



Annual Report **2023**

Building Thriving Societies for All Communities

A Message from our Founders

Friends of World Bridge Foundation,

When founding World Bridge Foundation, our mission was clear: to bridge cultural and racial divides through the unifying power of music and the arts. We aimed not only to give, but to establish self-sustaining models empowering communities to flourish. Sustainability, education, and cultural preservation lie at the core of our endeavor, guided by a regenerative approach where every engaged community and individual plays an active role in their own advancement.

With great pride, we share World Bridge Foundation's 2023 achievements. Our journey spanned the United States, uplifting communities, and children from underserved communities. Through workshops, concerts, and outreach efforts, we touched the lives of 32,000 people in the U.S. including 15,000 U.S. children and provided one year of education funding for 90 Ugandan children. This triumph underscores our dedication to forging enduring cross-cultural connections.

Our concerts and publications facilitate a dynamic dialogue, breaking down stereotypes and nurturing

vibrant education. Each program we initiate aspires to be self-sustaining, driven by the communities we engage. World Bridge Foundation distinguishes itself with a model that places self-sufficiency at its core. We empower young individuals to be independent and take control of their futures.

In 2024, our focal point remains education and outreach. Our teaching artists will embark on extended residencies with local students, culminating in collaborative performances and community experiences.

Our priority is to expand our donor network, bolster capacity, and ensure sustainability.

Together, we are more than a foundation; we are a global community, connecting and learning from one another. Your trust and support form the bedrock of our accomplishments. We are thrilled to embark on our 2024 journey and expand our vision with you.

With gratitude,

Herbert Kinobe (*aka: Chinobay*)

Founder & Executive Director



Stella Kinobe

Co-Founder





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Our Mission

Bringing people together, transforming children's lives through cross-cultural experiences and education.

We have clear Objectives

- 1. Empowering Through Art:** Providing a platform for individuals, especially young minds, to explore and develop their artistic talents, instilling confidence, and self-belief.
- 2. Filling Educational Gaps:** Providing quality education for children who live in underserved communities.
- 3. Addressing Poverty and Health Disparities:** Using art's transformative power to uplift individuals and communities, supporting health initiatives, and empowering livelihoods.
- 4. Fostering Cross-Cultural Dialogue:** Facilitating meaningful exchanges, enabling individuals from diverse backgrounds to connect and learn from one another.
- 5. Enabling Access to New Perspectives:** Introducing individuals to new perspectives through artistic expression, encouraging critical thinking and inspiring creativity, broadening horizons.

These objectives form the foundation of our work at World Bridge Foundation, striving to create a more inclusive, connected, and empowered global community.



Our Innovative Model

World Bridge Foundation operates on a distinctive and innovative model that sets us apart in the realm of social impact. Our approach rests on four pillars, each contributing to the sustainability and regenerative nature of our programs:

- 1. Performing:** This pillar generates income from concerts, fundraising events, and performances. It serves a dual purpose: showcasing the talent and creativity of our participants while also generating vital funds to support our initiatives.
- 2. Arts Education:** Arts Education lies at the heart of our mission. Through workshops, mentorship, and educational programs, we impart not only valuable skills but also create a sustainable revenue stream.
- 3. Publishing:** By selling educational materials such as books and CDs, we provide valuable resources for learners and enthusiasts alike. The proceeds from these materials contribute to the sustainability of our programs.
- 4. Developing Community Talent:** This pillar involves training youth to become self-sufficient, using the skills they acquire through workshops to make an independent living. This empowerment ensures not only their individual success but also the long-term sustainability of our programs.

Through this innovative model, we ensure that our programs and initiatives transcend charity, aiming instead for a lasting impact that fosters a sense of agency and self-sufficiency in the communities we serve.

Our Unique Approach

Our distinctive approach revolves around sustainable and community-driven change: it centers on empowerment, not merely charity. We are dedicated to creating a lasting impact, moving beyond temporary relief efforts.



Regenerative Model

Our programs are meticulously designed with a regenerative model in mind. We don't just offer assistance; we empower communities to thrive long after our initial engagement.



Cultural Exchange and Arts Education

Through engaging concerts, interactive workshops, and informative publications, we facilitate a dynamic dialogue. This breaks down stereotypes, promotes vibrant education, and fosters connections between diverse cultures.



Empowering Independence

Our model places a strong emphasis on self-sufficiency. We empower young individuals to seize control of their futures, cultivating a profound sense of independence and agency.



Global Community Building

We are more than just a foundation; we're a global community. Through mutual connection and shared learning experiences, we forge bonds that transcend geographical boundaries.

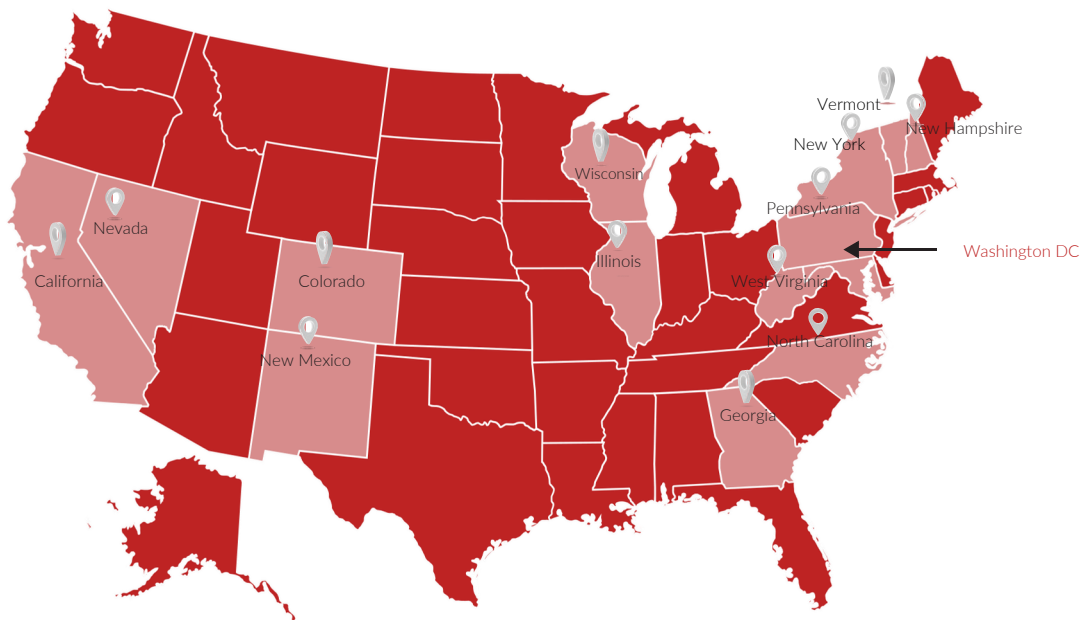


2023 U.S. Tour: Reaching Across America

In 2023, World Bridge Foundation embarked on an ambitious tour across the United States with Uganda's youth ensemble; *Dance of Hope*, leaving an indelible mark on communities from coast to coast. The tour was a testament to our commitment to fostering cross-cultural connections and empowering young minds through the transformative power of art.

Our journey spanned 14 states with countless connections, from the picturesque landscapes of Vermont, through the vibrant streets of Chicago, to the ski resorts of South Lake Tahoe. We encountered enthusiastic audiences eager to embrace our cultural exchange programs.

Tour Highlights



Engaging workshops and performances

Through workshops and performances, we directly impacted approximately 15,000 children. These interactive sessions not only showcased the talents of our young Ugandan performers but also provided a platform for American students to join in, creating unforgettable collaborative experiences.

90 Children: Education Funded

In Uganda, the tour's success was felt far beyond the borders of the United States. Thanks to the generous supporters that booked our programs, we were able to raise enough funds to send 90 children to school for an entire year. This achievement is a testament to the transformative potential of our programs.

Strengthening Communities

Beyond the numbers, the tour forged lasting connections with communities across the U.S. We witnessed firsthand the power of art to bridge cultural divides and inspire unity. We carry forward the lessons learned and the memories created to continue this journey and reach even more communities to leave an enduring legacy of empowerment.

2023 U.S. Tour: Impact in Depth

Over 32,000

Attendees

Over 32,000 attendees across various cities, venues and showcasing the power of art to forge connections.

54

Educational Workshops

54 workshops reached 1457 students, providing platforms for skill development and creative expression.

69

Community Partnerships

Collaborations with 12 local organizations and 57 schools deepened our impact, facilitating engagement with local youth and educators.

62

Artistic Performances

62 performances captivated audiences and catalyzed cross-cultural understanding.

Community Reach

Meaningful connections

Strong resonance within communities through grassroots outreach and engagement.

Over 15,000

Students impacted

Over 15,000 students impacted across the U.S. through performances and residencies.



Impact Stories

Personal transformations and community-level changes inspired by the tour.

Next Steps

Energized to continue our mission, with gratitude for global support.





Testimonials

"We introduced more than 1,500 community members to a troupe of remarkable young singers, drummers, and dancers from Uganda who are defying the odds. These so-called 'at-risk' teens have worked tirelessly to fight poverty and neglect to earn a spot in a touring company which celebrates their talent and tenacity."

Joe Clifford,
Executive director: Lebanon Opera House Lebanon, NH

"Our children had such a wonderful time and learnt so much. Several students asked when you would be returning to the school and the staff has asked us to make this an annual event. This was by far the most fun and exciting event we have had in years. The artistry, pageantry and coordination were amazing."

Ashley James
Principal: Piedmont elementary school: Charleston, WV

"Thank you, thank you, thank you and the wonderful young people for their energy, enthusiasm, and joy they brought to Lancaster. We LOVED it!!! The students loved it! It was such a marvelous event, well to be remembered for years!! We will definitely work together in the future!"

Robin Zaremski:
Director: The Ware Center Lancaster, PA

Mental Health Support

The 2023 U.S. Tour extended beyond artistic performances and workshops, addressing a critical aspect of the overall well-being for many children. Our activities provided opportunities for students to socialize, find a sense of belonging and improve their self-esteem. We received positive feedback, with individuals reporting increased comfort in participating and discussing mental health concerns.

Initiatives

- **Awareness Campaigns**
Focused on reducing mental health stigma by sharing testimonies from our young performers.
- **Integration of Creative Expression**
Encouraged artistic expression as a means to process emotions and promote mental well-being.



Arts For All

At World Bridge Foundation, we're dedicated to making the arts accessible to everyone, regardless of their circumstances. This commitment is central to our mission.

Bringing the Arts to underserved communities

Our programs open doors for individuals in underserved communities to engage with music, dance, theatre, artisan activities and performance. We offer workshops, provide instruments, and facilitate training sessions led by experienced artists and educators. Through these initiatives, we nurture talent and create spaces for personal expression and community-building.

Fostering Local Talent

We acknowledge the wealth of untapped talent in these communities. Our aim is to identify and support local artists, helping them unlock their potential and providing them with a platform to share their creativity with the world. Through mentorship programs and collaborative performances, we create opportunities for these artists to flourish.

Community Empowerment

The presence of arts in a community has a transformative effect. It brings people together, fosters a sense of belonging, and inspires creativity. Through our initiatives, we empower these communities, not only culturally but also socially and economically. By providing resources and training, we enable individuals to turn their passion for the arts into a viable livelihood.

In Uganda: Dance of Hope

Empowering Through Arts and Education

Dance of Hope is an initiative established in 2010 by Ugandan world musician Chinobay and Bosco Segawa. This Ugandan youth-centered arts and education initiative is a powerful force for empowerment.

Exemplifying the power of human spirit and hailed as Africa's most impactful youth-led endeavors, Dance of Hope cultivates a group of extraordinary young individuals who defy adversity and emerge as resilient ambassadors of creativity, hope and change.

Key Features:

Global Reach and Impact

Dance of Hope aims to inspire, empower, and connect people and communities globally. This impact is profound, shaping not only the lives of these young performers but also contributing to the larger vision of a world where every child, regardless of their circumstances, has access to artistic expression, and the opportunity to shape a brighter future.

Holistic Development

Goes beyond performance to nurture exceptionally vulnerable children, equipping them to become artistically excellent teachers and educators, not just performers. Emerging from extremely challenging circumstances, these individuals receive support and education through M-LISADA, a trusted Ugandan partner, then embark on a global journey as performers, sharing their stories of courage, hope, and triumph.

Shaping a brighter future

The funds raised from Dance of Hope's performances go toward vital aspects of the children's lives, including education, medical care, artisan training and the overall well-being in impoverished communities where these children live. This comprehensive approach empowers them to rise above their circumstances, emerging as self sufficient, confident and hopeful individuals.



Empowering Education for A Brighter Future

We believe that education is the cornerstone of positive transformation. Through our **Child Sponsorship** and **World Bridge Education Fund** programs, we aim to break barriers and provide underprivileged children in Uganda with the tools they need to thrive academically. By becoming a child sponsor or donating to our Education Fund, you're not only investing in individual lives but also in the creation of a more inclusive and educated global community.

Child Sponsorship:

Empower a child's future by becoming a sponsor. Your support covers essential educational expenses, ensuring they have the resources they need to thrive academically.

World Bridge Education Fund

Support our broader educational initiatives, reaching a wider community of children. Your contribution helps us expand our programs, create educational resources, and provide access to arts and cultural experiences.

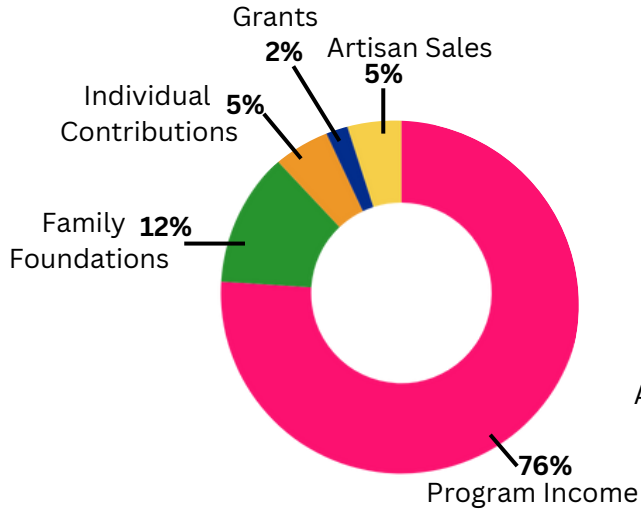
[Scan the QR code to learn more about **Child sponsorship** and **World Bridge Education fund**.](#)



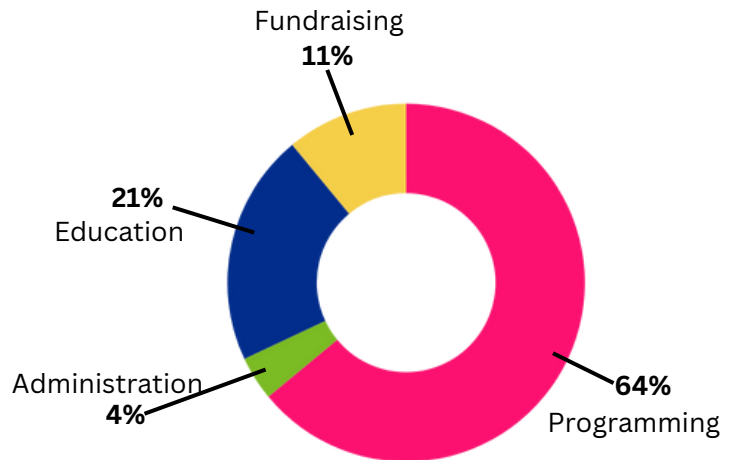
Financials

Every dollar entrusted to us is utilized efficiently to drive our mission of positive change.

Income: \$139,874.92



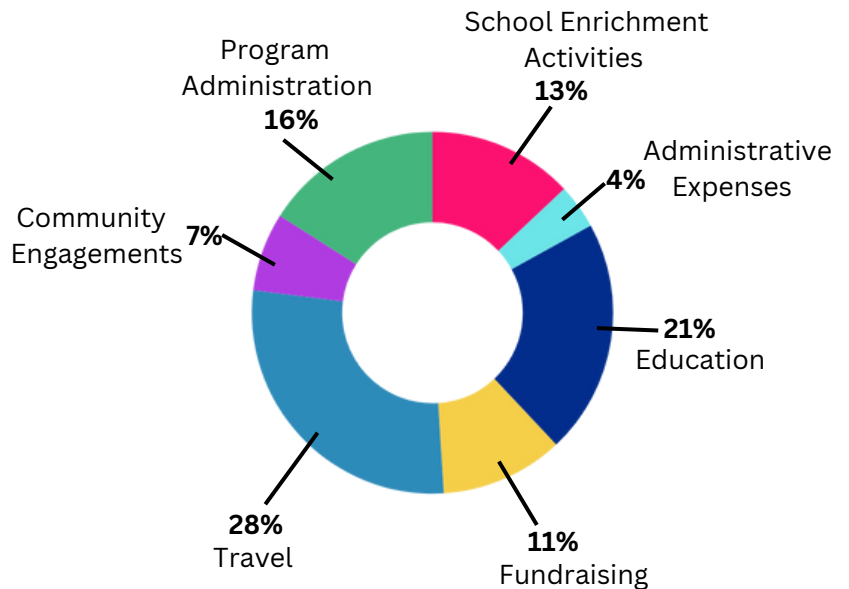
Expense: \$140,664.93



Diversifying Revenue Streams

- Strategic Partnerships**
 Collaborating with like-minded organizations
- Grants and Foundations**
 Seeking support from aligned foundations
- Individual Giving**
 Cultivating a community of supporters for our mission.

Breakdown of Expense



Ambitious Plans

Through sustainable growth, we aim for deeper impact and expansion in the coming years, driven by our mission and core values. belief in art's transformative power.

Support Us

Help Us Spread Cross-Cultural Education

World Bridge Foundation's mission is made possible by the generous support of individuals, organizations, and partners who share our vision of creating a more inclusive and connected global community through the transformative power of art.

There are several ways you can contribute to our cause:



Donations: Your financial contributions directly support our programs and initiatives. Every donation, regardless of size, plays a vital role in expanding our reach and impact.



Sponsorship Opportunities: Partnering with us through sponsorship provides a unique opportunity to align your brand with our mission and reach a diverse, engaged audience.



Volunteerism: If you're passionate about our mission, consider volunteering your time and expertise. Your skills can make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and communities we serve.



Advocacy and Awareness: Help us spread the word about our initiatives. Follow us on social media, share our content, and engage in conversations about the importance of cross-cultural education.



Collaborations: We welcome collaborations with like-minded individuals, organizations, and institutions. Together, we can amplify our impact and create meaningful change.



In-Kind Contributions: Non-monetary contributions, such as supplies, equipment, or expertise, are invaluable in supporting our programs.

Your support is not only an investment in World Bridge Foundation, but also in a future where creativity, understanding, and empowerment flourish across borders.

For more information on how you can get involved or contribute, visit www.worldbridgefoundation.org or contact@worldbridgefoundation.org

Thank you for being a part of our global community and for helping us build bridges through arts.



How to Contribute

For those who wish to make a donation, we've made it easy for you. You can scan the QR code to give online.



Send a check to the address below:

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Rutherfordton, NC
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Get in Touch

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