



BRIDGE BUILDERS CHARLOTTE KEY MESSAGES

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- Bridge Builders Charlotte is bringing people from diverse religious backgrounds together to strengthen our community's response to the COVID-19 crisis and meet other pressing needs in the region.
- Religious traditions offer resources that inspire people to move together beyond self-interest to promote the common good, while higher education provides a context for thinking deeply about how to solve complex problems and helps shape the next generation of civic leaders.
- Queens University and Interfaith Youth Core launched Bridge Builders Charlotte to show how interfaith cooperation and understanding can bridge social divides and make our community stronger.
- We're using a \$250,000 grant from the Gambrell Foundation to fund five projects this year involving more than 10 faith communities, five area colleges and universities, and six nonprofit organizations.
- This year's efforts are focused on Charlotte and the pandemic, but we hope to extend the model to address other needs across North Carolina and engage even more faith communities, campuses and nonprofits.