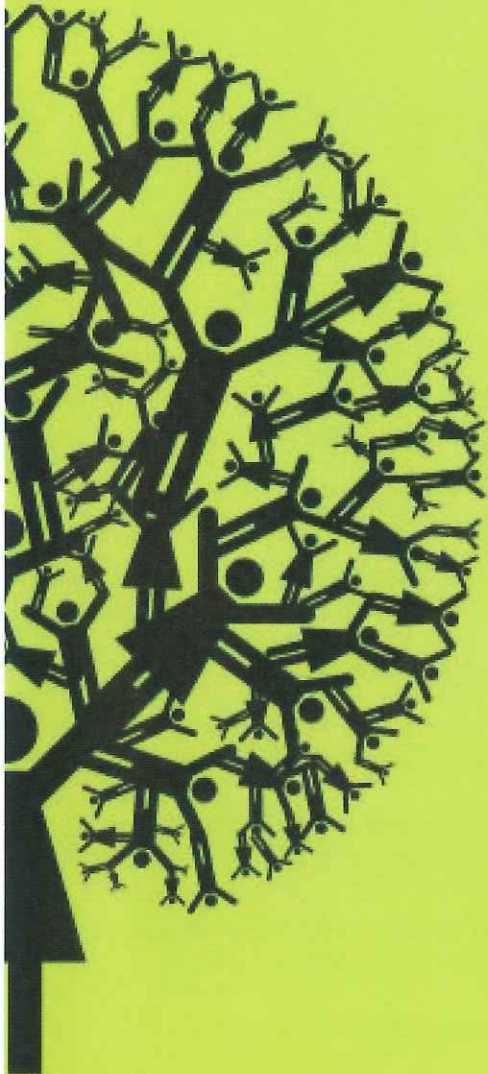


Building Our Community - One Child At A Time



"Thank you so much for taking care of my graduation costs. I love my ring and pictures and I will pay it forward someday to a senior who actually is graduating while in foster care. This means more than anything to me. God bless you."

"I just graduated from driving school and had to say thank you for believing in me and giving me a chance to learn how to drive. Someday when I am working I can save for a car."

"I am the foster mom of a child who was brought to me on Christmas Eve and you provided gifts for him that evening. There was no way that I could have arranged for a Christmas for him in that amount of time, but you did! This is an unbelievable program that bridges the gap in so many tender areas of a broken child's life. Thank you so much for being his Santa and my Angel."

"This year I got most valuable player in baseball and got to play all-stars. I never knew that I could be good at a sport. I want to be a professional baseball player for the Yankees. Thank you for helping me with everything so I could play."

"Thank you for taking care of my prom dress so I could go. I never thought I would be asked so I appreciate your help. I am sending you my prom photo so you can see how beautiful I look and feel."

# Bridge the Gap

Clark County, WA

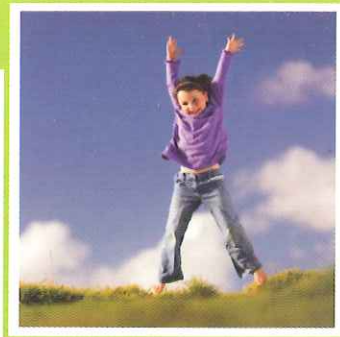


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**Bridge the Gap is a community outreach program designed to enrich the lives of abused and neglected children in Clark County. To do this, Bridge the Gap provides resources to enhance the stability, growth and success of children in foster and adoptive care. Our vision is to "give every child a childhood".**

Since 1999, Bridge the Gap has been serving children involved with the Division of Children and Family Services in Vancouver, Washington. Every year, hundreds of children in Clark County receive goods/services from Bridge the Gap. This includes, but is not limited to, offering assistance with new clothes, school supplies, graduation needs, athletics, arts, music, camps and holiday gifts.



## Programs

**Entrance Program** - The entrance program is designed to ensure all children entering the foster care system have their basic clothing, school supplies, and hygiene needs met within the first 48 hours.

**Music/Arts/Athletics** - Musical equipment and lessons, sports fees, uniforms, and equipment are provided to children when needed.

**Holiday Program** - Gifts for children in foster care are provided each Holiday Season, to fulfill special wishes, bridging the gap when no other resources are available.

**Camps** - Scholarships are available for all camps - recreational, sports, church, enrichment, skill building, etc.

**Graduation** - Announcements, pictures, cap and gown, etc. will be provided to youth graduating from high school. With less than 50% of youth graduating while exiting foster care, this is a priority, and an investment for their future.

**Birthday Program** - Provides birthday gifts for 25 to 30 foster children each month.

**Skill Building** - Courses designed to assist youth in developing their potential or supplement their education are valued and encouraged by BTG.

**Tutoring Program** - In collaboration with Evergreen School District, Bridge the Gap provides funding for children in foster care to receive one on one tutoring. This program helps a child gain confidence, improve study skills and achieve higher test scores.

**Educational/Extra Curricular** - Provides funding for requests for tuition, prom, field trips, school photos and ASB, etc...



## Get Involved

Knowing you have made a difference in the life of a child is very rewarding. With Bridge the Gap you can get involved in a variety of ways.

You can:

Donate funds directly by mail or online for purchase of clothing, school supplies, music and art programs, etc.  
[www.btgcc.org](http://www.btgcc.org)

Volunteer your time to Bridge the Gap for programs, events, fundraisers, or special projects

Sponsor a child for camp scholarships, tutoring, or other educational opportunities

Designate your annual workplace or United Way campaign gift to Bridge the Gap

Become a Board Member

Gifts of real estate, stocks, etc. can create retirement income for you while benefiting Bridge the Gap

Or contact us for additional opportunities