



# Bridge Builders Bulletin

News for Friends of The Bridge Teen Center

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## Greetings!

The community has cried out for a place like The Bridge Teen Center, and we are thrilled to report that we are ready to respond. Our prayer from the very beginning was that people would see the hand of God in the birth of The Bridge Teen Center. There's no other way to explain how a nonprofit organization can be launched in the midst of the worst economic climate in decades. It's an answer to prayer...it's a God thing!

Please take the time to read through this newsletter and give some prayerful consideration to how you can get involved. The support of the entire community will be necessary to keep this project moving forward. This is just one step in a much longer, significant journey. We thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support throughout this process...we look forward to expanding our "family of supporters" in 2010.

## Temporary Site in Orland Park Opening in February!

The Board of Directors of The Bridge Teen Center just signed a lease on a temporary storefront site located at 15555 S. 71st Court in Orland Park. This site is located just east of Harlem Avenue, behind the Dunkin' Donuts. It is a 2,400 square foot space, which will allow The Bridge to begin offering limited programming for teens and parents. The first group of programs will be announced in early February.

For more information about how you can help out, check out the "GET INVOLVED" article below, or call Priscilla Steinmetz at 708.466.8080.



## GET INVOLVED!

As we prepare to open our storefront location, there are many needs. Whether you are a skilled tradesman or a stay-at-home mom, there are ways for EVERYONE to pitch in. For more info on our current needs, check out our "wish list" online:

[www.thebridgeteencenter.org/wishlist.pdf](http://www.thebridgeteencenter.org/wishlist.pdf).

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.
- Underwrite the purchase of items for the storefront location.
- Tells others about The Bridge.
- Connect us to corporate and family foundations.
- 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](mailto: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.



## Bridge Bowl 2010 - February 27th at Orland Bowl



The Junior Board of The Bridge Teen Center will be hosting the second annual Bridge Bowl event at Orland Bowl on **Saturday, February 27th**. All proceeds will benefit the free programs and services at The Bridge Teen Center. The event will include two hours of bowling, great food, raffle prizes, and a fantastic silent auction. This year's theme is "Bowling Thru The Decades"...and teams are encouraged to dress up in the clothing of their favorite decade (prizes will be awarded). To form your own bowling team, visit:

[http://www.thebridgeteencenter.org/Bridge/Welcome\\_files/LaneHost.pdf](http://www.thebridgeteencenter.org/Bridge/Welcome_files/LaneHost.pdf)

Questions about Bridge Bowl 2010? Contact Jonathan Cowan, Chair of the Junior Board at 815-382-9252 or via email at [jonc@oldtownpizzaco.com](mailto:jonc@oldtownpizzaco.com).

## Amazing Addition to Bridge Bowl Auction!

As part of this year's silent auction, a Monday-Thursday or Friday and Saturday (offseason) stay at Casa Bellissima in Michigan City, Indiana has been donated (\$4,000 value). This 4,300 square foot luxury home sleeps 14. For more information about this incredible auction item, visit the Casa Bellissima website:

<http://www.mycasabellissima.com/>

If you can't attend Bridge Bowl and have interest in this package, email [bridgeteencenter@aol.com](mailto:bridgeteencenter@aol.com). Absentee bids will be accepted.



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