

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://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/events/unity-walk-2026/)

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT PARTNERS!



Association for Youth Empowerment



Sponsorship



JUNE 6, 2026
10 AM - 3 PM



Community - Connection - Culture

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**

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

Sponsorship Levels

\$5000 – CHAMPION FOR JUSTICE

At this giving level, you are directly
supporting the restorative justice youth
program with supplies, food, books, and
summer field trips and experiences for
a program cohort.

\$2500— COMMUNITY HEALER

Supporting at this level, you make
it possible for one family to get the
support and resources they need
through the youth circles program.

\$1000 – COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

Supporting at this level, you directly pay
for 10 community members to train and
become restorative justice facilitators
for the youth program and beyond.

\$500 – PEACEMAKER

Your contribution will help fund the
youth circles program graduation
ceremony.

\$250 – FRIEND

At this level, you help provide free
lunches for the youth and their families
for a day.

**All sponsorships include: website, social
and program mention, registrations, t-
shirts.*



**Become an event
sponsor TODAY!**



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walk-sponsorship](http://givebutter.com/unity-walk-sponsorship)

*"My son really liked the class and
you guys, I'm sure he would be a
peer mentor if you asked him."*

*"The program made my son more
sociable, he's communicating
better with me and others. He
verbalizes everything now."*

*"My son likes the class, he needs
some work, I'm so glad you guys
are doing this. I'm a single mom
and sometimes it's really difficult,
so thank you for what you guys
are doing."*

*"It has helped my son with his
self-control and people skills."*

Parent Testimonials

