

Dear Families:

We are grateful and excited to announce that neighborhood bridges - Kent is now up and running in our community! Watch this <u>brief video</u> for an overview on how their "Gateway for Kindness" works.

As a 501(c)(3) charity, neighborhood bridges' 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 invites our teachers, counselors, social workers and school administrators to become advocates. They receive access to the neighborhood bridges' platform to 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 subscribers (or donors) in the community via a daily email and social media posts. A subscriber wishing to fill a need simply clicks "I can help." They are then provided with drop-off instructions and then our team of Area Directors will pick-up the donation and deliver it to the recipient.

Here's how you can participate:

- 1.) Subscribe to neighborhood bridges Kent by clicking here: nbKent
- 2.) Follow neighborhood bridges on social media by clicking any of these social media channels

Facebook Instagram

SHARE OUR POSTS & ENCOURAGE OTHER TO FOLLOW!!

- 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 or to make a monetary donation.
- 4.) We welcome one-time and monthly monetary donations. 100% of your gift will be used to help students and families in need within the Kent City Schools community.

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

Should you have questions, or want more information on the organization, email neighborhood bridges at kent@neighborhoodbridges.org.

The launch of neighborhood bridges - Kent gives our team 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 can be of service.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wiler Area Director neighborhood bridges - Kent

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

#KindnessIsCool