

Bridges Safehouse, Inc.

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Greetings friends,

In 2010 we were able to serve **60** young women and **27** children. Think about those numbers! Bridges not only provided shelter to 60 homeless pregnant women in crisis situations, but so much more. We provide help obtaining birth certificates, state ID, social security cards, proof of pregnancy, WIC, and Medicaid. We attend church services and the children really enjoy Sunday school!

Two of our residents recently asked their families to come to church services with them. One Sunday morning a grandmother told me "I am here because of my grandchildren. When they come to visit, they are singing songs and telling me what they have learned in Sunday school. My daughter has been learning a lot in church services and devotions at the house, and I wanted to see for myself."

One of our young ladies was raised in a Christian home. When her parents found about her pregnancy, she was told that she would need to leave home and be responsible for her actions. Her boyfriend was not much help. When she came into the house, the first thing I noticed was her bible was very worn. It was the indicator of a young woman looking for truth. She was a very independent young lady and knew what she wanted in life. After a few weeks at Bridges, she began to listen to the wisdom of the older women who served as volunteers and staff at the house. She loved devotions in the evenings. She mentioned that she had accepted Christ as her savior, but was never baptized. We had a revival at church one week. During one of the services she ran down the aisle and told the pastor she wanted to be baptized. We were delighted for her! Steph had been accepted into a shepherding home and was not sure when she would be leaving Bridges. Baptism was set for the next Sunday. Monday evening, she got the call from the shepherding family, and they wanted to pick her up the next afternoon! She seemed disappointed at the news. "My baptism was scheduled for Sunday and I really wanted to finish the work I started at Bridges." We started making calls!! The next morning the baptismal was prepared. The children that attended the "Mom's Day Out" program were escorted into the sanctuary, and were told all about the baptism and the process Steph would go through. Wow! Even the little children were learning from a decision, Steph had made. Just before the baptism took place, I remember hearing the children singing, *Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world*. What a joy just to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of people who were in hopeless situations and find the peace and hope in Jesus.



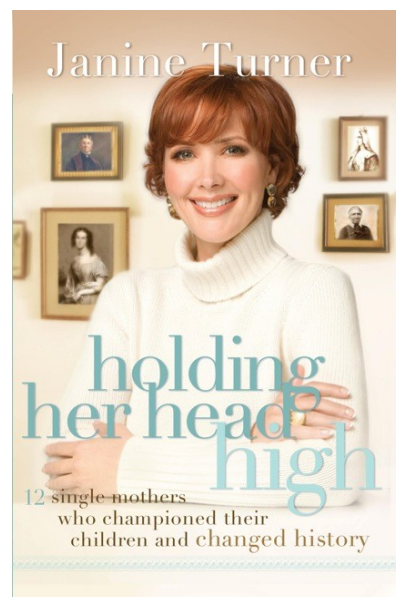
Speaking of being a part of helping the ladies and children, Christmas at the house was amazing! We have never seen such generosity! We had 3 young women and 7 children in the house over the holidays. Each mother was able to go and purchase gifts for their own children with gift cards that were given. They were so thankful for the kindness shown to them during their time of need. Hospitals, schools, churches, organizations and individuals, filled our house with supplies for the house and also gifts for our residents and especially gifts for the children.

The residents were invited to a Christmas Party where they were the guests of honor. I noticed one of the ladies was laughing and having such a good time watching her 3 year old son. When I told her I had not seen her smile like that before, she replied, "I never thought I would ever be in a place like this or see my son so happy." Oh, did I mention we had a baby born on Christmas Day? He was named Emmanuel.

We are planning our **2nd Annual Banquet on Friday, March 11th at Trinity Church**. Our highly acclaimed guest speaker will be Janine Turner, actress and author of [Holding her Head High](#). You might remember her as Maggie O'Connell on the CBS series, Northern Exposure. Sponsorships of \$500-\$1500 are available. We do hope you will be able to join us for a lovely evening. Please tell your friends and family. It is an event not to be missed!

In His Service,

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

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Kitchen trash bags
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#10 Envelopes
Walmart Gift Cards
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You are cordially invited to a
Fundraising Dinner & Program

Benefiting

Bridges Safehouse, Inc.

***Featuring Actress & Author
Janine Turner***

March 11, 2011 7-9 pm

***Trinity Church
1231 E. Pleasant Run
Cedar Hill, TX 75104***

\$50/person - \$400/Table of 8

Please RSVP to 469-272-4441

By March 5, 2011

Payments accepted on website



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We'd like to be your guest!

Perhaps we have been to your church before, or maybe we have never met, but we would like the opportunity to visit you and share with your group or congregation about our mission and the ladies we serve at Bridges Safehouse. We are currently scheduling visits. Call Executive Director Janet Herbold at 214-240-8468



***Bridges Safehouse, Inc.
mission is to provide
transitional housing for
homeless pregnant
women and victims of
sexual assault.***