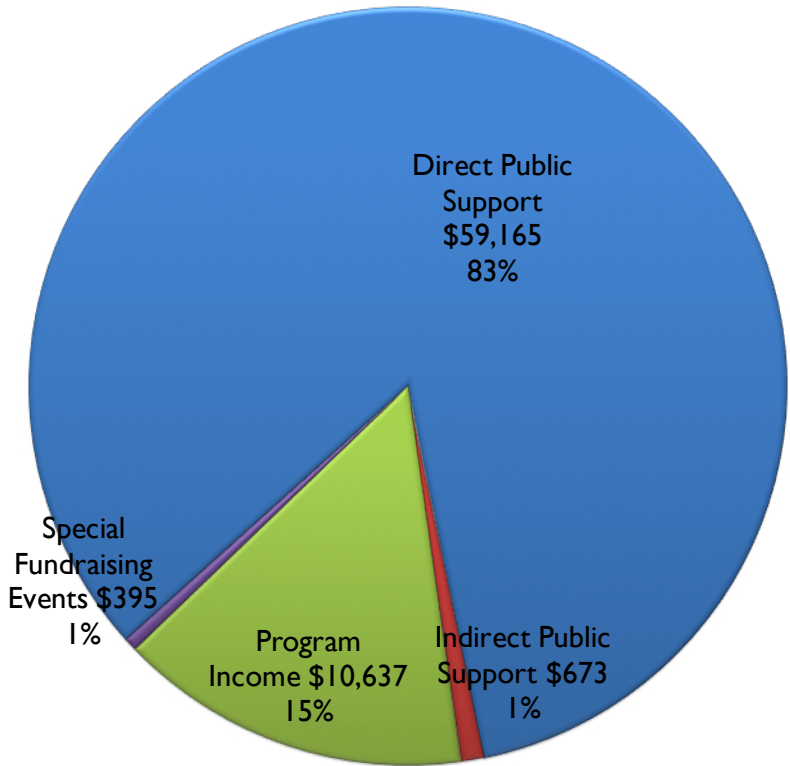
FINANCIALS

While we didn't hit all of our fundraising goals for the year, we were able to manage our budget with more diligence and greater emphasis on transparency. We are proud to hold a GuideStar Gold participant level, which verifies our commitment to financial accountability.

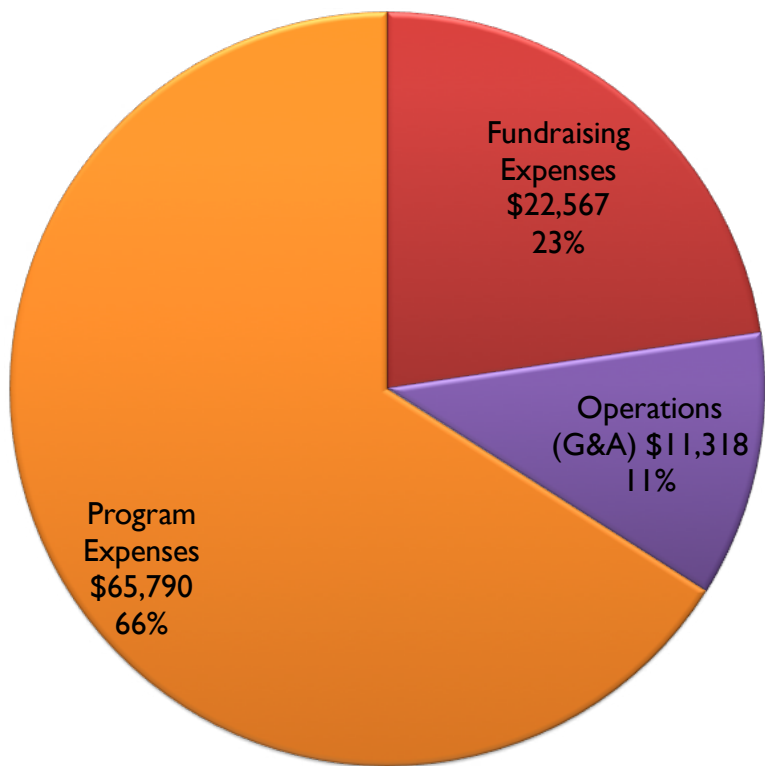


With a renewed foundation, a strengthened board and a growth in our programs, we believe 2016 will provide us with great opportunities to support the student-athletes of our organization. We hope you'll continue to support our work and our new mission!

Revenue | \$70,870



Expenses | \$99,675



TESTIMONIALS

As a parent, I notice how lacrosse has changed my son. He is now more confident and shows leadership skills in everything he tries. Bridge has shown him how to become a leader and command the respect.

Lottie | Parent

Before I joined Bridge, I had been known to be shy, quiet, and kept more to myself. My mom is the one who insisted I play a sport. Rangel offered lacrosse. At the time, I was a little scared and nervous. Or, as my little sister says, I was nervously excited—nervous and excited. I had never heard of this game before, I didn't know the rules, or how to play. On the first practice, I was even more nervous because I didn't see anyone I knew. But by end of the first practice, I had already made friends that I'm still close to today. Everyone was so welcoming. I instantly felt comfortable. I felt like I'd be okay.

Kristen | Student-Athlete

Qadir never wants to miss a practice, even if it's the off-season practices. Often times, he talks about how the coaches teach different techniques, and he tries to carry his stick everywhere we go. I've even seen him trying to teach it to other young children in the community. He says he has to practice, so he can help the team win. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that these characteristics will carry over into his classes at school as well as his future.

Renee | Parent

The concept of family is heavily regarded as teammates help others who fall down and make sure to pick others up who are struggling. It has been a true honor to have fun with all the Bridge players.

Michael | Leadership Board Member

Playing through Bridge growing up showed me how diverse the sport can be and that it is truly a sport for all types of people no matter the race or even physical level. I love lacrosse and plan to continue playing throughout college.

Tyler | Alumni

I went in looking to learn the lacrosse game and left the season after falling in love with the Bridge family. The student athletes, coaches, and parents were such a joy to be around. Grateful to have had such a wonderful experience learning to love lacrosse and the family.

Byron | Coach







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