



Bridge Builders Bulletin

News for Friends of The Bridge Teen Center

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Greetings!

In response to the growing need for the programs and services The Bridge Teen Center will offer, we are in the process of securing a temporary storefront property in Orland Park where we can begin supporting teens and parents in our community (prior to acquiring a larger, permanent facility).

Some of the programs offered at this temporary site will include topic-specific "Parents Roundtable" events (offered with United Way), college paperwork clinics (offered with Illinois Student Assistance Corps), career programs offered in partnership with local businesses, and "Everday Life" programs that address issues such as:

- The Freshman 15 (for college bound students)
- From Middle School to High School
- Conquering Middle School
- Communicating With Your Parents
- Finding Summer Jobs
- Planning For Life After High School (Age Specific)

Mentorship programs, individual counseling, and support groups will also be explored at this temporary site. We hope to be open by the end of January, in a strip mall type location somewhere in Orland Park. We will make an announcement once a location has been secured.

Support Needed To Open Temporary "Storefront" Site

How You Can Help...

Our programs will be offered free of charge, which means that even a temporary site will be an expensive venture. The community has embraced the concept of The Bridge Teen Center, but now we need to take things one step further. Please give some thought and prayer to getting involved in one of the following ways:

- **Make a one-time or monthly donation.**
- Tells others about The Bridge.
- Connect us to corporate and family foundations.
- If you a tradesman, volunteer your services.
- Volunteer for our Parents Auxiliary.
- Volunteer for our Junior Auxiliary (18-34).

For more information, call 708.466.8080, or email us at bridgeteencenter@aol.com. The need for The Bridge Teen Center has never been greater, and YOUR involvement has never meant more! On behalf of teens and parents in our community, thank you in advance for your support.



Aileen S. Andrew Foundation Supports The Bridge

In the month of November, The Bridge Teen Center received two grants from the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation - one in honor of the retirement of Andy Andrew (\$5,000), and another unrestricted grant in the amount of \$2,500. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Andrew Family, and the directors of the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation. If you or someone you know is connected to a family foundation that has a heart for young people, please let us know!

Bridge Welcomes Newest Board Member

The Bridge Teen Center would like to welcome the newest member of our Board of Directors, **Kathy Viverito**. Kathy is a resident of Crestwood, and works for ITG Solutions, Inc. A member of Family Christian Center in Hammond, Indiana, Kathy has been involved in a wide variety of ministries over the years. Kathy played an instrumental role in the success of the first Bridge Bowl event. She serves on the Board of Directors in loving memory of her sons, Mikey and Jimmy.

If you are considering making a donation, volunteering your time, or helping in some other way, NOW is the time to act. Give us a call or drop us an email today. Together, we can build a Bridge!

For Our Teens,
Priscilla & Rob Steinmetz
The Bridge Teen Center

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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010

The Junior Board of The Bridge Teen Center present the second annual Bridge Bowl at Orland Bowl in Orland Park on Saturday, February 27, 2010. This year's event is themed "Bowling Thru The Decades" and will include bowling, great food, a silent auction, good music and much more. For more info, visit www.thebridgeteencenter.org, our event page on Facebook, email bridgeteencenter@aol.com, or call 708.466.8080.