

Ryan Strawbridge, Board Member at Large

Ryan Strawbridge was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Much of his life has been dedicated to serving the community; beginning in high school with assisting in stewarding a volunteer community garden. The hands-on experiences he took from there led me on an educational pathway towards Urban Studies and Urban Sustainability at Wayne State University, where he graduated with a bachelors in 2020.

Since then, Mr. Strawbridge has been assisting with programming and management for several nonprofit organizations, emphasizing community engagement, neighborhood development, and educational programming.

Fun Fact: Mr. Strawbridge is a highly accredited Jazz record producer, in the last 7 years the label I work under has released nearly a dozen records. Many of them have won prestigious awards and have had significant airtime on nationally syndicated Jazz radio stations. He thanks both his Father, and their family friend RJ Spangler for the opportunities to work on these projects.

Mr. Strawbridge hopes to aid Elms Family and Community Services with his keen insight into neighborhood programming needs in an effort to help develop synergy between our existing programs and the communities they serve.