

2019 BUILDING BRIDGES

Love in Action

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Building Bridges is an annual Fall event, anchored in San Ramon, California, to foster a greater sense of community in and around our neighborhoods. Volunteers spread out into their communities on a Saturday in October to help elderly, disabled, single parent, deployed military and veteran, or otherwise overwhelmed households with minor maintenance, repair, or visitation projects. Typical projects include rain gutter cleaning, irrigation repair, electrical repair, overgrowth clearing, roof repair, irrigation repair, furniture moving, shut-in visits, and Christmas dinner for military families. The Building Bridges project committee, hosted by San Ramon Presbyterian Church (SRPC) and organized by an all volunteer team, solicits projects throughout the year, coordinates corporate donations of supplies, coordinates volunteers from the community, and manages execution of the one-day projects. The office of Mayor Bill Clarkson and the City Council of San Ramon support Building Bridges with volunteers, project referrals, and corporate advocacy.

Building Bridges 2018 we had 300+ volunteers performing different projects in the host homes in Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, San Ramon, Castro Valley, Danville, Alamo, and Walnut Creek communities. Building Bridges volunteers participated in a beautification project at Camp Parks, including installing a new kitchen. In addition to 50+ work sites, volunteers made 100 hygiene supply bundles, prepared 223 Birthday Bags, washed 100 pairs of donated eye glasses and more!

“This is a community love story of average people who choose to set time aside and seek unity in our common humanity. We look forward annually to this opportunity to live our faith by serving one another,” states planning committee Chairman, Steve Liao.

Corporate partners of Building Bridges 2018 were Waste Management, Home Depot, Workday, PG&E, and Safeway who contribute generous grants, in-kind services, volunteers, and supplies. The generosity of corporate sponsors has allowed Building Bridges to extend its service reach and calendar to include a Christmas dinner for over 400 soldiers and families.

In it's 17th year, Building Bridges 2019 will be held Saturday October 19, 2019 from 8:30am-4pm. For more information about hosting potential projects, volunteering to serve, or contributing resources to the effort, please contact the San Ramon Presbyterian Church office at 925-543-7772 or email info@srpc.org.