



All the people designated as Bridge Builders from 2001 to 2016 had worked to bridge the gaps between various parts of society: between African American and white citizens and between those of varying economic status.



DREWARY J. BROWN

Drewary Brown was an inspirational civil rights leader in Charlottesville from the 1960s until his death in 1998. Shortly after his death, City Council decided to name the newly designed replacement bridge on West Main Street in honor of him and periodically to select others who like Drewary Brown build bridges in the community, honoring them by plaques placed on the bridge.

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THE BOOK



Bridge Builders, 2001-2016, Charlottesville VA is a compilation of biographies of Drewary Brown and 36 other citizens recognized as building bridges across racial, social, and economic barriers to create a more equitable society.

Edited by Kay Slaughter and published by Preservation Piedmont, the book launched at a Unity Day event with a showing of the film, *Working for a Better Day: The Drewary Brown Story* on July 25, 2019.

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