



Bridge Builders Bulletin

News for Friends of The Bridge Teen Center

October 20, 2009

Featured In This Issue

Parents' Roundtable Recap

New Board Member

In The Media...

Andrew Family Steps Up Again!

Donate Today!

[Click Here To Donate](#)

Join us on Facebook/
Follow us on Twitter!

Find The Bridge Teen Center on

facebook

follow us on
twitter



Join our
Mailing List

Greetings!

Calls and emails continue to pour in from parents of teens all over the Southland area. The need for a place like The Bridge Teen Center has never been more apparent. Exciting things continue to happen daily, but we continue to ask each of you to keep The Bridge in your thoughts, prayers, and daily conversations. The Bridge will be built by the community, for the community - so your support means everything to us. Spread the word today!

Parents' Roundtable Event Attracts 34 Parents to Orland Civic Center

On Tuesday, October 6th, 34 parents joined The Bridge Teen Center and South-Southwest Suburban United Way for the first Parents' Roundtable event. An informal discussion was moderated by Priscilla Steinmetz, Executive Director of The Bridge Teen Center, and parents had an opportunity to ask questions and share information about navigating through the teenage years. The Bridge would like to thank our panelists for participating: Doreen Zaborac, Carol Ingrisano, Mike Locke and Durriyyah Kemp. We would also like to thank Dr. James Washington and the South-Southwest Suburban United Way for supporting the event. **If you are interested in receiving information about future Parents' Roundtable events, please email us at bridgeteencenter@aol.com, or call 708.466.8080.**

Bridge Welcomes Newest Board Member

The Bridge Teen Center would like to welcome the newest member of our Board of Directors, **Dave Heide**. Dave and his wife Karen are residents of Orland Park. Dave owns and operates Heide Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors in Palos Heights, and also serves as President of the Moraine Valley College Foundation. We are honored to welcome Dave into The Bridge Teen Center family. Dave joins Nancy Butterfield, Al Ricchio, Sandy Grady, Egon Menker, Cindy Menker, and Jason Marion as members of The Bridge's leadership team.



The Bridge Teen Center - In The Media



On the radio. In the days leading up to the recent Parents' Roundtable event, Priscilla Steinmetz could be heard on Shine 89.7 FM several times each day. With the support of Seth "Tower" Hurd, Priscilla recorded several segments promoting the event, all of which were played on the air. Many thanks to Tower and Shine for being so supportive of The Bridge.

In the paper. Immediately following the Parents' Roundtable event, the SouthtownStar ran another article to recap the event, complete with a photo taken during Dr. James Washington's introduction. Many thanks to Elisabeth Martin and Paula Carlson for their continued support.

Article reprints. Interested in obtaining copies of the powerful "Teens In Trouble" article series that ran in the Southtown Star? We have color copies, as well as emailable PDF files that can be sent to those who missed the articles. This is important information that needs to be shared, so don't hesitate to contact us at bridgeteencenter@aol.com to request the articles.



Andrew Family Foundation Steps Up Again!

We would like to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to Andy and Char Andrew and The Andrew Family Foundation for their recent unrestricted \$5,000 grant to The Bridge Teen Center. This generous grant comes on the heels of a \$50,000 grant from the AFC Public Foundation, also facilitated by Andy and Char. Their generosity has brought us one step closer to making The Bridge Teen Center a reality in the community for hundreds of teens and families. Thank you!

If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved with The Bridge Teen Center, don't delay - let us know. Our momentum is strong, but this vision will only become a reality with the support of the entire community. Together, we can build a Bridge!

For Our Teens,

Priscilla & Rob Steinmetz

The Bridge Teen Center



The Bridge Teen Center is being built by the community, for the community...which means we need YOUR support. Whether you are able to make a one-time donation or a monthly contribution, every gift is significant. Please contact Priscilla or Rob Steinmetz at 708.466.8080 or bridgeteencenter@aol.com for more information about giving opportunities!

Want to make a difference? Help spread the word. Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about The Bridge Teen Center!