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Building Community Bridges, Inc. (BCB) was founded in 2003 with a profound commitment to raise the quality of life in rural villages in West Africa. We believe that dignity is a natural and elevating part of humanity, and that the innate human instinct is not only to survive, but to also experience happiness, peace and the possibility to better one's condition in life.

### Be involved. Make a commitment. Open avenues.

In partnership with villagers, BCB will transform rural communities into informed societies that are no longer isolated and victimized by modernization, but are able to use the tools of technology and modernity to their advantage.

Building Community Bridges gives you the opportunity to be directly involved with your

donation and with the people whose lives you'll be changing. By helping to foster long-term relationships between people, countries, and universities; by delivering technology and connecting people; by building schools and clinics; by simply doing the things that need to be done—things that you are already good at doing—you'll help build a self-sustaining community.



### our mission

## We strive:

- To be the bridge-keepers who navigate both the modern and rural worlds to help insure that balanced, fair, and transparent approaches are undertaken in all dealings.
- To mitigate the severe handicap that has been brought onto rural communities by the rapid advancement of technology and industrialization.

Our mission is to be the bridge that connects two opposite worlds—the modern and the rural—and to provide a platform for both sides to meet and exchange.

- To empower and encourage native cultures to explore western worlds and to benefit from technology and modernity without severely compromising their culture and traditions.
- To offer guidance and transparent accountability to the industrialized nations and citizens who seek to assist in raising the quality of life for those in rural communities.

BCB promotes its mission through programs designed to effectuate endogenous change in villages and enabling villagers to become self-sufficient and self-reliant.



Our vision is to restore dignity and pride to indigenous cultures and to bring about a quality of life in rural villages in West Africa that enables them to become self-sufficient and self-reliant.

Our vision is a community, villages and people connected through culture and business. Our vision is a map of roads and paths all over West Africa that illustrates this connection of people to each other—and to the cities where they can find opportunity.

Connection between people and resources will restore dignity and pride to indigenous cultures in rural villages, establishing a quality of life that cultivates self-sufficiency and self-reliance.

# **our** goals

 The institution of programs with social and societal structures that create "human bridges"—connecting village to village, the rural to the urban, and isolated communities to industrialized nations. BCB improves the quality of life in rural villages and disadvantaged urban areas in West Africa by eradicating poverty through:

- Empowering our constituents to become self-reliant and self-sufficient in addressing their basic and domestic needs by assisting them to locate the resources they need.
- Galvanizing and mobilizing our constituents through programs designed to compel them to address culturally risky behaviors that contribute to the rise and spread of HIV/AIDS—thereby, reducing its transmission rate.

