



2015
ANNUAL REPORT

Bridge Disability Ministries

Bridge Disability Ministries honors the God-given dignity and giftedness of people with disabilities; therefore we build relationships to alleviate isolation and enrich our churches and communities.

2015 was a year of spectacular growth in all our ministries.

We continue to build upon the foundation and hard work of those who came and served before us, reaching out and helping our friends living with physical and developmental disabilities lead more “connected” lives.

Our ministries are about building bridges. First, we are a bridge to physical access to the world. Our Meyer Medical Equipment Center distributed more than \$3.1M

in durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and more to those in need. Second, we are a bridge to security for more than 50 adults by acting as legal guardian and advocate for their financial, health care, and shelter needs. And last, but most definitely not the least, we are a bridge to inclusion and belonging in area churches and faith communities. Our partner churches celebrate our friends with disabilities every month with an open invitation for fellowship and worship.

Every one of our friends is part of God’s glory and is worthy of active participation in the life of our community. And we appreciate you in partnering with us to help make this possible.

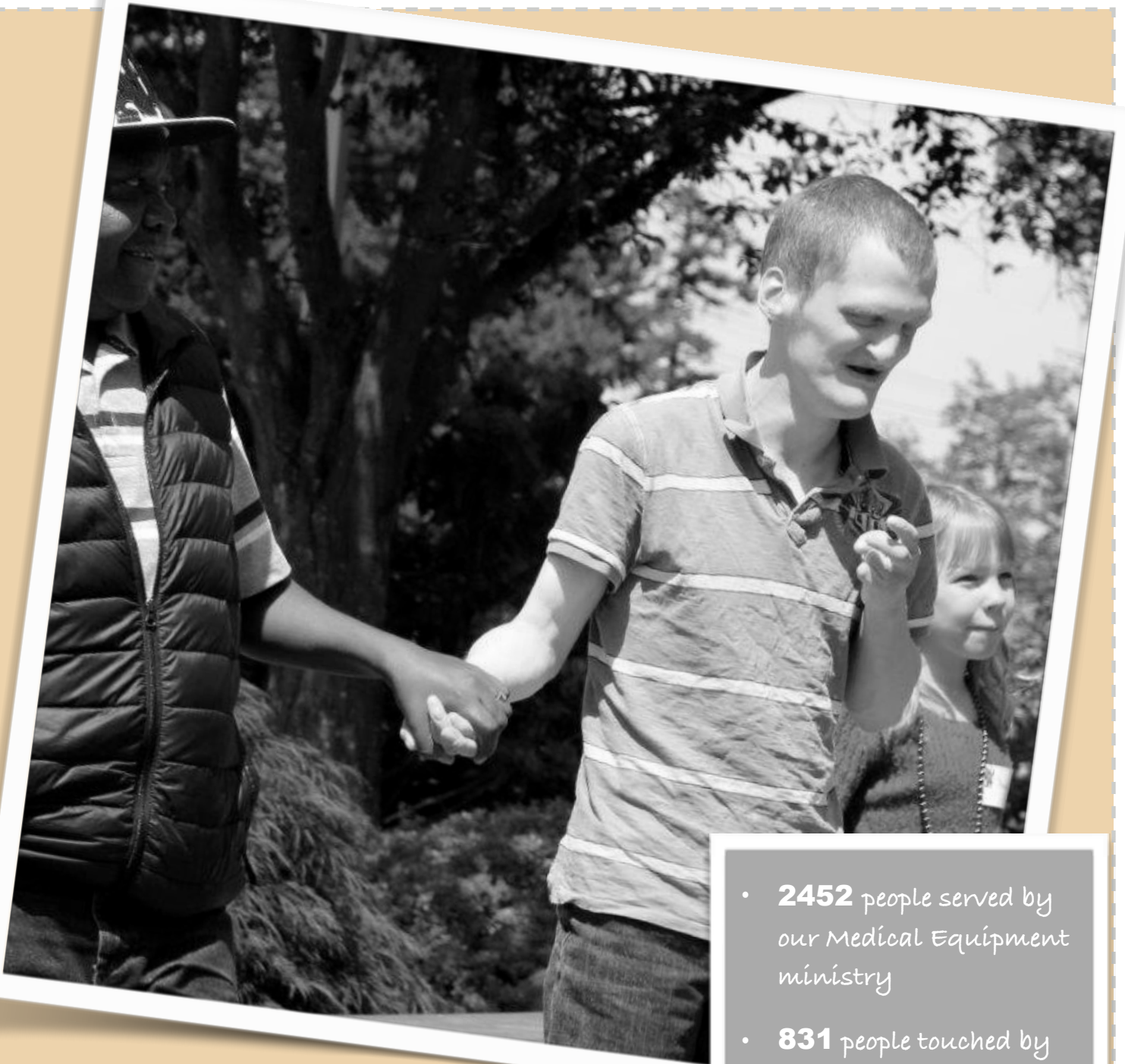
We are grateful for you.

We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in God's work.

Blessings,

Brenne Schario





- **2452** people served by our Medical Equipment ministry
- **831** people touched by our Spiritual Connections ministry
- **51** adults served by our Guardianship ministry; **37** served through initial guardianship consultations

Lives touched

Our friends gather
at one of our partner
churches every
month for food and
fellowship.



Our Spiritual Connections ministry coordinated **11** Sunday Evening Celebrations (SEC). These worship and fellowship events, hosted in partnership with area churches, celebrated and touched **773** people. Our bible study small group, called Roots 'n Wings, had **10** sessions and gathered **58** participants and volunteers.

More importantly, we took the first steps this year toward collaborating with churches to make sure our friends become a vibrant and valued participant in a faith community: we finished the awareness and assessment tool for distribution and input from faith communities. We know an accessible heart is a community that sees first a member of the Body of Christ and then an individual with a disability.

**Spiritual Connections: a bridge to inclusion
and belonging in faith communities**



**Guardianship
Agency:
a bridge to
security and
protection**

Bridge's guardianship agency provides guardianship and case

management services for **51** adults with developmental, and often complex, disabilities. Our court-appointed certified professional guardians are committed to oversee and advocate for our clients on financial matters, housing, legal issues, activities of daily living, and health/medical care. We ensure the adults in our care have multiple opportunities to be included in social activities and are able to form relationships and contribute to the life of their communities.

Our guardianship agency was founded as a result of a visit to an institution housing people with developmental disabilities more than 20 years ago. We are grateful for the long history of collaboration with other organizations, individuals, families, over 50 churches, foundations and 600+ volunteers. Most importantly, we are grateful that we are a God-centered organization. How else can our guardians be the best advocate for our folks without Him as partner?

Meyer Medical Equipment Center: a bridge to physical access to the world

Bridge's Meyer Medical Equipment Center had a record year. The center distributed durable medical

equipment worth **\$3,106,097**, a **66%** increase from our 2014 distribution. Our medical equipment ministry is only as good as the donations of used, sometimes new, durable medical equipment that we get from individuals and businesses alike. Our volunteers clean and, if necessary, repair the equipment, install new batteries in the electrical equipment, and provide them to people regardless of their ability to pay. Items distributed range from power wheelchairs to walkers, Hoyer lifts, toilet seats, transfer benches, hospital beds and more.

When a person's mobility is compromised, the absence of a wheelchair or scooter is so much more than just an inconvenience. A person with physical disability

cannot easily enter into the life of their community, and as a result, their access to healthcare, social services, employment, educational opportunities, cultural events, and basic human contact are all made difficult, if not impossible.

In 2015, we forged partnerships and collaborated with 3 area hospitals and agencies. The Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, Valley Medical Hospital and Mount Si Senior Center will be additional medical equipment distribution centers for Bridge to benefit low-income patients who cannot afford needed equipment otherwise.

We served **2,452** people in 2015.



People who receive donated equipment often "re-donate" the equipment when no longer needed, ensuring that others will benefit from its use as well.

623 volunteers gave an estimated **6989** hours of service to Bridge. **All those hours are equivalent to \$161,236** in contributions.

"Volunteers
are love in
motion"
THANK
YOU!



2015 Financial Summary

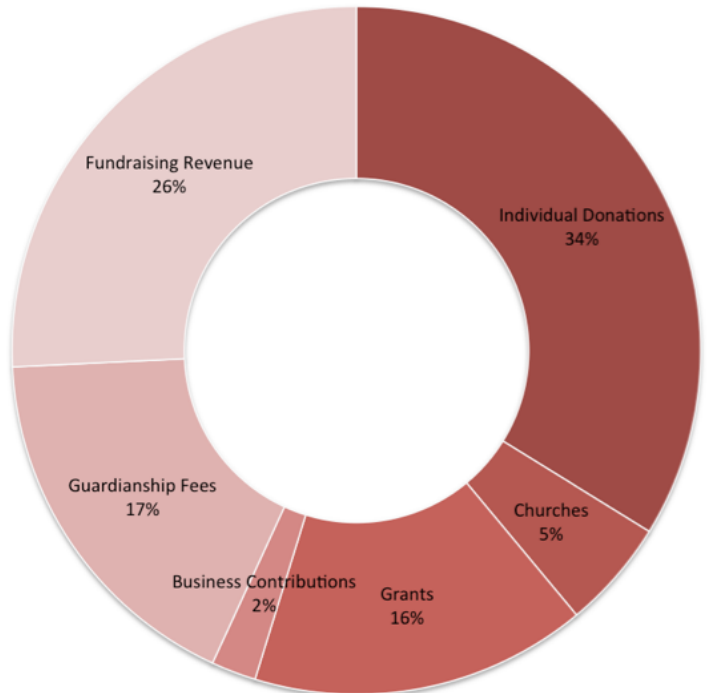
Income

Individual Donations	\$ 228,748
Churches	34,801
Grants	106,858
Business Contributions	14,234
Guardianship Fees	117,544
Fundraising Revenue	<u>174,246</u>

TOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS and Other Income \$ 684,314

OTHER INCOME:
Durable Medical Equipment \$3,159,135

TOTAL CASH & DME \$3,843,449



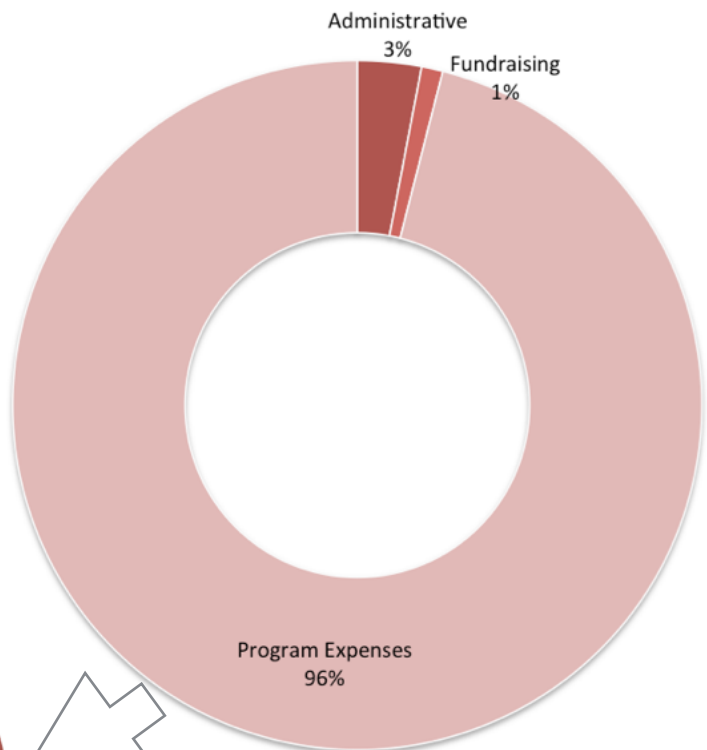
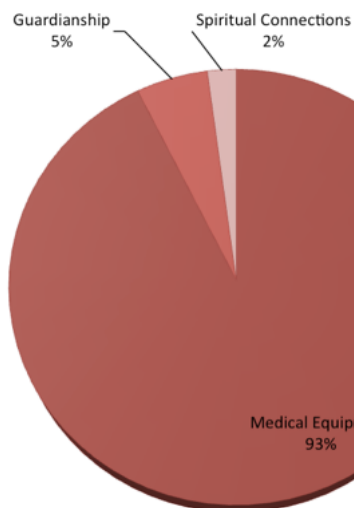
TOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

Expenses

Administrative	\$ 126,463
Fundraising	52,077
Program Expenses	
<i>Medical Equipment*</i>	3,296,188
<i>Guardianship</i>	197,947
<i>Spiritual Connections</i>	<u>65,578</u>
Total Program Expenses	3,559,713

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 3,738,253

*includes \$3,106,097 total value in durable medical equipment



Program Expenses Detail

From all of us here at Bridge, our thanks to **YOU**, our very generous donors and volunteers. Together we will help our friends with disabilities have meaningful lives.

Churches

Archdiocese of Seattle
Bellevue Christian Church
Bellevue Presbyterian Church
Calvin Presbyterian Church
Center for Spiritual Living
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Inglewood Presbyterian Church
John Knox Presbyterian Church
Mary Queen of Peace Church
Newport Covenant Church
Newport Presbyterian Church
Northlake Lutheran Church
Rose Hill Presbyterian Church
Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church
St Andrew Presbyterian Church
University Presbyterian Church

Businesses

All Care Adult Home
AmazonSmile
Angels Care Adult Family Home
Ann's Lakeridge
Ann's Skyway Meadows Family Home
Asset Management Strategies
BECU Matching
Boeing Company Matching
Cambia Health Matching
Colby Shouman Inc
Community Living
Downtown Emergency Service Center
ELT, Inc.
Evergreen Home Loans
Gartner Matching Gifts
GE Matching
Gentiva Health Services
Green NW LLC
Holland America Line Matching
Home Health Solutions
Jan Zager Law
Leisure Senior Care Center
Logo Garden
Marianas AFH
Microsoft Matching
Nordstrom Matching
NW Senior Living
Odyssey Enterprises Matching
Pacific Medical Staffing
Renton Highlands Caring Adult Family Home
Robinswood Financial
Serenity Heights AFH
Signature Home Health Care
Sophie's Place
Sunset Villa
Symetra Matching
Thrivent Financial
Vio's Evergreen Elderly Care
Washington Center For Pain Management

Foundations

Bellevue Presbyterian Legacy Foundation
Biella Foundation
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
Eastside Community Aid Thrift Shop
Lockwood Foundation
Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation
R. B. and Ruth H. Dunn Charitable Foundation
Seattle Foundation

Washington Women's Foundation
Wilkins Charitable Foundation

Government Agencies

City of Issaquah
City of Kirkland
City of Renton
City of Sammamish
Washington Assistive Technology Act Program

Organizations

Charity Partners
Downtown Emergency Service Center
Jewish Family Service
King County Bar Association
Knights Of Columbus
Lutheran Community Services
Northwest Guardianship Services
Valley Medical Center
Washington Access Fund
World Relief

Individuals

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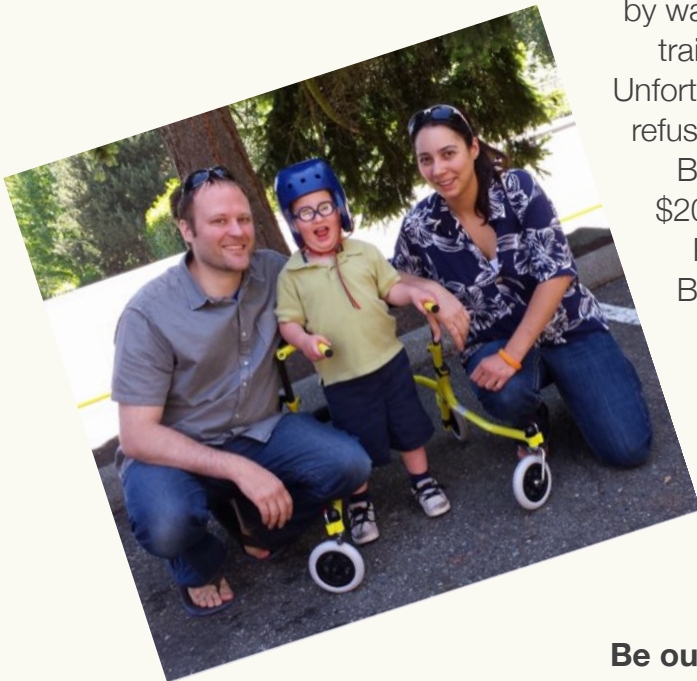
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Meet our little trooper, Jackson, whose family came to Bridge by way of Seattle Children's Hospital. He needed a gait trainer to complete his recovery from brain surgery. Unfortunately, as happens too often, the family's insurance refused to pay for appropriate rehab equipment. Happily, Bridge had a brand new gait trainer worth well over \$2000 still in its box, through the generosity of Olympic Pharmacy. It was perfect for Jackson's needs. And Bridge was able to provide it to Jackson's family at no charge!

Update: Just 6 months later, Jackson is now able to walk without the aid of a gait trainer. Early this year, he donated the equipment back to Bridge so other kids can use it too!

Be our partner in helping families like Jackson's
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