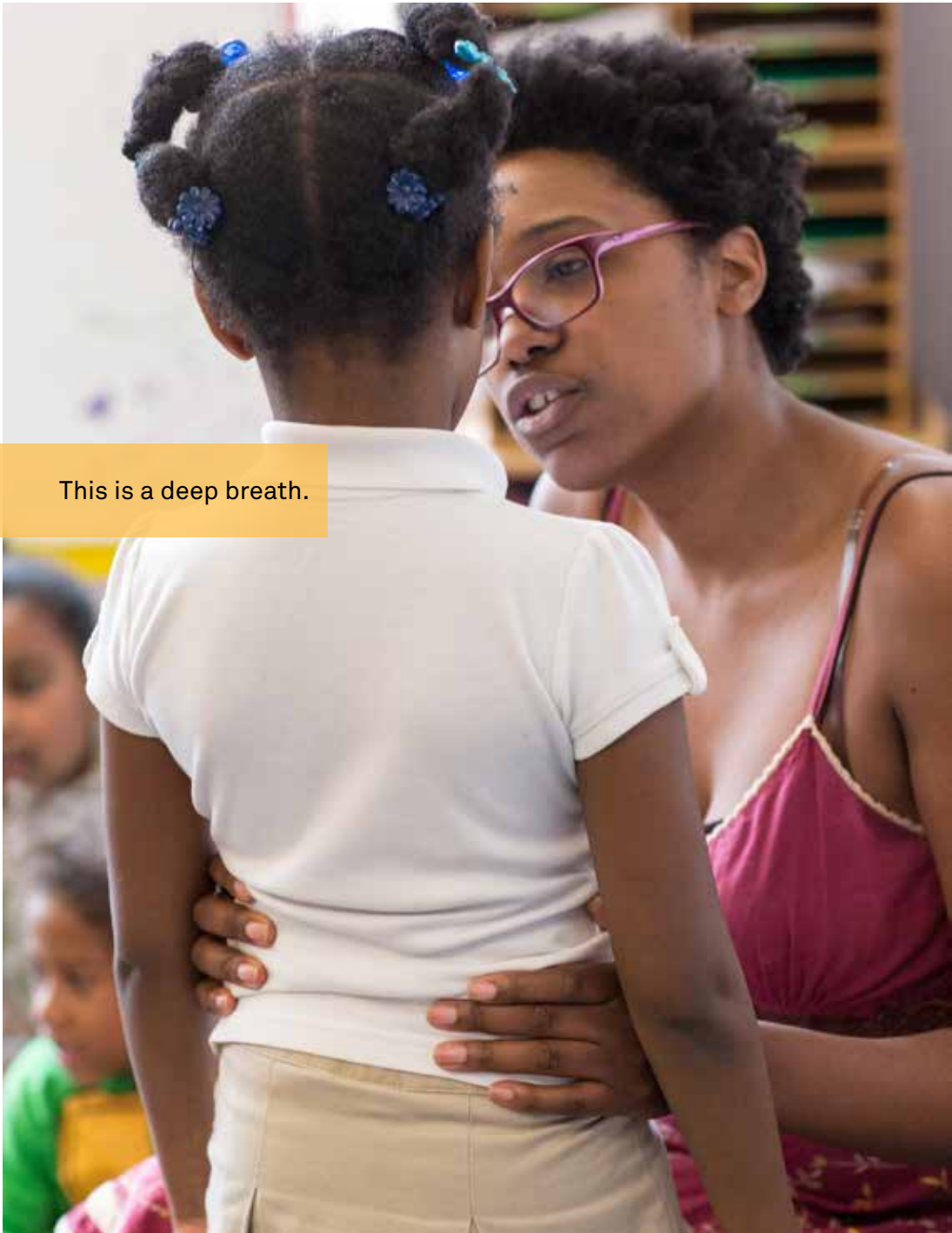


School doesn't begin to describe us.



Bridge Boston nurtures all of our students as unique complex human beings, including those who live with what can be an overwhelming constellation of needs. Food security, housing referrals, and counseling sometimes need to happen in order for our comprehensive team teaching, daily music lessons, and high expectations to work. We see school differently. We invite you to see Bridge Boston through our eyes—and know how important your support is.



This is a deep breath.



This is a super hero.

4

We talk a lot about community at Bridge Boston.

We build our community one relationship at a time.

Our new building reflects the importance of these relationships. From the welcoming path dotted with trees to the sunlit atrium brightening our family resource room, every corner is meant to feel like home.

It took an astonishing community of donors to raise the funds for the library, gym, third floor dedicated to music, the fully wired classrooms and science lab, and a wondrous kitchen to nourish hearts and minds.

It took a community of neighbors to support our zoning, to challenge us to improve our traffic plan, and to welcome us into the neighborhood.

It took a community of families to write letters of support, vouch for the school, and stick with us.

And it took a community of staff to bring this mission to life. They held meetings in hallways, practiced music in stairwells, and moved buildings multiple times. Our teachers' devotion to the children and families created a community that transcended any physical space. Now that space is wonderful.

The 2016-2017 school year was our mountain to climb. We did it—but not without you. Your generous support sustained the trajectory to this pivotal, amazing moment.

We are so grateful!

Yully Cha, *Executive Director*



5

One day, two years ago, I went outside with Keven to plant some yellow and orange marigolds. It had been a hard day, and I remember thinking that everything was so ugly. It was late afternoon and overcast. Sirens wailed. Trash blew around. The most exhausted people in the world were walking by.

I showed Keven how to dig a hole, and separate the seedlings, and pinch the roots. He was utterly absorbed. This boy, so challenged by the circumstances of his life, held each flower with great tenderness and talked to it as he lowered it into the mud. He was so focused, so unafraid, so easy. When we finished, he kept saying, “We made something beautiful right? It’s really pretty right?” The answer was “Yes, yes, we had.”

I like to think that Bridge Boston provides lots of these moments, but the truth is that we live in a world that tells our students in a thousand different ways that they don’t matter, that they don’t get what the shiny, happy people on TV get. But this year,

they do. Our students will come to a place that tells them they matter deeply. In this new home, in this school we’ve filled with love, every teacher is invested in two things: building an inclusive community and providing rigorous academics that stretch every student—because, in the end, that’s the lifeline.

If our students learn to love books and learning and reasoning and conversation – then we’ve handed them the world.

Thank you to everyone who’s given heart, soul, muscle, time, and money to this place. Together, we are making something beautiful!

Jennifer Daly, *Principal*





A student with allergies and eczema needed to get out of a home with pests and mold. We provided the security deposit to the new landlord so the family could relocate.

What goes into a successful third grader. Breakfast, dental care, vision screening, a uniform, a backpack, lunch, someone he trusts to listen to hard stories, plenty of time to run around outside.

We can't make a level playing field in academics unless we address why students underperform. Illness, hunger, and anguish prevent learning. That's why Bridge Boston provides health services, counseling, and play therapy right at the school.

Six Resiliency Groups of children struggling with trauma meet weekly with teachers trained to help them.

We work with chronically absent children by making reminder calls to families, providing gas cards, and giving rides, so students can get to school.

A child with dental pain gets an onsite exam through Forsyth Dental; we also support the parent with scheduling, transportation, and even co-pays for follow-up care if needed.

In fact, we are very good at partnering with—and connecting families to—agencies that help with housing, safety, food, medical care, transportation, and other obstacles erected by poverty.



This is a launching pad.



We added 5th grade this year, with middle school classroom and teacher transitions, more standard grading, and organized sports. (Soccer! Basketball! Track!)

When we say “whole child,” we mean the whole child. Three hours of math, reading, and writing a day—and improved scores to show for it—plus watercolors, weaving, clay, collage, Dvorak, diatonic scales, plotting the sun’s course in the universe, 27 independent reading books, and The Great Essay Project.

The extended day is packed and joyful.

Our extraordinarily devoted and imaginative teachers teach a rock solid, adaptable, and inspiring curriculum.

We collaborated with Celebrity Series and Conservatory Lab Charter School to plan, rehearse, and perform a public concert of traditional global music combined with string orchestra. Students participated in a mock trial at the Moakley United States Courthouse. They cultivated a deep understanding of fractions. They interviewed immigrants and created a medley of their stories.

Teachers and students excelled at project-based learning. K2 drew plant life in Franklin Park, researched it, and made postcards. 5th graders mapped the Freedom Trail with scan tags that linked to audio of students enacting historical speeches. It’s core learning via creativity.



This is equal opportunity.



Now, we have a home for all the things we want our school to be: from the Parent Council Carnival to housing workshops, adult literacy lessons, technology classes, music, and movies. They're all part of our dream for Bridge Boston.

Here to stay. Natural light, big windows, warm colors, outdoor space, elements of therapeutic design, and a real kitchen. A kitchen kids can cook in.

15

It's real. 435 Warren Street is now our permanent, purpose-built home—a school, a meeting place, a resource, a labor of love and commitment.

Everyone contributed. We had twenty meetings with residents, churches, neighborhood associations, and activists—and adjusted the timing of the school day to mitigate traffic. Staff input led to breakout spaces in each classroom for academic and emotional support. Teachers came up with the idea for our family resource room, a one-stop shop with computers, printers, even laundry facilities. Donors provided smart technology and furnished the library, and more. Our school is built by a community, for community.

Come visit and see!

From *Groundbreaking*, October 29, 2016
a poem written by Bridge Boston 5th grade

A shovel is stuck in the ground,
making the soil churn with joy.

We are building a school house.
The hours are long, the work is hard,
like trudging through deep snow,
like a backpack you want to put down.
A cold winter you wait through to break into summer.

We are building a future.
We have giant dreams—
Dreams of a million possibilities reaching out to us,
Dreams of being shaped into who we want to be,
Dreams of fighting fears.
Dreams of being a life guard an architect
a lawyer a doctor a singer an artist a violinist
a hair dresser a fashion designer
a teacher.

We are building a bridge,
A bridge that will hold fast,
A bridge that will span differences.
It links my mother's dreams to my future.

We are building a home
And you know what home is like.
It's where you can share all you're feeling,
Where you clean up your mess,
Where you watch TV together with blankets and popcorn,
Where you do chores
and thank your parents for making you do them,
Where you watch your siblings grow,
Where you cook with your Mom,
And drink warm cocoa,
And run upstairs when it's raining to read Harry Potter.

We are building a community—
A community filled with love that teaches us to read,
A community of math and science,
A community filled with respect for others,
The sounds of laughter and music,
Jokes in the air,
Nice, long conversations,
Working hard and believing in one another, and
A positivity you will never forget.

This is a community for people like you and me
who deserve a chance.

We are building Bridge Boston.



This is an anchor.



Our families encouraged people to apply in the Vietnamese, Somali, and Nigerian communities and in churches/mosques.

What more can we do? Reach out and make sure our students include the ones who need us most.

21

Bridge Boston is a public charter school, open to all students through a lottery system. We want our lottery to include as many children as possible who are homeless, who are learning English, who have special needs, or who have experienced trauma in their community.

So we reach out to Dorchester and Roxbury religious organizations, MAPS for Portuguese speakers, the Haitian Service center, The Nurture, Project Hope, Family Nurturing Center, and various ABCD sites, WIC offices, Community Centers, and YMCAs.

Our community partners help us, too. Southbay Community Services, Home for Little Wanderers, Smart from the Start, Horizons for Homeless Children, Children's Services of Roxbury, and the Bowdoin, Codman Square, Dorchester House, Southern Jamaica Plain, and Martha Elliot Health Centers, as well as the Department of Children and Families send us many lottery applicants.

As a result, we teach a high percentage of underserved students.

Bridge Boston Charter School
Income Statement for year ended June 30, 2017

REVENUES	
Per pupil Tuition	4,517,882
Public grants	518,973
Transportation (in-kind)	279,522
Pensions (in-kind)	549,686
Private Funding	647,160
Miscellaneous	82,503
TOTAL	\$6,595,726
EXPENSES	
Personnel	3,766,316
Program	1,106,923
Organizational	278,505
Facilities	542,426
Depreciation	163,604
TOTAL	\$5,857,774
NET INCOME	\$737,952

Faculty advisors continued to call student homes every two weeks. 98% of families attended parent-teacher conferences. 98%. That's a community.

Thank you to those who supported Bridge Boston in FY16

\$25,000 & GREATER

Mark & Carolyn Ain
Cheryl & Rand Alexander
Charles Hayden Foundation
Cummings Foundation
Ann Gallo
Kingsbury Road Charitable Foundation
Klarman Family Foundation
Mifflin Memorial Fund
Hope & Mike Pascucci
Wellington Management Foundation

\$15,000-\$24,999

Andrus Family Foundation
Marina Hatsopoulos & Walter Bornhorst
Jackie Bullis & Ryan Duffy
Beth Kressley Goldstein & Dennis Goldstein
Massachusetts Cultural Council
The Baupost Group LLC

\$7,500-14,999

A&A Fund
Boston Gives
Edvestors
Anne & Paul Marcus Family Foundation
Tom & Jill Pappas
The Plymouth Rock Foundation
Slater Family Foundation

\$2,500-7,499

Ebling Family Foundation
Kevin Gorter Memorial Foundation
Mary & David Grumhaus
Kathleen Harris Trust
HP Hood
Adam & Marybeth Kirsch
M&T Charitable Foundation
Amelia Lloyd McCarthy
Lynn Nowels & James Olesen
The Pannell Family Charitable Fund
Ian & Martene Reynolds
Ricardo Rodriguez
Christine & Donald Thompson
Twin Focus Foundation
Rhonda S. Zinner Foundation

\$1000-\$2,499

Brian Alexander
Lauren Alexander
William & Elizabeth Atwood
Bob Baldwin

Jeri & Michael Cooper
Gene & Lloyd Dahmen
Jennifer & Michael Daly
The Edgerley Family Foundation
Betsy & Rick Edie
Lewis Family Foundation
Jennifer & David Grumhaus
Grant & Lara Gund
Terrence & Nicole Murray
The Dorothy & Jonathan Rintels Charitable Foundation
Joseph & Kitty Wear

\$500-\$999

Amy Belkin
Pedro J Bonilla, MD
Kelly Bonnevie & Karen Kauffman
Cathy Boskey
Brian & Jeannine Bulger
Sarah & Tom Caputo
Daniel & Jodi Cooper
Laura Gross & Charles Dellheim
Lisa & Jonathan Haas
Jerome & Susanne Haber
Roma & Clifford Hoyt
Mary & Brad Krey
Toby & Michael Kumin
Chin Lin & Sabina Berretta
St. Michael's Church
Milton Parish
Phillip & Carolyn Perelmutter
Land Peterson & E. Breck Arnzen
Sue & Bernie Pucker
Mark Roberts
Edwin & Kitty Smith
Karen & Skip Sweet
Helen Porter Wagner

\$250-499

James Bosland
Michelle Caldeira
Jocelyn Campbell
Marian Ferguson
Beth Friedman
Steven & Rossanna Godfrey
Katherine & Robert Hamblet
Julie & Kevin Hayes
Danielle Heard
Alison & Michael Hong
Peter Keating
James & Freda Kennedy
Carol & James Lister
James McGovern
Barbara & Richard Melvoin
Rachel Rock & Josh Levy
Patricia & Paul Rudovsky
Charles & Anni Santry
Edward Schuller
Alexandra Schweiter
Rachel Segall & James Hurley

UP TO \$249

Dawn Beckman
Marjorie & Athelstan Bellerand
William Boyd
Sarah Brooks
Robert Carew & Laura Dexter
Torylee Cigna
Lance & Sarah Conrad
Tobey & Mark Fidler
Kelly & Michael Glew
Abbey Haber
Nancy Hagens & Tom Hill
George & Daphne Hatsopoulos
Melanie & Matt Kelly
Walter & Wendy King
Eleanor Lodge
Makeeba McCreary
Mary Miley
Emily & Derek O'Neill
Michael Pappone & Diane Savitzky
Shauna Powers
Jennipher Ray
Michelle & Lino Sanchez
Rachel Segall & James Hurley
Edward Sibble Jr.
Margaret & Scott Stikeleather
Gayl Crump Swaby
Jeff & Susan Swanson
Andrew & Andrea Synnot
Sally Thacher
Lindsey Vaughn
Ashley Wineski & Will Hewerd
Audrey Young

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS

Associated Early Care & Education
Boston Children's Hospital
Boston College Department of Psychology Arts & Mind Lab
Boston Philharmonic Orchestra
Bromley Heath
Center for Children with Special Needs at Tufts Medical Center
Cradles to Crayons
Department of Children & Families
Epiphany School
Families First
Family Nurturing Center
Friends of the Children-Boston
Forsyth Dental
Girls on the Run
Head Start
Home for Little Wanderers
Homestart
Horizons for Homeless Children
Household Goods
Longy School of Music
Jump Start
MassHousing
Mattapan Health Center
Milton Academy

Nashoba Brooks School
New England Conservatory
New England Eye & Ear
Northeastern University Audiology
Orchard Gardens Community Center
Playworks
Rosie's Place
St. Michael's Parish, Milton
Smart from the Start
South Bay Community Services
The Lynch School of Education
The Park School, Brookline
The PEAR Institute of Harvard University and McLean Hospital
Tufts University Friedman School

CORPORATE PARTNERS

Alexander Aaronson Finning CPAs
Central Source
Common Impact
Fidelity Investments,
Corporate Technology Group
First Republic Bank
HR Knowledge, Inc.
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.
Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr, LLP

BUILDING PARTNERS

Dwight Berg
Boston Community Capital
Goodwin Procter LLC
HMFH Architects
Klein Horning LLP
McKenzie & Associates, P.C.
M&T Bank
Pinck & Co.
Qroe Companies
W.T. Rich Company, Inc.

IN KIND

Sally Collier
Johnson String Project
Melanie & Matt Kelly
Anne Marcus
Lynn Nowels

Thank you to those who made gifts to our Building Capital Campaign.

Anonymous
Kenneth & Susan Abrams
Leslie & Alastair Adam
Steven & Yvette Adams
Erica Cha Adler
Mark & Carolyn Ain
Liga & Martin Aldins
Brian Alexander
Cheryl & Rand Alexander

Minnie Ames & Brian Hirschfeld
Mark Andrus
Elizabeth & Bill Atwood
Dewey & Margaret Awad
Norman Baker
Dawn Beckman
Amy Belkin & Jay Mofenson
Sonal Bhandari & Anand More
Pedro Bonilla
Boston Gives
William Boyd & Deborah Blish
Bromley Charitable Trust
Brookline Savings Bank
Brian & Jeannine Bulger
Sarah & Tom Caputo
Michael Carmen & Pamela Lederer
Jug Chokshi
Joseph and Lucy Chung
Torylee Cigna
Davis & Jennifer Clayson
Sally Collier
Lance & Sarah Conrad
Daniel & Jodi Cooper
Jeri & Michael Cooper
Bill & Sally Coughlin
David Cushing
Randi & Joel Cutler
Gene & Lloyd Dahmen
Deutsche Bank Americas
Foundation

Rose Di Santo
Lisa DiAdamo
Erik Douglas
& Ranesh Ramanathan
Ebling Family Foundation
Edgerley Family Foundation
Edward Jones Co.
Alette Estrada
Ann Gallo
Christopher Gates
Michael Gazala
Gensler Family Foundation
Kelly & Michael Glew
Beth Kressley Goldstein & Dennis Goldstein
Gorter Family Foundation
David & Lauren Gorter
Jim & Audrey Gorter
Clark & Wendy Grew
David & Mary Grumhaus
Grant & Lara Gund
Rena Elias Gyftopolous
Kathleen Harris & Terrence Warzecha
Marina Hatsopoulos & Walter Bornhorst
Julie & Kevin Hayes
Meghan & Kent Weldon
Allison Horne & Peter Riehl
Roma & Cliff Hoyt
Carri Hulet

Jacobson Family Foundation
Warren & Harriet Kantrowitz
Karen Kaufman & Kelly Bonnevie
Peter Keating
Melanie & Matthew Kelly
Adam & Marybeth Kirsch
Jean Knox
Kryder Family Foundation
Toby & Michael Kumin
Cindy & Seth Lawry
Lisa & Steve Lebovitz
Chin Lin & Sabina Berretta
Drew Mancini
Anne & Paul Marcus Family Foundation
Amelia Lloyd McCarthy
Makeeba McCreary
Meredith & Matt McPherron
Louis & Berneda Meeks
Richard Melvoin & Barbara Glass Melvoin
Gregory & Nicole Moore
Marguerite Munger
Myron Munger
Tom & Jill Pappas
Ted & Erica Pappendick
Hope & Mike Pascucci
Phillip & Carolyn Perelmutter
Charles Pierce
Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Ian & Marlene Reynolds
Anita & Ed Robboy
Rachel Rock & Josh Levy
Patricia & Paul Rudovsky
Michelle & Lino Sanchez
Nancy & Michael Sandman
Charles & Anni Santry
Diane Savitzky & Michael Pappone
Bob & Susan Schechter
Susan Schiro & Peter Manus
Raphi & Yonit Schorr
Edward Schuller
Slater Family Foundation
Richard & Susan Smith Family Foundation
Souyoum & Megan Song
Strategic Grant Partners
Karen & Skip Sweet
Brendan & Kerry Swords
Sally & Nicholas Thacher
John & Erika Toussaint
TwinFocus Foundation
Fernando Vigil
Barbara Weiss
Stefani Weiss
Meghan & Kent Weldon
Wellington Management Foundation
Ellen Williams & Lawrence Miller





This is a right.

Education uproots poverty. With passion, love, and inclusion, our teachers carry their commitment to this idea into every corner of the day.

You are all amazing

FOUNDATION BOARD

Mark Andrus, Treasurer
Dawn Backman Clerk
Pedro Bonilla
Jocelyn Campbell
Nancy Coolidge
Gene Dahmen
Paul Karger, President
Peter Keating
Makeeba McCreary
Ricardo Rodriguez
Michelle Sanchez
Sam Slater
James Sperling

SCHOOL BOARD

Cheryl Alexander
Michelle Caldeira
Ryan Duffy, Treasurer
Beth Friedman
Steven Godfrey
Beth Kressley
Goldstein, President
Marina Hatsopoulos, Clerk
Marjorie Janvier
Anne Marcus
Amelia Lloyd McCarthy
Tom Pappas, Vice President
Ian Reynolds
Gayl Crump Swaby

STAFF

Claribel Aguiar
Molli Allen
Hollie Badger
Katherine Bailey
Kate Baldwin
Manny Baptista
Lenny Bautista
Lucinda Booth
Zoe Borden
Chelsea Brendle
Lizzie Brophy
Sean Bulger
Dominique Calixte
Yully Cha
Chris Coleman
Janelle Crowley
Diane CullenMoore
Jennifer Daly
Brandon Daly
Julie Daly
Andrew Di Sorbo
Kristen Dix
Hameen Edwards

Kate Enicks
Alicia Fessenden
Tnelle Francis
Maya French
Nitzan Gal
Jasmine Heffner
Abbie Hogan
Cecilie Holm
Shannon Holt
Alicia Horwitz
Sarah Hurdelbrink
Luna Hwang
Verola Jeanty
Susanna Johnson
Meryl Johnson
James Kale
Melanie Kelly
Kristen Lamb
Nina Leuzzi
Nora Li
Anna Littlehale
Megan Malaker
Matthew McNiff
Emily Merrigan
Josh Merritt
Michael Molyneaux
Cecelia Morgan
Nicole Murray
Tatum Nolen
Breane Norvell
Jill Ohrenberger
La'Mar Owens
Andrew Pinto
Joanna Rees
Martine Romulus
Sila Rosario
Lydia Rosenfeild
Grissell Sandford
Sophie Schacht
Joni Shaw
Kendra Sheldon
Stephanie Shu
Samantha Sinotte
Abbie Smith-Howe
Johanna Tan
Olivia Teneus
Mary Teuscher
Elle Thompson
Alison Tyler
Adia Vellaccio
Suzanna Wallace
John Wallace
Karen Williams
Tamara Win
Christina Wynveen
Nick Young

VOLUNTEERS

Ellie Ackerman
Massimo Aulfiero
Rani Balakrishna
Lily Bryant
Sally Collier
Patrick Connor
Jeri Cooper
Caroline Cromwell
Chloe Davidson
Charlotte DeWitt
Gayane Ebling
Emma Farsheed
Marian Ferguson
Gabrielle Fraenkel
Ryan Goldstein
Alex Gorham
Mary Green
Olivia Hall
Roma Hoyt
Melanie Kelly
Barbara Kryder
Patty Lawrence
Stephanie Lee
Eve Lesburg
Milton Academy Students
Lynn Nowels
Emily O'Connor
Ellie Pellegrino
Jack Pierce
Lulu Pierce
Katie Porter
Jeff Price
Jayden Sanford
Isabella Santamaria-Dehni
Diane Savitzky
Nancy Shieffelin
Karen Sweet
Kitty Wear
Linda Whitehead
Hadley Winslow
Lauren Walters

This annual report was made possible by the generosity of DiSanto Design, Daisy Scott, and Universal Wilde.

To experience Bridge Boston in action, come see us!

To schedule a visit, please contact Yully Cha at 857-229-1601 or ycha@bridgebostoncs.org.



BRIDGE BOSTON
CHARTER SCHOOL

Bridge Boston Charter School
Bridge Boston Foundation
435 Warren Street, Roxbury MA 02119
(857) 229-1601
bridgebostoncs.org