

**Bridges to Independence** is a grassroots nonprofit social service agency in operation since 2003. Our philosophy revolves around providing person-centered, client-driven services to people with disabilities. We are here to support our clients in setting and achieving their goals and in defining their independence. At Bridges we strive to be family- and community-friendly, adhere to principals of harm reduction, and work toward economic and social justice for all.



Support Bridges to Independence by becoming a friend of Turtle Town Café!



Introducing **Turtle Town Café**

*“A place to come out of your shell”*

an employment-readiness program of  
**Bridges to Independence**

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# Welcome to Turtle Town!

## A Vision for the Future

Turtle Town Café is part of Bridges' broader vision to increase independence, autonomy, dignity and respect for persons with developmental disabilities through full social integration.

Starting September 2009, Turtle Town Café provides employment-readiness programs that teaches our clients skills such as customer service, cash handling, cleaning and recycling, marketing and planning, and othes that prepare them for real employment.

At the beginning, the Café is open for our members (friends of Turtle Town Café) only, and on particular days when we have events such as Free Coffee Fridays. This allows us to start the program with limited resources, and grow according to the needs of our clients and potential employers.

Our goal is to develop the Café into a full-fledged café open to the public, and to offer fully certified one-stop vocational training and job development program.

Join us now and become a Friend of Turtle Town Café to help us grow into our vision over the next several years.

For more information, please visit us at [www.bridgestoindependence.org](http://www.bridgestoindependence.org)

## Become a Friend of Turtle Town

When you become a friend of Turtle Town Café, you are helping Bridges become more stable financially so that we can continue to expand our services to persons with developmental disabilities.

In addition, you will receive:

- monthly newsletter
- your own very special Turtle Town mug
- invitation to Free Coffee Fridays
- free or discounted admission to paid events at the Café, such as bands and other performances

Membership fee is ten dollars each month, and can be paid by check, credit card, or online (or by cash at our events).

## Better yet, become a Volunteer for extra brwonie points!

Volunteers play important roles at Bridges to Independence. We believe that volunteers are particularly important for our programs because volunteers can interact with our clients as peers. Volunteers develop unique relationships with our clients that are distinct from those between social workers and their clients, and these ties are essential if we were to advocate for true social integration. In other words: volunteers do something that our staff members cannot do by ourselves, and that is why we need you.

**YES! I want to support Bridges to Independence as a Friend of Turtle Town Café!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Subscribe to E-list

\_\_\_\_ Subscribe to Newsletter

\_\_\_\_ Interested in Volunteering

**Payment Method** (\$10 per month each month; credit card will be charged around the 15th):

Bill me each month \_\_\_\_\_ by mail or \_\_\_\_\_ by Paypal (email) \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card \_\_\_\_\_ One-time donation (amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

If using credit card: Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on the card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_