

# Hello 2025!

## A Year of Growth, Impact & Exciting Updates

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, we are filled with gratitude for our incredible network of donors, sponsors, schools, and supporters who continue to make our mission possible. This year, we have big goals, exciting updates, and new opportunities for you to get involved. Here's what's coming up at Bridges!

## Our Goal for 2025: 32 Life-Changing Camps!

In 2024, we successfully hosted 29 transformative camps, and this year, we're aiming even higher! Our goal is to run 32 fully-funded Outdoor Education Camps, creating opportunities for young learners from under-resourced communities to develop essential skills, build resilience, and experience the power of nature-based education. That means we'll be running camps nearly every week of the school year!



*Together, we can  
Bridge the Gap  
and make an  
even greater  
impact in 2025.*

# Kicking Off the Year with Our First Camp – The Prefect Camp!

This week, we hosted our very first camp of the year – the Prefect Camp! Prefects from our partner schools gathered to work on leadership development, using the LEAD model, created by local NPO Ezrah:

**L** – Looking out for others

**E** – Ending well

**A** – Attitude

**D** – Discipline

Through this model, learners were equipped to return to their schools and be the change they want to see. They spent time in groups forming their leadership plan for Term 1, deciding on ways they can lead and make a difference in their school communities. We are so proud of these young leaders and excited to see them in action!





# What's Coming Up Next?

## First Camp of the Year

We officially kick off our 2025 camp season in the second week of February, welcoming the first group of eager learners ready for an unforgettable experience.



## Principal Appreciation Lunch

Last week, we had the privilege of hosting the principals from our partner schools at Bridges for a special appreciation lunch. It was a meaningful opportunity to connect, strengthening our partnership for the year ahead.

## Exciting Donations

A huge thank you to one of our generous partners **Glenmor** in partnership with **Coast & Country Sales** for donating soap that will be included in the toiletry goody bag each learner receives when they arrive at camp. These small gestures make a big impact, ensuring every child feels welcomed and cared for from the moment they arrive.



# Individual Giving Campaign

## Let's Make a Difference Together!

A huge thank you to our incredible sponsors who have supported us in making these camps a reality. While much of our funding comes from generous companies and organisations, we're launching a special **Individual Giving Campaign** to encourage more people to get involved.

By donating smaller amounts, every individual can play a role in helping us reach more learners in need. It's now easier than ever to give, thanks to our new website's seamless donation process. Whether it's a once-off contribution or a small monthly donation, every bit counts toward shaping a better future for these children.

Want to help? Share our donation link with friends, family, and colleagues who might be interested in making a difference!

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## Have You Seen Our New Website?



We're excited to announce the official launch of our brand-new website!

The new site is designed to be your one-stop destination for everything Bridges - whether you're a donor, educator, or supporter. You'll find:

- All the information about our Outdoor Education Programme
- An easy-to-use new donation form (making giving simpler than ever!)
- Inspiring stories of impact
- Ways to get involved

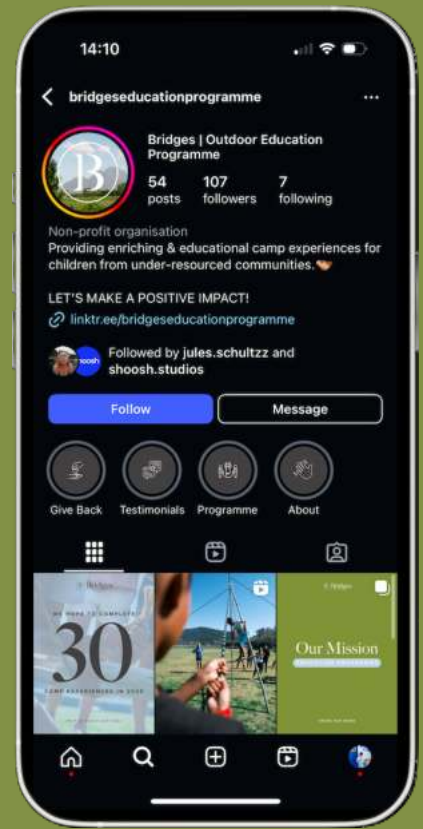
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## Stay Connected – Follow Us on Social Media!

Want to see Bridges in action? Follow us for updates, impact stories, and a closer look at our camps throughout the year.



# Thank You, Here's to 2025!

Your support means the world to us, and we can't wait to journey through 2025 with you. Thank you for believing in our mission and for helping us Bridge the Gap for so many young learners.

Let's make this year the most impactful yet!

With love,

**The Bridges Team**



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