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CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF MINISTRY!

Board of Director's Report

The Lord has blessed the Bridge Academy and Community Center greatly in 2017. This year we celebrated our 15th year of ministry in Coatesville, and the board is encouraged and humbled to reflect on how God has used the BACC over that time to impact our community. This year 435 students attended Bridge programs, and over 65 women attended Mom's Club.

Work on the newly-acquired property is underway and is expected to be complete in the spring of 2018. This building will provide office, program, and computer space to support the ministry as it grows.

We thank God for the three new board members we added in 2017. Barb Wilson, Chaya Scott, and Seth Windle are answers to prayer and their service is vital as the board continues its mission to ensure that the BACC is following God's leading into 2018 and beyond.

Looking forward, the BACC Board of Directors commits to continue to oversee faithfully the ministry, and we pray that God will continue to work through the BACC as we seek to demonstrate Jesus' love and compassion to our neighbors in Coatesville. The board sincerely thanks those have partnered with us during the past 15 years, and we look forward to celebrating the past and envisioning the future with you during our upcoming Night of Hope banquet on April 7, 2018.



Student Story

While programs are created to meet the needs of families and students in specific areas, ultimately the goal is to build deep, meaningful relationships which allow staff and volunteers to truly address critical needs and dreams of our students. **"P" (name shortened), a 7th grade girl has been attending Bridge programs for over 5 years.** This summer she faithfully attended the summer reading program, and the staff realized P was reading at a 2nd grade level. Mr. Kenny, our Tutoring Coordinator spoke with her parents and helped convey the importance of supplementing her education with tutoring in reading. Through our volunteer network, P connected with a weekly tutor to read together. Prayerfully, P will develop her reading abilities which will allow her to thrive in all academic settings!



Mike Shannon

Volunteer ~ BACC

Why I Serve at the Bridge Academy

Although beginning with the first and second graders about eight years ago, I quickly realized that the middle school age group was the best fit for me. Yet, many nights I find myself asking the question "Why serve at BACC?" After a few hours of dealing with a loud, rambunctious and sometimes disrespectful group of 12 to 15-year-olds, I cannot help but wonder "What difference are we making?"

But we are. One of the most satisfying outcomes for me is watching the maturation process as these children evolve into teens over their three years at Middle School Night. Packing 40 6th-8th graders in one room is a challenge for anyone! But over the years you can see a transformation (especially in lesson time) from giddy kids to attentive young adults. Through it all I know we are having a positive impact. **By showing up week after week, year after year, we are demonstrating the love of Christ to young folks who may never have seen Jesus' second greatest commandment in action - to 'Love your neighbor as yourself' (Matthew 22:39).**

To effectively share the gospel with someone you first need to build a relationship. The staff and volunteers do that daily, and that is why the BACC works. We know the kids and moms are going back into an environment where cultural pressures pull them away from a relationship with Christ. But the BACC represents a safe, nurturing haven where they return to hear the gospel message over and over again. Just as importantly, they witness people living out their faith. Won't you join us?



A Note from the Director

This year the Bridge Academy celebrates fifteen years of ministry in Coatesville! What an honor it is to serve as a part of the team of seventy five regular volunteers, two part time and two full time staff, eight faithful board members and countless prayer warriors, in-kind and financial donors.

- Over 500 people have participated in programming this year, with 65 women and 435 students.
- 193.5 hours of volunteer service were completed by the students this summer.
- Mom's Club, which has been meeting for nine years, pulled their money together to support one of our students and his financial needs to continue in college.
- 41 women came together for an amazing Women's Retreat and studied Ezekiel 36 at the Camp at Old Mill.
- Four high school girls and I went to Winter Weekend with Young Life in January.
- Tyler and Kylil traveled to Puebla, Mexico for a missions trip.
- Countless families enjoyed family nights with Providence Coatesville.

- This summer was the largest summer program to date!
- The basement was fully renovated thanks to an anonymous donor and partnership with Providence Coatesville.

Among these highlights, there are always times of trial, and the team is grateful to go to the Lord for guidance in every daily decision. We covet your prayers and support as we walk alongside students and families that are part of the Bridge family, hope to point them to Jesus, and set them up for success in life.

God gets all the glory for His wonderful works at the Bridge. Thank you for joining with us in the good works this year and in the years to come. I am truly grateful for your partnership in the Gospel.

In Him,
Jordan



Yearly Programs

Bridge Academy programs started 15 years ago at 570 Olive Street. James Comer says that no significant learning can occur without a significant relationship. The Bridge Academy's mission is to equip youth and families with the tools necessary for academic achievement, life skills, creative expression, spiritual growth and leadership. Donors like yourself have allowed the Bridge to provide daily programs in these areas, and serve as a central neighborhood hub for over 500 people this year.

2017 Bridge Academy Programs

Middle School Night
Middle School Cooking
Elementary Cooking
CrossFit Class
PreK-2nd Grade Night
Equestrian Leadership Class
Mom's Club
Wood Chips Class
3rd-5th Grade Night
Teen Night
Summer Mornings at the Bridge (K-5th)
6th-12th Grade Summer Learning Program
Art Class
After-school Tutoring
Gymnastics Outings
Summer Cooking

Partnerships:

Weekly Kid's Club and Summer Camp with County Corrections Gospel Mission
Family Nights with Providence Coatesville
Coatesville Back to School Event: Prepare for Success
Winter Weekend with Young Life
MLK Day of Service
ServiceCorp Host site through Coatesville Youth Initiative
Volunteer opportunities for local churches and businesses

