



Bridge Builders Bulletin

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Greetings!

Momentum continues to build as we prepare to open the doors of our storefront location in Orland Park. Calls and emails from teens and parents continue to come in at a steady pace, wondering when we'll be open. The community is ready for The Bridge Teen Center!

Opening our storefront location has been a tremendous learning experience for all of us. All of a sudden we find ourselves using words like "permit", "zoning", "code" and "contractor" on a daily basis. The good news is, we have a great group of expert volunteers leading the way.

It is taking a bit longer than we expected to open the storefront site, but we know God's timing is perfect. With that knowledge, we move confidently forward. Construction will begin soon, and as things progress we will keep you posted. In the meantime, please keep The Bridge Teen Center in your daily prayers.

Junior Board Hosts Another Successful Bridge Bowl

The Junior Board of The Bridge Teen Center hosted another successful Bridge Bowl event on Saturday, 2/27 at Orland Bowl. The event netted almost \$9,000, which is about 40% better than last year. The event was highlighted by a great silent auction, featuring some exciting experiences, gift certificates and memorabilia. Many thanks to everyone who attended the event, donated to the auction, or sponsored a bowler. Special thanks to the Junior Board for making this event a great success: **Jeremy & Jodi Klyn, Jason & Sarah Marion, Melissa Ferriter, Heidi Sebestyen, Jill Morrison, Marissa Ricchio, Megan Huntley and Jonathan Cowan.** If you are between the ages of 21-34 and are interested in learning more about the Junior Board, email bridgeteencenter@aol.com.



Bridge Welcomes New Program Director

The Board of Directors of The Bridge Teen Center is excited to announce the hiring of the organization's first ever Program Director, **Amy McGrew**. Amy comes to The Bridge from Moraine Valley Church, where she spent 10 years as Director of Middle School Ministries. Amy has her M.A. in Youth Ministry, and brings extensive experience in managing volunteers and building meaningful relationships with young people. Amy will be responsible for creating and executing all programming at The Bridge Teen Center (for both parents and teens), and will start as soon as our storefront offices are completed. We are honored to have her on our team!



Are You Good At Puzzles?



The Bridge Teen Center is being built by the community, for the community. What does that mean? It means that people like you form the foundation of our organization. Throughout this process, we have discovered that some of our biggest supporters have become involved as a result of a connection to someone we know. ***It's a lot like putting a puzzle together.***

Do you know someone who is connected to a philanthropic business, corporate foundation, or family foundation? If so, we would love to hear from you. Underwriting opportunities exist for both parent and teen programs. Great sponsorship opportunities exist for those interested in supporting specific start-up needs. Not sure how to approach the people you know? We can help. Call Priscilla or Rob at 708.466.8080 or email bridgeteencenter@aol.com.

The Bridge Teen Center @ Borders



Join The Bridge Teen Center on Saturday, March 27th from 2:00-5:00 PM at Borders in Orland Park for **Educator Appreciation Week**. The Bridge will be set up to raise awareness, and Old Town Pizza - Orland Park will be on hand to give away free samples. There will also be a special drawing for a prize donated by the Chicago Fire.

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