



# Bridge Builders Bulletin

News for Friends of The Bridge Teen Center

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## Greetings!

We apologize for the lack of communication since our last newsletter...lots of great things have been going on. Time has flown by as we put the final touches on the storefront space.

We stand in awe of the number of contractors, businesses and individuals who have given time and materials to help complete the facility. We plan to acknowledge each donor and contractor by name in our next email newsletter.

We are excited to update you on a few of the "happenings" at The Bridge Teen Center, including our upcoming "Grand Opening" open house on Saturday, June 5th. For more information, read on...

## Grand Opening Scheduled For Saturday, June 5th!

We are excited to announce the official community "Grand Opening" open house for The Bridge Teen Center on Saturday, June 5th from 10:00-4:00. **EVERYONE is invited to attend.** At this event, students will have the opportunity to sign up for free summer programs and everyone will be able to tour the facility, meet the staff and volunteers, and learn more about what The Bridge Teen Center. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.



The storefront site is located at 15555 S. 71st Court, one block east of Harlem Avenue (behind Dunkin' Donuts and Orland Buffet). The weekend festivities are being sponsored by **The Horton Group, AT&T, and Heide Wealth Management Group.** Whether you are a teenager, parent, grandparent, friend, fan, or just plain curious, please stop by! For more information, contact us at 708.466.8080 or via email at [bridgeteencenter@aol.com](mailto:bridgeteencenter@aol.com). We hope to see everyone there...

**GRAND OPENING (OPEN HOUSE)**  
**Saturday, June 5th from 10:00-4:00**  
**The Bridge Teen Center**  
**15555 S. 71st Court - Orland Park, IL 60462**  
**708.466.8080 - [bridgeteencenter@aol.com](mailto:bridgeteencenter@aol.com)**

## "Teens In Trouble" Article Series Wins Journalist Awards

As you might recall, The Bridge Teen Center contributed to a series of articles in the SouthtownStar entitled "Teens In Trouble" last year. This article series focused on eight local teens that struggle with underage drinking, self-injury, sexting, and eating disorders. The stories created quite a buzz in the community, and are now winning several industry awards.



Elisabeth Martin, the writer who created the articles, recently won the top prize at the Lisagor Awards for Exemplary Journalism. She also won third place for the enterprise news story category in the Illinois Associated Press Editors Association contest. Congratulations to Elisabeth, the SouthtownStar, and the brave young men and women who shared their stories in this moving series of articles. You all are difference-makers!

## Funding Our Free Programs & Services

The Bridge Teen Center's storefront site has been built by the community, for the community...but bricks and mortar are only the beginning. Now the real work begins...reaching out to teens and parents in the community through our free programs and services. *It's what The Bridge Teen Center is all about.*



Do you know someone who is connected to a foundation, company, or individual that is known to support nonprofit organizations? We are seeking funding for a variety of programs for both teenagers and parents of teens. Your support, both personally and through the connections you make, keep our programs running. **We need your help!**

Call Priscilla or Rob at 708.466.8080 or email [bridgeteencenter@aol.com](mailto:bridgeteencenter@aol.com).

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