



THE BRIDGE FUND

CONNECTING DESERVING STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITY



3954
students served
\$104,262
of Impact

- College tours
- Backpacks filled with supplies
- Scholarships
- AP/IB testing fees
- SAT/ACT fees
- College application fees
- State certification fees
- Book rental fees
- Athletic fees
- Performing Arts fees
- Winter coats
- Medical scrubs
- Cosmetology kits
- Study trips for life skills students
- Caps & Gowns
- Robotics competition fees
- Science notebooks
- Class & school projects
- Yearbooks

Mission: The Bridge Fund is a community partner with the Lawrence Township School Foundation and is a dedicated reserve allocated to support deserving students in Lawrence Township, giving them the opportunity to participate in all school aspects such as athletics, extracurricular activities, special projects, and other various events.

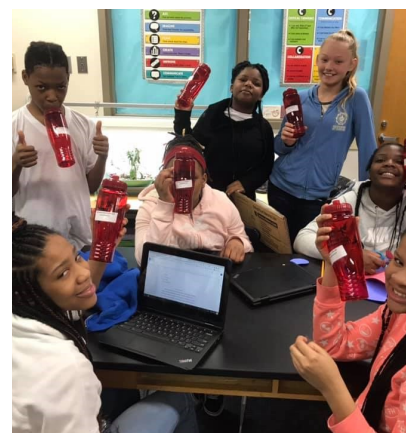


History: The Bridge Fund was founded in 2012 by Mark Pressley and Chad McCune who wanted to give back to the students at Lawrence North High School. It quickly became apparent that the need was much greater than the students of this one high school and by 2013 the program expanded to serve all MSD of Lawrence Township high school students. Since 2014, the fund had grown enough and today supports the students in all 21 MSD of Lawrence Township schools. By widening the scope of students served, the fund continues in the same spirit, but now reaches more students providing opportunities that may not have otherwise been possible.

Donations: Support from the community is necessary to ensure the Bridge Fund can continue to give students opportunities. Donations can be mailed to the Lawrence Township School Foundation, 6501 Sunnyside Road, Indianapolis, IN 46236 (write Bridge Fund on the memo line) or online at www.bit.ly/bridgefund.

“ The Bridge Fund has such a huge impact on our students and families who are in need of basic everyday items, let alone the other items needed to support a child’s education. We would not be able to take care of our families without the help of the Bridge Fund.

Tracy Beer, MSDLT
McKinney Vento Liaison



Here are just a few of the stories that have impacted Lawrence Township students!

The Bridge Fund helped to provide **GPS handheld navigators to Fall Creek Valley students**. This allowed them to achieve mastery of GPS technology, understand the basic concepts of geography, and connect the concepts of culture-geography.

Thanks to the Bridge Fund, an elementary student who became terminally ill was allowed to experience items on her bucket list so her final days were filled with joy. One wish was to have a pajama party with her class and another was to eat out at an actual restaurant. Because of the financial burden of this young child's illness, there was little extra for the family to provide such experiences. Through the simple act of providing these special opportunities, **the entire school was impacted**.



Teachers have learned the importance of having a science binder and how to use it to help students learn. In a school of high poverty (84% free or reduced lunch) it is a burden for families to add additional items to the long list of supplies already needed. The Bridge Fund provided help by purchasing **600 composition notebooks at Brook Park Elementary**.

Equipping children with the supplies they need to start school can be very stressful for some families. With the help of the Bridge Fund, **250 backpacks were filled with school supplies and made available to students in need**.



18 students at Forest Glen Elementary were in need of funds for a Robotics competition. They were the only elementary school in Lawrence Township to make it to the VEX Worlds Competition. This was the perfect opportunity for them to further develop the skills and disciplines they are being taught daily.

57 students received help in paying athletic and performing arts fees. When families are living paycheck to paycheck, these fees can limit their access to extracurricular activities. Keeping students active and involved tends to keep them out of trouble and involved with school.



A family with 4 young children was hit with some hard times. The father, the primary breadwinner, decided to leave the family without notice and with all the bills. The mother, who works part-time, applied for assistance but as she waits for approval needed to keep up with the bills. By using the Bridge Fund to cover school-related expenses, the mother was able to keep a roof over the family's head and meals on the table. Keeping the children in a consistent school setting during these extremely stressful times, proves to be most beneficial for the children.

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The Bridge Fund is a designated fund of the Lawrence Township School Foundation.

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