

BRIDGING IN THE COMMUNITY: OUR SERVICE PROJECT

How Bridging Serves Families

- Bridging is the largest furniture bank in Minnesota.
- They've served over 56,000 families
- Bridging helps furnish the homes of families transitioning out of poverty
- Their mission is to help these families live dignified lives by starting with their basic needs
- They help instill a sense of stability
- They work with various local organizations to ensure that the family's other needs are also being met
- Bridging relies on volunteers and donations from the community



Why We selected this Social Issue

- We decided to work with Bridging because it is a organization close to home
- The issue of furnishing someone's home sounds basic, but furniture can provide a person with pride and sense of worth
- With pride and worth comes drive, ambition, and creating a better life: taking care of the necessities will allow a person/family to grow (Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs)
- This issue allowed us to really experience and help fix an issue that is affecting families in our community

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The Significance

- There are many families in transition from homelessness or crises
- Bridging gives families in need a greater sense of belonging in the community
- These families don't often receive sufficient aid
- Bridging establishes a greater sense of community for donors and volunteers as well



Reflection

- We would have been physically unable to serve these families individually
- Bridging demonstrates how it takes a whole community to change lives
- Disproves the common misconception that there can only be one leader
- Instills a better understanding of what it takes to get to the fundamental needs of families
- Prior to this experience we didn't comprehend the importance of basic household commodities