

Bridges Safehouse, Inc.

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P. O. Box 1161, Cedar Hill, TX 75106

www.Bridgessafehouse.org

Dear Friends,

Bridges Safehouse has been very busy! In the month of August we were able to serve 10 residents. That does not sound like a very big number, but when you know what really happens at this house, 10 is huge! When the residents come into the house, we make sure they have clothing and any personal products they might need to make their stay easier. Can you imagine what it must feel like to have to make a call to a "shelter" and ask if they might have a room for you and your children? We start on the second day of their stay, to find out what ID they might be missing. (Most of our residents do not have any ID – it has been lost or stolen along the way.) We then start on the journey to obtain their Texas ID, Social Security, & Birth Certificate. Next, we make sure they have a proof of pregnancy, needed to get on Medicaid. With the proof of pregnancy in hand, we are off to the Medicaid office. Next, there is WIC, for basic foods and formula for the baby. Sound like a lot? That is just the beginning! We have educational DVDs for our residents on prenatal care, labor and delivery, parenting and relationships. We have a garden, and the ladies learn to cook fresh food, right from the garden.

There are a lot of heart-to-heart conversations, lots of tears and we have noticed that the residents bond together, and become family. In the evening, our night managers have devotionals with our ladies and there is where we really shine! Just recently one of our residents prayed to receive Christ during one of the devotionals. After counseling with one of our local pastors, she was baptized.

The economy has taken its toll on a lot of ministries this last year, and Bridges has felt this decrease in financial support also. We are excited to tell you about a new opportunity we have to help the community and also bring in financial support for our house. We will be opening **Bridges Thrifty Boutique** in early October. **We need supporters that could give a one-time financial gift to help get the building prepared and ready to open.** You could play a big part in changing the future for a family in crisis!

This community has been so supportive of the women & children we serve. Our volunteers have different backgrounds, attend different churches, and have different stories. Would you consider volunteering just 3 hours a week to make a difference in the life of a young woman who feels she has no hope? Could you share your testimony of how Christ has made a difference in your life and given you hope? Thank you for your continued care and concern for our residents.

Serving Him,

Janet

Janet Herbold
Executive Director

....your face will brighten in innocence. You will be strong and free of fear. You will forget your misery. It will all be gone like water under the **bridge**. Your life will be brighter than the noonday. Any darkness will be bright as morning. You will have courage because you have hope. You will be protected and rest in safety. You will lie down unafraid.." Job 11:15-19



Sherwood Baptist Church in Odessa provided our residents with tickets to the Women of Faith Conference. First Baptist-Cedar Hill provided a van and Ernest Baley drove. Night managers, Irrayna Pittman & Trena Mizell and volunteer, Penny Long also enjoyed the conference with our girls.

Bridges Thrifty Boutique

Opening Soon!

A thrift shop benefiting Bridges Safehouse will be opening in early Oct. New and gently used donations gladly accepted.

Volunteers needed!

For more info call
469-272-4441



Mark your calendars! Oct 2nd 8-11 am
Bridges Annual Community Breakfast
9th Grade School – 1515 W. Beltline

If you would prefer to get our newsletter by E-mail, please send your response to safehouse2004@sbcglobal.net

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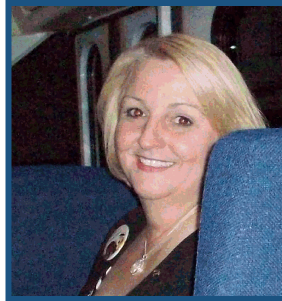
Current Needs:

- NIV Bibles / Thank you cards
- Laundry Detergent / dryer Sheets
- Dishwasher soap/bathroom cleaner
- Toilet Tissue/Paper Towels/Kleenex
- Bathroom cleaner
- Zip-lock bags/13 gal trash bags
- Shampoo/conditioner/hair brushes
- Body/hand cream
- Pump style body wash
- Home Depot Gift Cards
- WalMart Gift Cards
- Target Gift Cards
- Matching twin sheet sets
- Twin blankets/towels
- Luggage/sports bags
- Broom/mop
- Large (45 gal) trash cans
- Clothes Dryer

Thanks
for your
support!



Meet the new Director of Bridges Thrifty Boutique



I am very excited to be joining Janet and the Board of Bridges Safehouse as the new director of the new Bridges Thrifty Boutique. Let me take this opportunity to share a little about myself. I look forward to meeting you in the future as we get the shop up and running in the next few weeks.

My role as Night Manager will continue as I would not dream of giving up with the many changes I have seen in the short time the girls are with us. The most important thing about both roles is that they are ministry based.

I was married to a minister for many years and we pastored several churches throughout Texas. I have 3 wonderful children (2 graduates and one current student of Dallas Baptist University) and one sweet granddaughter who is 8 ½ months old.

I bring to Bridges in excess of 15 years experience as an office manager, having worked in churches of all sizes, a private Christian school and most recently as the Office Manager of a District Denominational office for a 4-state area. I am confident that this project will be successful and bring an amazing support structure to Bridges Safehouse and the ministry we have to our girls.

We will need volunteers in many areas. If you are interested please do not hesitate to call me. Some of the areas we will need assistance are donation sorting, pricing, marketing, displaying, cleaning/straightening, cashier, moving large items, etc. I look forward to hearing from you!

God bless,

Trena Mizell
Director
Bridges Thrifty Boutique

*You are cordially Invited to Attend Our
Annual Community Breakfast
Benefiting
Bridges Safehouse, Inc.*

Menu

- Eggs
- Bacon
- Pancakes
- Pastries
- Fruit
- Milk
- Coffee
- Juice



\$5 - Adults
\$3 - 12 & under

*Saturday, Oct 2, 2010 8-11 am
Ninth Grade Center
1515 W. Beltline Rd. Cedar Hill, TX*

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Cedar Heights Baptist
Dick's Uptown Café
Chicken Express
Walmart

Hillcrest Baptist
KLTY - Starlene Stringer
Kim & Jenny's Cafe
Joy Class - Hillcrest Baptist
Women's Resource Center in Waxahachie

Trinity Church
Smoothie Factory
Café 67
Cruisers Car Club

Sherwood Baptist - Odessa
First Baptist - Cedar Hill
Uptown Mall
Cedar Hill Rotary
First Baptist CH - M & Ms