

# 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 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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For more info, visit:  
[thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/  
events/unity-walk-2026/](https://www.thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/events/unity-walk-2026/)

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT PARTNERS!



BRIDGING 23



JUNE 6, 2026  
10 AM - 3 PM



Community - Connection - Culture

# Registration

## INDIVIDUAL WALKER

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

Unable to join the walk, but want to attend the celebration @ 12:00 noon? Register with the QR code!

## GROUP FUNDRAISING

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!



**Register Here!**

[givebutter.com/  
2026-unity-walk](https://givebutter.com/2026-unity-walk)

## VOLUNTEER

We need volunteers to make this a safe, fun and smooth event and we'd welcome your employees or friends to join us! Inquire at, [unitywalk@thedrcmi.org](mailto:unitywalk@thedrcmi.org)

# 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 Eastbrook Elementary

- The route will be marked and include water stations
- We encourage everyone to arrange for your own transportation.
- Parking is limited at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church - Overflow parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Bottles & Backpacks.

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## 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/youth learning circle, and Youth Creative Arts Competition Awards!

### 3:00 PM - End of Celebration

Your dollars support the  
**Restorative Justice Youth Circles Program**  
Building a restorative community with youth and families

A program partnership between the Dispute Resolution Center & Dynastic Ministries 19 Consulting Firm, LLC.

The program serves justice impacted youth from 10-18 yrs old. Each cohort is ten weeks long with a maximum of 15 participants and meet on the weekends. The program is free, with transportation provided, and only available to Washtenaw County youth.

The program offers a safe, brave and non-judgmental space where young people can gather in restorative circle dialogues that encourages:

- **Redevelopment of self-esteem**
- **Constructive approaches to communication**
- **Addresses problems or disagreements without verbal or physical violence**
- **Community cohesion**

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Learn more on our website:  
[thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/  
youth-programming](https://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/youth-programming)