

## Building Peaceful Bridges Celebrates Its First Annual Fall Event October 26, 2019

Building Peaceful Bridges (BPB) held its first annual fundraiser at Pinstripes in Northbrook. The event was well attended with over 50 people present. The evening included raffle prizes that were donated by local merchants and restaurants. It was a fun and busy event that included keynote speaker, Rana Sweis, a Jordanian journalist and author of *Voices of Jordan*. Rana's speech focused on the refugee situation in Jordan and other parts of the Middle East. An engaging question and answer session followed.

Lori Lucchetti, co-founder and board president, spoke to the guests about the organization and its mission. In addition, BPB offered one-of-a-kind art by Oula Alemam, which attendees quickly purchased, and music by Zaya, which generated dancing and singing throughout the evening. The event was successful and raised over \$8,000 to support our refugee families.

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### About Building Peaceful Bridges

Building Peaceful Bridges is a 501(c)(3) organization supporting people of all faiths whose mission is to foster multicultural relationships by assisting in the integration of refugees into American culture and educating our communities on the challenges facing refugee populations through their stories. For more information on Building Peaceful Bridges, please visit our website at [www.buildingpeacefulbridges.org](http://www.buildingpeacefulbridges.org).

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