Annual Report 2016

Bridges Together had a historic year! Thanks to your generosity, in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, Bridges Together’s Annual Giving Program raised $103,821.

This, combined with grants and earned income from professional development contracts, trainings and product sales, empowered Bridges Together to build strong intergenerational (IG) bridges last year and allowed us to...

Train others to implement our packaged Bridges Program Curricula Suite by...

• Unitsing **2,040 youth and adults aged 60+** through the Bridges Program Curricula Suite.

• Developing and piloting the Bridges: Lifelong Journeys curriculum for high school students and older adults (thanks to the generosity of The Sudbury Foundation).

• Training **89 teachers, senior center staff, librarians and others** to implement the Bridges Program.

“My most memorable Bridges experience was honestly every time Shirley walked in the door. She called me her ‘little one’ since I am the smallest, shyest person in my class. This was a really wonderful experience for me especially, because I have no grandparents, or at least that I know of. My family isn’t even really that close, so I’d say all of Bridges was too memorable to forget.”

– Elementary School Bridges Participant
Teach others to build their own custom intergenerational programs by...

- Educating and offering professional development to **572 people in 15 states and 2 countries** on why we need IG programs and how to build effective ones.

- Establishing the Massachusetts Intergenerational Coalition, resulting in policy suggestions to the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs.

Build the capacity of Bridges Together, Inc. by...

- Moving to new office space at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn Gatehouse.

- Growing our Board of Directors to 9 members and our staff to 5 part-time employees.

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**Total Bridges Together Revenue**

- **Annual Giving Program:** $103,821 (41%)
- **Spring Into Summer And Other Special Events:** $16,228 (6%)
- **Grants From The Sudbury Foundation And Tufts Health Plan Foundation:** $60,644 (24%)
- **Professional Development Contracts, Including The Massachusetts Association Of Councils On Aging:** $69,913 (28%)
- **Other:** 1%

“Whereas before, my ideas about intergenerational programming possibilities were somewhat amorphous, now I have much more concrete ideas about what we might try, how we might approach things and what we should consider and plan for. Thanks so much!”

– Participant, Ins & Outs of Planning Your Intergenerational Program workshop