



Nelson & Jan Warner Bridge Ministry Community Impact Award

Nominated by: Kelly Morvant & Richard Zuschlag

Nelson and Jan Warner are the recipients of the 2021 Community Impact Award for their decades of service and commitment to Bridge Ministry of Acadiana.

Individually and together, they have volunteered their time and contributed their resources in support of Bridge Ministry of Acadiana, local churches, schools, and various organizations.

Jan is a native of Monroe and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Louisiana Monroe. She has a passion for befriending the “underdog”, the person who is generally looked down upon and cast aside by the world. She encourages and tirelessly works with her new friends. Jan has remodeled homes, assisted with financial accounting and planning, landscaping, and mentoring young girls and mothers. Jan also has a heart for the elderly who cannot do for themselves. As for Bridge Ministry of Acadiana, Jan handles the book-keeping and campus maintenance details. She also affords Nelson the opportunity to work at Bridge Ministry of Acadiana, as she takes care of all the duties at home.

Nelson also grew up in Monroe and graduated in Geology from the University of Louisiana Lafayette. His love for exploring and developing untapped energy resources led to a successful career in the oil and gas business. His love for exploration has now extended to the exploration and development of our untapped human resources in Lafayette’s inner city.

Nelson and Jan’s desire to relationally advantage the disadvantaged children in our generationally under-resourced Four-Corners Neighborhood led to the establishment of Bridge Ministry of Acadiana in 2003. Birthed out of Trinity Bible Church, Bridge is an all-denominational ministry where afterschool and summer learning experiences and even a school have existed. Bridge Ministry of Acadiana has recently partnered with Holy Family Catholic School in an effort to help close the Achievement Gap by extending the school day and the school year. Nelson and Jan have worked tirelessly over the years to fundraise for the funds necessary to operate the school.

Nelson has also co-authored books under the “K2 Series”. His new book “Ending Generational Poverty” is now available through Amazon. Also, a children’s book, “Iggy the Eaglet”, will be published later this year.

Nelson and Jan are humbled and thankful for this honor. “We are also thankful for our family and many friends on both sides of the ‘bridge’ that encourage and bless us daily, and we are most thankful for our Lord from whom all our blessings flow.”