



Bridging **Horizons**

Community Service Contest

*Enhancing independence and success in agriculture and
community life for individuals with disabilities and their families*

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Everyone has limitations. However, for some people, their physical impairments are major barriers to work or daily life.

To assist people with physical disabilities and limitations, Purdue University's Breaking New Ground (BNG) and AgVenture-Adler Seeds sponsor The Bridging Horizons Contest.

The Bridging Horizons challenge is for groups to complete low cost projects in their communities that enhance independence and promote success for people with disabilities. Possible projects include building a wheelchair access ramp, modifying a piece of farm equipment to accommodate a disability, or improving the accessibility of your county fairgrounds. Other project ideas are found on the reverse side of this brochure and at the BNG website: www.breakingnewground.info.

The Bridging Horizons Contest provides a community-oriented service experience that gives groups the opportunity to apply the knowledge they have gained and make a positive difference by helping community members overcome physical barriers. While special priority will be given to projects completed in rural areas or small towns, projects will be accepted from any area. Both youth and adult service organizations are eligible such as FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs, Jr. Leaders, Boy Scouts, Young Farmers, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Clubs, volunteer fire departments, church groups, etc.



Please show the poster located on the back of this brochure to your group. Discuss Bridging Horizons with your members and incorporate a project into your calendar. Then contact BNG at 800-825-4264 or bng@ecn.purdue.edu to let us know that you are planning a project. Some FFA Project: IMPACT activities may be eligible for the Bridging Horizons Contest—check with BNG for details.

The deadline for submitting a Bridging Horizons project is *June 1*. Please see the back panel of this brochure for specific information on submitting your contest application.





Modify machinery controls to allow an individual with a disability to use them



Construct decks and wheelchair ramps to help community members achieve greater independence



Design and build a portable chore chair for a farmer who can not stand for extended amounts of time while servicing his or her machinery



Modify a tractor by adding steps, a handrail, and/or hand controls

Design and build a cart that can be scooted through a garden or around a shop for people who have trouble walking



Repaint the accessible parking areas at a school or other public facility

Serve your community
Practice leadership skills
Earn cash prizes for your organization

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Improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in your community by completing a Bridging Horizons project!

For more Bridging Horizons project ideas, call Breaking New Ground at 800-825-4264 or visit www.breakingnewground.info and click on the Bridging Horizons Contest link to find 50 Bridging Horizons Contest project ideas.

Cash prizes are awarded to winning organizations!

1st Place — \$500

2nd Place — \$250

3rd Place — \$100

See the reverse side of this poster for information on how to submit your Bridging Horizons Contest application.

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Build a raised garden bed for a wheelchair user

Make improvements to a local nursing home, such as planting flowers or shrubs



Make a nature trail accessible by building a bridge, ramp, or deck

Construct a wheelchair accessible walkway and viewing area at the county fairgrounds



Help a person with a disability move around outside his/her home more safely by pouring a concrete sidewalk

Install a self-opening gate so an individual does not have to get out to open the gate



Complete a project to improve the accessible parking at the county fairgrounds.

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Bridging Horizons Contest applications should be submitted by June 1 and include the following:

- Group name
- Sponsor/leader/advisor
- Location
- Contact person's name
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- E-mail address
- Description of final project including:
 - Limitation/need addressed
 - Method/design used to address need
 - Five "before" and five "after" photos
 - Any other important information, such as the amount of time spent on the project, problems encountered, and collaborations with other groups in completing the project.

Mail your Bridging Horizons Contest materials to:

Breaking New Ground
ABE Building, 225 South University Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2093
Or email to: bng@ecn.purdue.edu

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Contest Scoring Criteria

Impact on people with disabilities – 50%

Was your project helpful to a person or people with disabilities?

Completeness of project – 20%

Was your project completely finished by June 1?

Quality of report – 10%

Did your report thoroughly address the project description outline listed in this brochure? Was your report neat and well-written?

Photo documentation – 10%

Did you provide 5 before and 5 after photos? Were the photos high-quality?

Timeliness of entry – 10%

(All or nothing) Was the entry sent to BNG by June 1?

10 bonus points will be given for projects in rural areas or towns of 10,000 people or less

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