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First Annual Friendraiser Event Shares Bridge Communities Story

Glen Ellyn, IL – August 4, 2011 – Learn more about Bridge Communities’ Transitional Housing Program in Naperville at the First Annual Friendraiser, being held Tuesday, September 20, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bridge Communities’ Learning Resource Center at 1330 Crab Apple Ct., Naperville. Leave your wallet at home – this is a friendraiser, not a fundraiser! Join Bridge Communities for complimentary food and beverages, meet Bridge staff and volunteers, and learn about how Bridge Communities helps homeless families in Naperville transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency and how you can help. Reservations are required but there is no cost to attend this fun social and informational event. Please feel free to bring a friend and be sure to RSVP to vicky.m.joseph@gmail.com.

“With my NFP involvement, I was amazed that I hadn’t heard about Bridge,” says event co-chair Chad Pedigo, Box Office Manager at North Central College. “The single largest chunk of Bridge Communities’ program is centered in Naperville. For it to be here and Naperville not to know about it surprised me.”

At the Friendraiser, which is being held in Bridge Communities’ newly remodeled Learning Resource Center in Naperville, attendees will learn first-hand the impact that Bridge Communities has on the Naperville community. Bridge Communities staff and volunteers will

be on-hand to share information about the Transitional Housing Program that changes lives and how volunteers can help make a difference now and in the future.

“There are not many programs like Bridge out there giving people tools to permanently overcome homelessness, rather than just looking for a short-term solution,” adds Pedigo. “I really believe it’s benefiting those in need, and I am honored to be a part of it.”

Bridge Communities, Inc., (Bridge) is a dynamic, grassroots, nonprofit organization committed to transforming the lives of homeless families in DuPage County through partnering with talented, resourceful individuals and groups in our community. Its program of transitional housing, mentoring and supportive services empowers the families to increase life skills and earning power to promote self-sufficiency, sustain permanent housing, and to break the cycle of poverty within the family unit. What began by co-founders Mark Milligan and Bob Wahlgren when they decided, in 1988, to begin to help homeless families, has now become a powerful current of change in the lives of hundreds of extremely low to low income at-risk families. For more information about Bridge Communities, please visit www.BridgeCommunities.org or contact Mark Milligan at (630) 545-0610, ext. 10 or mark.milligan@bridgecommunities.org.

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