

# About Bridging US 23

Bridging US 23 was founded on the belief that when people unite for the greater good, positive change is inevitable.

Developed in collaboration by The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) with The Association for Youth Empowerment (AYE), Bridging 23 is dedicated to transforming the way the people of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and the surrounding communities relate to one another.

Our ultimate goal is to connect communities, inspire compassion and take action to call forth the beloved community.

## History of the Walk

The Unity Walk was born out of a Bridging US 23 restorative circle in 2017, when community members spearheaded the Walk as an annual fundraiser for the DRC. The Unity Walk builds on the foundation of taking action and bringing public visibility to the inequities between the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor communities.

## A Fundraiser for...

The DRC's Restorative Justice Program that keeps adults and youth out of the criminal legal system and brings healing and wholeness to families and our community.

### MISSION

The Dispute Resolution Center offers affordable, constructive, restorative and healing approaches to conflict resolution.

### VISION

We partner and collaborate with individuals, families and businesses to build peaceful communities.

### VALUES

Respect, Integrity, Accessibility, Restorative Justice, & Inclusion.

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[thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/  
events/unitywalk2024/](https://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/events/unitywalk2024/)

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT  
PARTNERS!

**AACHM**  
African American Cultural & Historical Museum of Washtenaw County

Association for Youth Empowerment



THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER'S

8th annual

# Unity Walk

Saturday June 8, 2024

10am- 3pm

BRIDGING US 23

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY,  
CONNECTION, & CULTURE

# Registration

## INDIVIDUAL WALKER REGISTRATION

- \$0 - Walk in Unity (no t-shirt)
- \$25 - Walk for a Cause (incl t-shirt)
- \$50 - Walk with Purpose (incl t-shirt)
- \$100 - Walk for Justice (incl t-shirt)

Use the QR code ----->  
to sign up and register  
TODAY!



## GROUP FUNDRAISING REGISTRATION

Interested in fundraising and walking as a community service opportunity, and scoring positive exposure for your company? Set your group's fundraising goal and recruit employees, colleagues, friends and family!

Use the QR code ----->  
to sign up and register  
your team TODAY!



## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

We need volunteers to make this a safe, fun and smooth event and we'd welcome your employees or friends to join us!

Use the QR code ----->  
to sign up to volunteer  
TODAY!



# Schedule

## 10:00 AM - 5 Mile Walk

- **Start at:**  
United Way for Southeastern Michigan  
2305 Platt Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

## 11:30 AM - 1.5 Mile Walk

- **Start at:**  
Ypsilanti Community High School -  
**Shadford Field**  
1801 Packard St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
Next to Estabrook Elementary

- The route will be marked and include water and restroom stops, as well as police escort along the entire route.
- We encourage everyone to arrange for your own transportation.
- Small shuttle bus will be available @ 2:00 & 2:30 PM. Max occupant: 25 people per ride.

## AFTER WALK CELEBRATION - FREE food, speakers, and activities!

**12:00 PM** - Both routes end at:  
Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, 1043 W  
Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**12:45 PM** - Program w/speakers, elder learning circle, and youth essay winner readings!

**3:00 PM** - End of Celebration.

Unable to join the walk, but want to attend the after walk celebration @ 12:00 noon?

RSVP through the  
QR code **HERE!** ----->



# Your dollars support the DRC's Restorative Justice Program

The Dispute Resolution Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community dispute resolution program founded in 1983. The DRC partnered with the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office through the Restorative Justice Program in 2021.

The restorative justice approach is deeply rooted in North American Indigenous cultural and sacred practices to address harm or wrongdoing between all involved.

Restorative or healing circles aim to create safe space for all involved to:

- Address the harm(s)
- Enable the survivor to be heard
- Provide an opportunity for the person who committed the harm(s) to make amends
- Assist the survivor and the one who caused the harm to create a plan for re-entering their communities, and
- Foster understanding, connection, and reconciliation.

**Learn more on our website:**  
[thedisputeresolutioncenter.org](http://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org)