



# What We Do

Bridges to Community

## Housing



Bridges' Housing Program addresses the dire need for safe and secure housing in the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua. By constructing sturdy cinderblock homes and repairing existing homes, we provide permanent housing solutions for families. Our program also engages beneficiary families in sustainable community development by contributing to reforestation efforts or a community fund that can be used for future projects, small loans, and more, allowing communities to fulfill their goals and reach their potential.

### At a glance...



- Bridges volunteers have built 900 homes in Nicaragua and continue to build over 70 homes each year
- Bridges' housing repair project in the Dominican Republic will meet 100% of the community's housing need when complete
- Community-run funds set up by Bridges and paid into by beneficiary families provide \$40,000 in interest-free loans each year for small businesses, housing repairs, and agricultural inputs
- In 2015, communities used their community fund money to pay for \$6,000 in school repairs and \$4,000 in clean water projects throughout Nicaragua



*Founded in 1992, Bridges to Community develops poverty alleviation strategies with local communities in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic in four distinct, but overlapping, program areas: health, education, housing and economic development. The development projects Bridges works on provide over 800 volunteers with service learning opportunities each year.*