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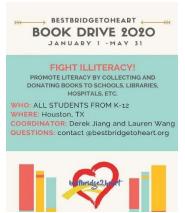
We are writing on behalf of the BestBridgeToHeart Organization, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to giving back to local communities in the Houston area.

#### **Our Mission**

Founded in 2018 by a group of high school students in the Greater Houston Area, BestBridgeToHeart is committed to enhancing and supporting the education and quality of life of low-income communities.

As an organization, we help underprivileged kids by building, expanding, and refurbishing libraries, as well as conducting education- and health-related community services, in order to promote literacy and an equal access to education and opportunity. We empower students from under-resourced, low-income communities to continue pursuing a higher education through college and have a successful future. This organization was founded to help these students learn, grow, and achieve their dreams.

### What We Do



One of the primary ways we are able to allow those aspiring to lead better lives is by collecting books and donating them back to the community. After two years of book drives, we were able to collect over **7,500 books** to support those in need. While many of those books were donated to places such as Memorial Hermann Hospital, Legacy Community Health Center, and Books Between Kids, we firmly believed that we should also be playing a more active role in promoting education and reading. As such, we as an organization put our minds and muscle together to create multiple kid's libraries, which we collectively call our "Reading Rooms."

Our first Reading Room was founded at the Bunker Hill Apartment Complexes, but we have since built new libraries at HuaXia Chinese School, AirLine Community, and in various doctors and dentists' clinics throughout Houston. Made possible from our book drive and funds, these Reading Rooms provide free kid's libraries full of diverse and attractive books close to their communities, and members of our organization volunteer, teach, and read to these young students every Friday to further promote learning.





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In addition, our organization has a long and dedicated partnership with the Legacy Community Health Center, an accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that drives healthy change in our communities. As a full-service non-profit, Legacy identifies unmet needs and gaps in health-related services and develops client-centered programs to address those needs. With 11 current locations and expanding, Legacy provides the much needed healthcare for underserved communities,

including but not limited to pediatrics, vaccinations, HIV/AIDS care, dental and vision services, and adult primary care. On top of that, Legacy has a Little Readers program which gives back to the children of our communities by providing free books and other educational toys and services to help these students learn and grow. Because Legacy blends both health and education goals in one, we believe that it is the perfect organization to support.





Throughout our partnership, we as an organization have volunteered to read, teach, and entertain kids at their centers multiple times, and we have also made contributions of books and money. However, we knew we could do more. In March of 2019 and June of 2020, we pulled together and donated \$10,000 dollars to Legacy Community Health in order to support their Little Readers Program. Ever since, we have only seen the program grow to new heights, and we hope to do more in the future.

Recently, we have also hosted reading and educational events, kids' dental health events, and given school supplies to Legacy Community Health Center for their Little Readers Program, using our time to help those less fortunate than ourselves to get access to the books and resources they need. As Legacy expands and services more children, we only grow more motivated to support them.





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## **Our New Virtual Reality**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our in-person events such as those with Legacy Community Health may have been cancelled, but our online operations have never been more expansive.



In order to provide the online resources that students need to be able to bring their education to the next level, BestBridgeToHeart has partnered with the Fort Bend Cares Center, donating \$3,000 to support 100 students to be able to install the Learning Upgrade® application, which allows students to learn critical subjects such as English and Mathematics anywhere they go. The Learning Upgrade® app has been shown to provide breakthrough growth by offering access to 900+ lessons, giving 21 courses from kinder to adult, and providing personalized assessment reports and help for special needs. With our help in installing and setting-up the application, students will be able to learn at their own pace and develop the skills to pursue higher education.

We have also partnered with Princeton Learning Experience, a non-profit based in New Jersey, to provide English language and Science Olympiad online instruction for students across America as well as for international students throughout the globe. The members of our organization have started many multi-month, free courses and use personalized online curricula and self-made lesson plans, assignments, and worksheets to help students learn and grow. We hope that our online classes will allow us to spread English and scientific literacy to children and bolster their education in these uncertain times.





With leftover resources from our postponed and cancelled events, BestBridgeToHeart also purchased **4,000** medical-grade masks and donated them to hospitals, clinics, and fire stations throughout the Greater Houston Area. These essential frontline workers are putting their lives on the line to keep America safe, and we believe it is important to honor their sacrifice, hard work, and courage, as well as do help them in any way we can to ensure their safety.

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You may be wondering how we collect the funds to accomplish our goals. While we do accept money and book donations and have an Amazon Smile, we also have an art auction system in place. We collect donated artwork from our members and others who are interested in giving back to the community through their artistic talents, and we sell them through our website or in person. Along with corporate sponsors like yourself, this provides the fundraising we need as an organization to operate. Though these pieces of artwork are not masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa, they reflect the desire of our organization and others to support those in need in any way possible.

### **Our Plans for the Future**

One of our primary goals is to host another book drive in the near future. Having surpassed our previous goal of **7,500** in our first two drives and having expanded our operations and reach throughout the Greater Houston Area, our hope is to be able to collect another **5,000 books**. These books will be donated to give back to the community, given to Legacy's Little Reader Program, or be used in our very own Reading Rooms.





We also want to increase the number of Reading Rooms we have. While we already have a few BestBridgeToHeart libraries, we believe that we can do better and establish **5-10 more** and truly serve the community. Inspired by Legacy's commitment to healthcare, these Reading Rooms could also be centers for events where we not only read to students, but also teach them about physical fitness, health, dental care, and various school subjects.

We will continue to be partners with the Legacy Community Health Center and help assist those in need. The Little Reader's Program they have truly exemplifies what we stand for, and we hope that we will have the volunteers, books, and money to help contribute to the program's growth and success in all of Legacy's locations. This way, more underprivileged kids will have access to the resources they need to succeed in the future.



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We also hope to expand our virtual operations through creating more online classes. We plan on partnering with HuaXia Chinese School to offer summer classes over English, social studies, and sciences to help young children learn and study during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as start more courses with Princeton Learning Experience.

When the time comes, we would also like to have an art competition of some kind. This will be a great way to allow those talented students interested in bringing their art skills to the next level to compete with others. In addition, by being part of this competition, students will be able to enhance the lives of those in need and support our mission. The money we collect from this art competition, either through optional registration fees/donations or donated artwork from students, will help underprivileged kids by building the libraries and resources necessary for an equal access to education and opportunity.



### **Where Your Money Will Go**



Unfortunately, we as an organization cannot do this alone. Although our art auctions and donations provide us with some of the money necessary to accomplish our goals, to truly bring our ability to serve the community to the next level, we need your help. We will need the financial support to build more Reading Rooms, to collect and buy books, to give students the online resources they could not get without our contributions, to support Legacy Health's Little Readers Program, to start more online classes, to maintain our website, to do outreach and advertising, to protect America's frontline workers, and to make our dreams of supporting education a reality. Needless to say, a contribution of any amount will be greatly appreciated.



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### **What You Will Get**

To express our gratitude for your monetary support, you, the sponsor, will be mentioned on our website, our shirts, and our events and media press releases. You will be able to be a part of something that is changing the world. However, your contribution to BestBridgeToHeart will impact more than just us. It will impact thousands of under-resourced students throughout the Houston area. As a result, an investment in us is an investment in the future of our community and our country. In addition, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, all donations are **tax-exempt**.



### What We Stand For

Our organization is about more than just us. It is more than the high school students putting their hearts out to help those in need. It is more than the thousands of books in cardboard boxes waiting to be given to playful immigrant kids sitting in health centers. It is more than the app on a learning student's phone teaching them how to solve a quadratic equation or an online class about English vocabulary. It is about truly leaving an impact on the community and allowing today's youth to be better versions of themselves tomorrow.

As Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world," and we could not agree more.

We hope you take the time and effort to support BestBridgeToHeart. As an organization, we would very much appreciate your donation and would love to have you as a sponsor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or through our email, <a href="mailto:contact@bestbridgetoheart.org">contact@bestbridgetoheart.org</a>.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. We look forward to working with you and creating a stronger, better tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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