

BRIDGEWAY

— ACADEMY —



BUILDING THE FUTURE



BRIDGEWAY ACADEMY IS ON A MISSION TO *INSPIRE THE POTENTIAL AND CELEBRATE THE ABILITY OF EVERY CHILD.*

Our joyful atmosphere, dedicated teachers, talented therapists, specialists, and psychologists create opportunities for children to be successful — just as they are.

Our program unites children with autism and other developmental disabilities with outstanding services, highly-degreed and credentialed experts, a responsive curriculum, and an inclusive culture.



OUR FOUNDERS SAW THE CHALLENGES THAT FAMILIES WERE FACING.

In 2004, two therapists working in the field saw that their client’s families were spending a great deal of time in transit, going from school to therapies, and piecing together services for their child.

They dreamed of a better way. A place where teachers and therapists could collaborate, and provide a centered, holistic approach to services for children with autism and developmental disabilities.

The result—a program created to meet children and families where they are in their journey.



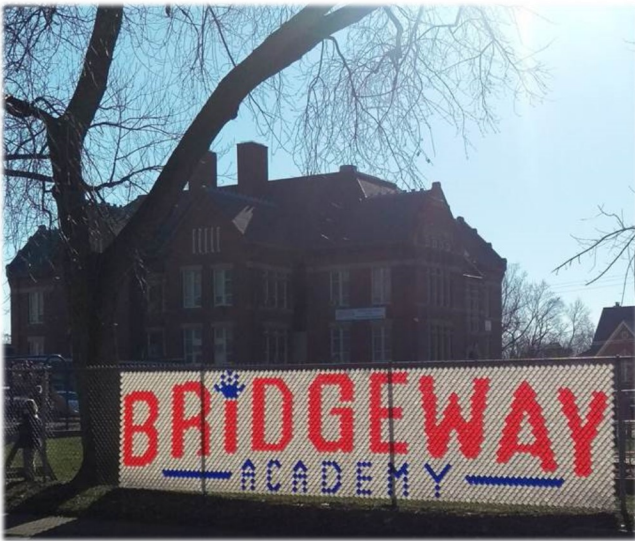
Erin Nealy & Abby David
Co-Founders & Executive Directors

BRIDGEWAY ACADEMY BEGAN WITH 12 STUDENTS, TWO FOUNDERS, AND A SINGULAR VISION FOR HOW CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES COULD THRIVE.

With Bridgeway Academy's centered approach to education and therapies, many children were thriving. But there were still more children who still needed our help.

15 years later, Bridgeway Academy now employs over 200 staff and serves 300 students and therapy clients from 9 counties and 28 school districts in Ohio.

This unprecedented growth challenged our facility. Increasing enrollment led us to divide our programs and services between two buildings.



PRIMARY SCHOOL & THERAPY CENTER

Preschool—Grade 3

110 students + Outpatient Therapies

Peer Model Program



SECONDARY SCHOOL & THERAPY CENTER

Grade 4—Grade 12

80 students + Outpatient Therapies

Life & Vocational Skills Program

WITH OUR PROGRAM DIVIDED, WE FACE NEW CHALLENGES:

- Our facilities should match the outstanding quality of services we provide, and **reflect the unique needs of our children.**
- Two buildings creates the need for two of everything — resources that could be better utilized for programmatic needs. A significant portion of staff time is spent traveling between the buildings.
- These facilities — two old Columbus City School buildings located miles apart — **are tired, inaccessible, and bursting at the seams.**
- The roofs leak. Paint is peeling. There is no central air. One building lacks ADA compliance. Our students deserve more, and so do our teachers and therapists.

WE ARE AT OUR BEST WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER.

TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, WE MUST UNITE OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INTO ONE EXPANDED AND TRANSFORMED FACILITY.

Bridgeway Academy has acquired a building that **will be transformed** into a facility designed with the needs of children with autism and developmental disabilities in mind.



1350 ALUM CREEK DRIVE | COLUMBUS, OHIO

Preschool—Grade 12

Growth to Accommodate Current Waitlist
(Education + Therapy Center)

Peer Model Program

Life & Vocational Skills

Build-out Custom to Bridgeway Academy's Needs

THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS HAS CHALLENGED OUR PLANS. BUT OUR BOARD AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP PERSIST.

As a result, and in an effort to be nimble and responsive to the community, Bridgeway Academy has re-framed the project into phases. Phase 1, budgeted at \$1M, will allow us to safely occupy the building and increase our ability to serve more children and families. Our goal is to have Phase 1 completed by January 2021.

“We will provide a facility designed and developed to help our students succeed instead of trying to ‘make it work.’ Our staff has been ‘making it work’ for years by building walls, tearing down walls, building dividers, moving dividers, and moving their classrooms around. Our students and staff deserve a space that has been designed for their success.”

— Erin Nealy, Co-Founder/Co-Executive Director

More images of the interior and exterior of the property can be viewed online through Google Photos by entering the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/ydupo7bv>

WE ARE EMBARKING ON A CAMPAIGN TO SHAPE THE FUTURE FOR BRIDGEWAY ACADEMY'S STUDENTS AND CLIENTS.

We've prioritized the design needs for the physical spaces, including the following features:



Classrooms—Flexible space, integrated technology, proximity/access to sensory spaces within or near classrooms, acoustical separation between rooms, access to natural light, easy access to bathrooms.



Common Areas—All spaces to be as flexible and adaptable as possible, multiple indoor recess/play areas throughout, contained and age-appropriate outdoor play and gardening areas, access to natural light, libraries and computer labs. Age-appropriate bathroom spaces will preserve the dignity of children at all ages.



Therapy Spaces—Separate entrances, acoustical separation and soundproofing for music therapy, age-appropriate and flexible furniture, equipment storage, multi-use space for parents/caregivers to wait during therapy sessions.



Sensory Trail—A series of rooms and nooks along a “trail” will be developed, where children can seek out different experiences in different areas. For example, an active experience would be in one area and a calming experience in another. Areas along the trail will be age-appropriate and accessible for all grade levels, including older students.

IT'S ABOUT SO MUCH MORE THAN A BUILDING. IT'S ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THAT BUILDING.

Bridgeway Academy provides a warm, inviting, and joyful setting for learning. Our first priority is to create a facility with our signature culture of love, care, and respect that removes barriers to learning, therapeutic treatment and intervention, and development.

WHY DO WE NEED TO BUILD BRIDGEWAY?



Broaden our programs.

The needs of our students and clients keep growing. In 2005, we were serving just 12 Preschoolers and Kindergartners. Today we offer so much more. In this new space, we'll have the room to serve all our students and clients. Things like a full-service kitchen, furnishings for the life skills center, and integrated technologies - to be used in classrooms and in the AAC Evaluation Center - will help us meet the needs of every child.

Unite our facilities onto one campus.

We're at our best when we are together. Bridgeway Academy's unique model provides education and therapies in one place. Our experts can provide a consistent approach so parents know their child is getting the support they need. In one building, our staff will be able to increase collaboration, save time spent in transit, and offer more opportunities for learning.

Create strategic partnerships.

We can't do it alone. To make our new facility even more impactful for families, Columbus Early Learning Centers (CELC) will occupy the building's lower level. CELC brings 130+ years of experience serving the youngest members of our community. Plus, our closer proximity to our Community-Based Job Training worksite partners will help more students have access to real-world vocational experiences.



Meet deep community need.

Families need us now more than ever. Autism prevalence has increased dramatically over the last 15 years, from 1 in 110 children in 2005 to 1 in 54 children today. Bridgeway Academy maintains a waiting list for our Education and Therapy Centers. With more space, we can ensure more children are set up to succeed, and more families are supported.

WE ARE BUILDING BRIDGEWAY...

WON'T YOU JOIN US?

We haven't made it this far alone, and we will need the support of our entire community to make The Future Home of Bridgeway Academy safe and ready for our students and clients this year.

We'd love to recognize your Transformative Gift. [Recognition opportunities](#) are available at levels ranging between \$10,000 and \$500,000. Gifts can be customized, made *in honor of* or *in memory of* someone special, and can be paid over time—up to 5 years!

View the [gift chart](#) for flexible pledge payment plans, or download the [pledge form](#) to start your impact journey.

FEATURED RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITY—\$15,000

15th Anniversary Gift - Honor Bridgeway Academy's first 15 years, while helping us ensure learning opportunities for all over 15 years and beyond. All gifts of \$15,000 or more will be recognized on the donor wall in the lobby of our new building.

For more information contact Carol Argiro, Director of Advancement, at 614-262-7520 or cargiro@bridgewayohio.org, or visit our website at buildbridgeway.org.



Please Note: The Coronavirus Relief Act includes an above-the-line deduction for charitable contributions of up to \$300 for individuals and \$600 for households. It also lifts the existing cap on contributions for those who itemize, raising it from 60% of the adjusted gross income to 100%. Bridgeway Academy is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. EIN: 76-0796242.



BY UNITING OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INTO ONE, BRIDGEWAY ACADEMY WILL BE ABLE TO PREPARE THE AMAZING CHILDREN, TEENAGERS, AND YOUNG ADULTS WE SERVE, FOR THEIR FUTURE.



CAMPAIGN PLEDGE FORM

Thank you for joining us on our journey to transform the student experience at Bridgeway Academy, making a critical difference in the lives of our students.

DONOR INFORMATION

Full Legal Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEDGE INFORMATION

YES, I (we) want to contribute to Bridgeway Academy's Capital Campaign.

Total Amount of Gift: \$ _____

Initial Payment: \$ _____

Balance: \$ _____

Payable: One Time OR over 12 months 2 years 3 years 5 years; Beginning: __/__/__

Payment Schedule (circle one): Monthly / Quarterly / Semi-Annually / Annually

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION:

I (we) plan to make the contribution in the form of:

Cash Check* Credit Card Stock Electronic Funds Transfer Donor-Advised Fund

*Please make checks payable to Bridgeway Academy

Please charge my gift to: (or make your contribution online at www.bridgewayohio.org)

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: __ / __ / __ Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing address matches address above? Yes No, it is: _____

My (our) gift will be matched by: _____

My matching gift form is attached or will be mailed to Bridgeway Academy or emailed to cargiro@bridgewayohio.org.

RECOGNITION INFORMATION

I (we) would like to be recognized as: _____

Anonymous In honor OR In memory of: _____

Bridgeway Academy is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization with a mission to *inspire the potential and celebrate the ability of every child*. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. EIN: 76-0796242

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ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Pledges can be [paid over time](#)—up to a period of two, three, or five years.

Featured Opportunity: \$15,000 – 15th Anniversary Gift

Special recognition on donor wall within building

\$25,000

Sensory Rooms

Staff Retreat

Family Retreat

Meeting Rooms

\$30,000

Classrooms

\$50,000

Program Pods

Conference Room

Therapy Rooms for OT/PT/Speech/Music

Before/After Care and Lunch Rooms

Outdoor Play Areas

Indoor Motor/Play Space

\$100,000

Science Lab

Vocational Skills Center

Life Skills Center

\$250,000

Gym/Auditorium

Main Lobby Area

\$500,000

Building Wings (Pre-K & K, School-Aged,
Middle School, High School)

View all [recognition opportunities](#).

