



Difference Makers

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“Standing Strong Together” Leadership Training

Youth and Adults Teaching Humanity How to Love

San Diego

September 17, 18 & 19, 2010

Friday evening 7-10 p.m. Saturday & Sunday – 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Participants learn how to train others in the art of honoring people and acknowledging dreams. Our training helps to transform individuals, families, towns and schools into Community Leaders and supportive productive environments!

Programs for Youth and Adults:

Our “*Standing Strong Together*” Leadership Training offers a new world platform giving YOU a voice for change. We provide unprecedented opportunities for youth and adults to learn side-by-side to create a positive social change in schools, homes and communities worldwide. In this unique leadership training we empower you to train others and become the tipping point for a social revolution!

Leadership Skills and Opportunities to:

- ◆ Speak publically on behalf of recognizing and acknowledging others.
- ◆ Train adults and youth in corporations, schools, organizations, religious institutions.
- ◆ Create opportunities to eradicate bullying and violence.
- ◆ Transform your life and empower dreams with the language of possibility.
- ◆ Communicate through appreciation, respect and love
- ◆ Inspire co-creation, initiate positive relationships and lead pro-active communities.
- ◆ Inspire yourself and others to live, dream and succeed.

Participants Receive:

- ◆ 2 ½ days of training
- ◆ Curriculum and training workbook
- ◆ DVD of Trainer & Founder Helice “Sparky” Bridges
- ◆ Blue Ribbon Starter Kit
- ◆ Follow-up support and long lasting collaborations
- ◆ Graduation Certificate

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How is the “*Standing Strong Together*” Leadership Training unique?

Participants in this training will learn and practice our five point star foundation. By the end of the weekend you will be able to take the education learned at the training back to your communities and start a Difference Makers movement!

Five-Point Foundation for *Community Leaders*

- ★ Acknowledge the worth of self
- ★ Acknowledge the worth of others
- ★ Communicate with compassion, acknowledgment and love
- ★ Empower and support dreams
- ★ Make a difference where you live, work and learn

What Difference has SST made?

“Through the ‘Standing Strong Together’ Training not only was I supported and felt safe and understood. Helice “Sparky” created an environment where dream and goal making is embraced and accepted. I am not sure what I would be or where I’d be if it wasn’t for this blue ribbon and weekend programs. I look forward to spreading the message through: compassion, understanding and my ability to be empathetic and aware.”

-Evelyn, 17 years old

“This program is about people. I came here with my mind halfway closed to the possibilities. Thank you for tearing down all prejudice and other obstacles. This is NOT a program; this is my mission in life now. I know I am here for a reason. It is my intention to change the world with one Blue Ribbon at a time. I WILL make the world a better place to live in.”

-Matt, 8th grade teacher

“These 3 days have honestly changed who I am. I’m very pessimistic and it’s hard for me to trust and pull down walls. There is too much negative that surrounds us and it’s easy to hate, abuse, give up and fall victim to peer pressure. We all come here with difference backgrounds, religions, races, but we all slowly realized that we all have a simple goal- to be loved. I finally feel something rather than pain. I’ve grown as a person so much that I’m baffled. I feel that my dreams can come true...I now know who I am does make a difference to all those around me I will never forget the people I met here and all I have learned. Thank you.”

- Oscar, 16 years old

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Our Vision

Difference Makers International is dedicated to creating a global community where all people feel appreciated, respected, and loved, are valued for their unique talents and empowered to reach their true potential.

Our Mission

To introduce a new world platform uniting kids and adults to bring out the goodness and greatness in all people—one person...one community...one country at a time. We provide unprecedented hands-on tools, training programs and events that help people of all ages to weave the vital life skill of acknowledgement into every fiber of our society. We are committed to providing on-going support to sustain positive social change for this generation and all generations to come.

HELICE “SPARKY” BRIDGES

Founder and Lead Trainer

Helice “Sparky” Bridges is a Master of Acknowledgment. She is the inventor of the world famous “Who I Am Makes A Difference”™ Blue Ribbon Ceremony. Helice travels the world training corporate executives, educators, students, parents and monks how to build positive, pro-active and prosperous communities. She has worked in the same rooms with Arabs and Jews, rival gang members and the abused and the abusers.

DMI’s acknowledgement work has impacted over 30 million people worldwide and has been translated into 12 languages. Helice has received recognition along with Former First Lady Barbara Bush and Kareem Abdul Jabaar for raising the self-esteem of children of all ages. Helice has spoken alongside Vice President Al Gore and The Dalai Lama at the Environmental Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. She is the recipient of the TKF 2005 Gandhi Non Violence Award and the 2009 Women Changing the World Award.

As founder of Difference Makers International, a nonprofit organization, Helice has dedicated her life to *Giving Kids a Voice for Positive Social Change...a Social Revolution led by all.*

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Standing Strong Together™ - Application

Community Building Leadership Training

TRAINING DATES: September 17, 18 & 19, 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

This application ONLY applies to the September 2010 SST Training

August 29, 2010	Deadline for Application to be emailed or faxed
August 11-30, 2010	Interview & Application Review Process
August 31, 2010 decision	Recipients will be notified by this date via mail or email of application

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Tuition & Materials:** Please email call us at 760-753-0963 or email info@blueribbons.org for more details
Say: I LOVE BEING A DIFFERENCE MAKER™ & receive 10% DISCOUNT
- 2. Are meals provided?** No, you will need to either bring your lunch or money for going out to lunch. **Snacks and waters provided daily.**
- 3. Does the Tuition cover travel expenses?** No, you will need to provide your own transportation.
- 4. Who should apply?** Positive pro-active youth, adults and community leaders interested in teaching peers, teachers, parents, neighbors—everyone how to: **Eradicate bullying, avert adolescent suicide, reduce drug and alcohol abuse, raise self-worth and advance community service.**
- 5. How are individuals selected?** Selections are made based upon review of attached application and a phone interview with the Director of Training.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Name:

Date:

Time:

Contact Phone Number and Email Address:

Notes:

Application

Standing Strong Together™

Community Building Leadership Training

We are building *Standing Strong Together* teams made up of youth and adults who are *Giving Kids A Voice for Change*, helping to spread the “Who I Am Makes A Difference”™ acknowledgement message & *Standing Strong Together* program throughout their communities.

Requirements for Completing Your Application

When filling out your application:

1. Please print in pen.
2. Email completed application to info@blueribbons.org or fax to 760.753.0973. Applications must be received on or before August 29th.

SECTIONS 1 & 2:

1. Please print clearly and in pen.
2. All correspondence will go to the mailing address and email address you specify on your application. It is your responsibility to inform staff at Difference Makers International of any changes to your contact information.

Every application is carefully reviewed for recommendation to this training. You will be notified within 2 business days that we received your completed application.

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SECTION 1

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ School/Organization _____
(month/date/year)

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (day) _____ (cell)

_____ (fax) Email _____

How did you hear about the SST Leadership Training Program?

SECTION 2

1. What is your greatest wish for youth and your community?

2. What do you feel is the biggest problem(s) facing your community?

3. What are you presently doing to solve these problems?

4. What is your definition of leadership and how do you embody it?

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5. What is the main reason you want to participate in this training?

6. Why do you feel participating in *Standing Strong Together* will make a difference for your community? What do you hope to achieve by being in this training?

7. Please write 3 dreams that you want to come true.

WHERE DO YOU SEND YOUR APPLICATION?

Applications must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by 4pm on August 29th, 2010 and can be sent to the following:

Email: info@blueribbons.org

Faxed: (760) 753-0973, ATTN: Training Coordinator

Mailed: Difference Makers International

2033 San Elijo Ave #181

Cardiff, CA 92007

WHO YOU ARE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!

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NOTICES: Standing Strong Together Training Program

Transfer & Cancellation Policy

Your registration applies to the specific course, dates, and location you have chosen. All payments are non-refundable. If for some reason you cannot attend the course for which you registered, you may:

Transfer Your Registration

Transfers are available only when program tuition is paid in full. You may apply this payment to another course or person subject to the following guidelines:

Transferring to Another Course You can transfer your registration to the same course on another date or at another location with these guidelines:

The fee for each transfer will be \$50.

- Your request for a transfer needs to be made at least 14 days prior to the start date of the program for which you originally registered and will be granted subject to availability.
- You can transfer only into a course that occurs within four months after the start date of the program for which you originally registered

Transferring to Another Person

You may request a transfer by contacting our office by phone only. Note the following:

- Transferring to another person is contingent on the person having completed an application and interview with the Director of Training for the program and meeting other applicable registration requirements.
- The fee for each transfer will be \$50.
- Your request for a transfer to another person needs to be made at least 14 days prior to the start date of the program for which you originally registered and will be granted subject to availability.
- You can transfer your registration to another person only for a course that occurs within four months after the start date of the program for which you originally registered.

Cancel Your Registration

All payments are non-refundable. You may re-register for the same course within one year of the date of your original registration. A \$35 administrative fee will be applied.

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