



BRIDGE For Community Life

Serving Youth & Adults with Disabilities

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Serving the St. Croix Valley Area



Please Join or Renew your BRIDGE Membership in 2026!

Hear from BRIDGE Day Services Parent & Volunteer, Monica Laust about why your membership matters:

"My name is Monica Laust and I have a daughter, Rachel, who is 42 years old who attends BRIDGE Day Services. Let me paint a quick picture of Rachel. Rachel has Down Syndrome, she is profoundly deaf, she speaks with American Sign Language, she's super friendly and outgoing, charming, quirky, and fun-loving. Rachel can also be mischievous, and out-smart you when she wants something and she has learned how to get what she wants, sometimes before you even know what she was after.

Because of her dual disabilities, combined with her intense drive to have her own way it has been difficult to find programming for her. BRIDGE for Community Life has been a place where Rachel has blossomed - her personality is appreciated while her needs are met, many times through creative collaboration between home, her group home and BRIDGE staff. She is brought out into the community so she can experience all that Hudson (and our local communities) has to offer, the movie theater, the YMCA, the public library, the city parks, Fishing Without Boundaries, to name a few field trips.

When her Group Home manager took her to Hudson Booster Days she told me "Rachel knows everyone!" because people were greeting Rachel everywhere they went. It struck me that this is the "Community Life" part of "BRIDGE For Community Life". Rachel is enriched by the community but also the community is enriched by Rachel.

When I retired from teaching last year after 44 years, I was eager to volunteer at BRIDGE. Now I come to BRIDGE every Friday to teach hand drums and Sign Language. It has become the highlight of my week and I have made an entire group of new friends - I call them my "Friday Friends". I am greeted enthusiastically when I walk through the door. They have enriched my life in so many ways and I never leave without a smile on my face. I want to thank you for supporting BRIDGE for Community Life."

We hope you will consider joining or renewing your membership today. YOU make a positive difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities. Stay Tuned for our Annual BRIDGE BITS Newsletter coming later this year!

✓ **Check Your BRIDGE Membership Level Below:**

Individuals & Families

- ___ BRIDGE LEADER \$5000+
- ___ PATRON \$2500+
- ___ LEADER \$1000+
- ___ CHAMPION \$750+
- ___ SUSTAINER \$500+
- ___ COMPANION \$200+
- ___ FRIEND \$50+
- ___ BUDDY \$30+
- ___ STUDENT \$10+
- ___ GIFT \$ _____

Organization & Businesses

- ___ BRIDGE LEADER \$5000+
- ___ PATRON \$2500+
- ___ LEADER \$1000+
- ___ PARTNER \$750+
- ___ SUSTAINER \$500+
- ___ SUPPORTER \$250+

Yes! I Want to Renew my BRIDGE Membership! 2026 _____ (Leave Blank - For Office Use)

Renew by Mail using this Form - OR - Renew Online by visiting www.bridgecl.org/membership or by scanning the QR Code below with your phone!

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

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*Your tax-deductible donation to BRIDGE will help fund existing programs and the development of future programs. **THANK YOU!***

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