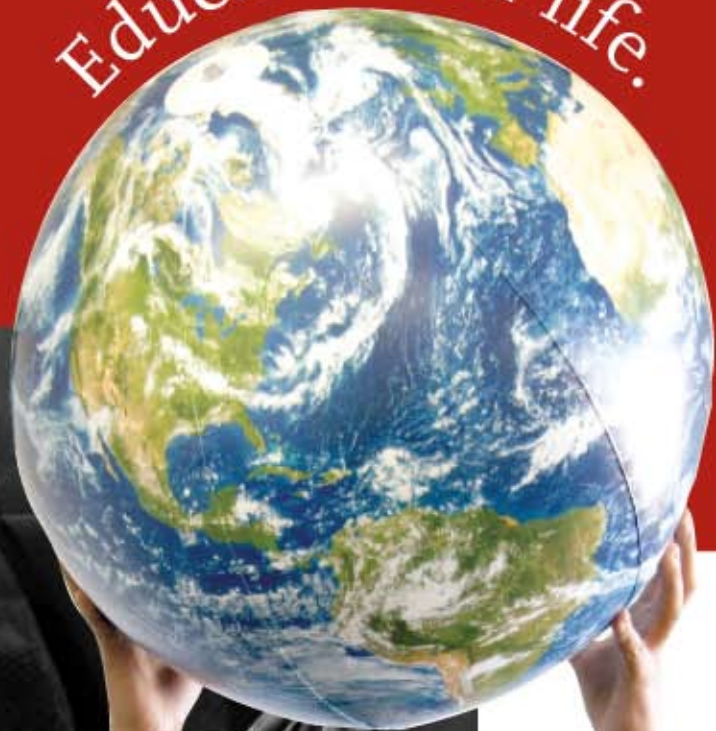


Education for life.



"OUR GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE IS THE MINDS OF OUR CHILDREN." *Walt Disney*



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GROWING MINDS. CREATING POSSIBILITIES.



OPPORTUNITY



It literally means 'a good chance for advancement or progress'. That's something most of us experience from day one. But for thousands of children in Denver, opportunities are in short supply. So, in 1991, the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, along with a private donor, created The Bridge Project. Our aim - to reach out to children who need an education, a career and a positive future.

"The Bridge Project has not only provided the tools for success but, most importantly, it encourages hope – the hope for a better life, becoming a valuable member of society and, in return, being able to help others."

HUNG NGUYEN, Project Engineer, Mortenson
Bridge Participant, Lincoln Neighborhood
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So why are we here? Simple. Colorado is in an educational crisis. We're 22nd nationwide in high school graduation rates. And when it comes to children living in public housing, a majority don't graduate from high school. Their families live on or below the poverty level, therefore, education often takes a back seat to economic survival.

Turning **DREAMS** into realities

The Bridge Project provides educational opportunities for the children living in Denver's public housing neighborhoods so they graduate from high school and attend college or learn a trade. We make sure 82 cents of every dollar you contribute goes directly to these educational programs and scholarships.

And that's not all:

- Bridge's sites are located in the heart of the neighborhood – right where the kids get off the school bus every day
- Over 150 tutors provide individual skills development each week
 - Bridge emphasizes reading, math and technology



2007-08 Bridge Project High School Graduates

Help us build on our **SUCCESS**

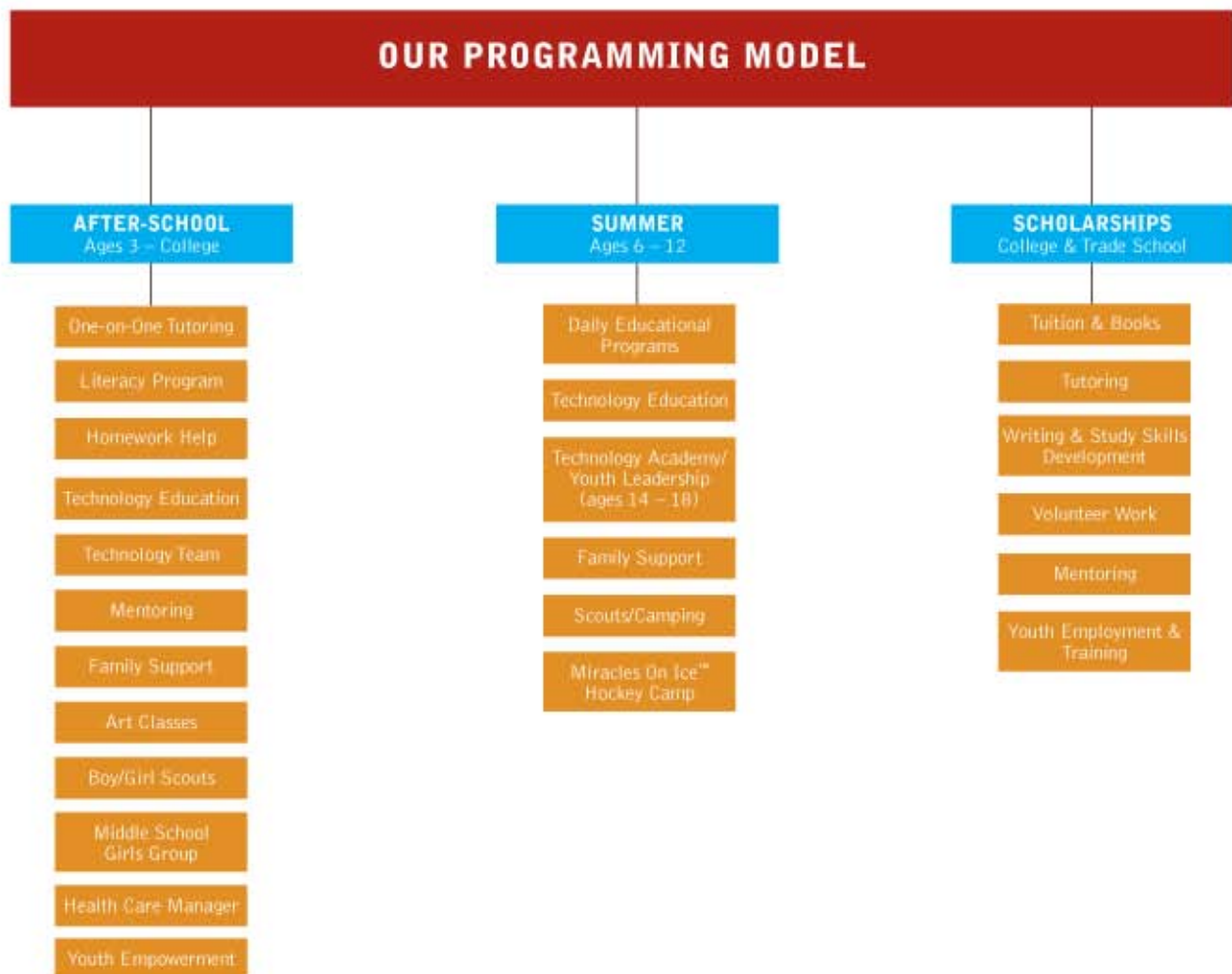
Over the past 16 years, The Bridge Project has inspired children growing up in public housing to pursue education as a positive path to successful futures as citizens in our community and work force:

- 400 children attend Bridge programs every year
- Over 115 high school graduates
- 31 Bridge Scholarships students attending college and trade school today
- 31 of our bright young adults hold college degrees
- Bridge graduates are employed as engineers, accountants and business owners



CHOICE. It's what The Bridge Project is all about.

It's a fact. Education creates choice. So we structured The Bridge Project to give each student the very best academic programs and tools. From after-school and summer programs to college scholarships, Bridge participants get every chance to learn and graduate.



For details about specific programs, please visit our web site at www.du.edu/bridgeproject.



Their **FUTURE** starts here.

Actually, it starts with a phone call from you. The success of the Bridge Project depends entirely upon the generosity of our community donors and volunteers. So when you make a financial or in-kind donation, it's not just about giving money. It's about giving hope and a future to a child who can go on to make a positive contribution to society. Your help creates not only a better life for one child, but a better world for all of us. Just call 303.871.2735 or donate online at www.du.edu/bridgeproject.

The Bridge Project. Credit where credit is due.

Helping needy children can help you, too. Since all of our sites are located in an Enterprise Zone, and because your donation supports child care, a contribution may qualify for an Enterprise or Child Care contribution tax credit. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.



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