



Dear Families:

We are excited to announce that neighborhood bridges Olentangy is now up and running in our community! As a 501(c)(3) charity, the organization's mission is:

To bridge communities with schools in providing basic needs, removing barriers, and seeking equity for students so they can engage and succeed in school and life.

Neighborhood bridges works by inviting our teachers, counselors, social workers and school administrators to become advocates. Once on board, they post needs on behalf of students and families (who remain anonymous). Needs encompass a wide range of essentials, including school supplies, coats and clothing, help with school or athletic fees, household needs such as beds or groceries, and much more.

Once an advocate posts a need, it is circulated among neighborhood bridges subscribers in the community via email and social media posts. A subscriber wishing to fill a need simply clicks "I can help."

Here's how you can participate:

1.) Subscribe to neighborhood bridges Olentangy here:
<https://www.neighborhoodbridges.org/community/olentangy-oh>

2.) Follow neighborhood bridges on social media.

Facebook: @Olentangybridges

Instagram: nbolentangy

Twitter: @Olentangynb

3.) Respond to needs you'd like to fill by clicking "I can help." You will receive an automated response with instructions to take your item(s) to a designated drop-off location.

4.) We welcome one-time and monthly monetary donations via our website. 100% of your gift will be used to help students and families in need within the Olentangy school community.

Neighborhood bridges is here to bridge kindness in the community. If your student/family is in need of essentials and assistance from neighborhood bridges Olentangy, please contact a school counselor or social worker to get started.

Should you have questions, or want more information on the organization, email Area Director Betsy Thorne at Olentangy@neighborhoodbridges.org.

The launch of neighborhood bridges Olentangy gives our school an invaluable resource to help meet students' basic needs and support local families. We encourage you to subscribe to neighborhood bridges, and to reach out if this organization may be of service.

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness" ~ Lucius Annaeus Seneca

#KindnessIsCool