



The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;

You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide-
Why build you this bridge at the evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today,
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Build a bridge with us...

Youth in Government
Model United Nations
Youth and Government Seminars

Hi-Y & TRI-HI-Y
Fall Conference
Cave Lake

Camp Horseshoe
Youth Opportunity Camp
Camp Nelson Dodd

What impact did these programs have on YOUR life?

Why are these experiences important for THIS generation?

Build a bridge with us to span the gap!

The economy has affected everyone's bottom line. At the Ohio-West Virginia YMCA, we are committed to reaching out to a new generation. To continue this work, we have had to dip into our modest reserves and are now asking for you to help us span the gap. Your consistent help as a Bridge Builder will bring us out of these challenging times **STRONGER**, better **PREPARED**, and able to provide **LEADERSHIP**, **CHARACTER**, and **SERVICE** to today's youth who follow in our footsteps.

YMCA Bridge Builders: One Plank at a Time

Our goal is to secure **500** consistent **YMCA Bridge Builders**
for a minimum commitment of two years to help us span the chasm.

*Sponsor a plank to bridge the gap for only \$41.67/month (only \$1.37 per day/\$500 year).
Or invest in 1/2 plank for \$20.83/month (only 68¢ per day/\$250 year).*

HI-Y was an important part of our development. To see these programs continue for today's youth, **BECOME A BRIDGE BUILDER!**

We're counting on you! Become a Bridge Builder Today

YMCA Bridge Builders are a unique society of alumni and friends of the HI-Y Family of Programs. We seek to extend the life-changing experiences of these programs to a new generation. To this end, we commit our regular support, our voice in the public arena, and our service to "create, maintain, and extend" these opportunities where we live and beyond.

In addition to the satisfaction of paying it forward, YMCA Bridge Builders also receive regular newsletters, invitations to special Bridge Builder events, and recognition as a valued partner of our team. We invite you to join us in the journey!



Count me in!



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I want to help strengthen the leadership and community-building programs available throughout the region. Please include me as a monthly YMCA Bridge Builder.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____ (Cell / Home / Work)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Please save resources and use this e-mail address to contact me.

I was asked to be a Bridge Builder by: _____ I'm interested in helping connect others.

Here's my recurring, monthly gift as a Bridge Builder:

One Plank \$41.67 (just \$1.37/day) Two Planks \$83.33 (\$2.74/day) 1/2 Plank \$20.83 (68¢/day)

\$50 (\$1.65/day) \$30 (\$0.99/day) \$100 (\$3.29/day) \$75 (\$2.47/day) \$_____ Other

Please use my gift wherever its needed most; or specific program(s): _____

Here's my one-time gift of \$_____ to the youth leadership programs of HI-Y and the Ohio-WV YMCA.

Please contact me about other giving options (e.g. quarterly schedule, planned giving, bequests, legacy gifts, etc.)

You may use the following card (Visa/MC/Disc/AMEX/Diners) to process my investment in the programs of the Ohio-WV YMCA. I understand that I may stop my gift at any time and will allow a reasonable period for the YMCA and my credit card company to respond.

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Authorized Signature _____ Today's Date _____