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Auto Donations Urgently Needed for Bridge Communities Families

Glen Ellyn, IL – November 1, 2011 – Auto donations are needed for families in Bridge Communities' Transitional Housing Program.

There has never been this much need before," stresses Bridge Program Director Karen Stewart. "We currently have six families in need of cars right now."

Stewart explains that Bridge Communities almost never sells donated cars for cash; most cars donated to Bridge are thoroughly inspected and repaired by a local auto repair shop and are then given to Bridge families, who need safe, reliable transportation. Only cars beyond reasonable repair are sold at auction, with the funds going to Bridge Communities. Stewart adds that mechanics say people are keeping their cars longer and often "running them into the ground," so fewer cars are being donated to organizations like Bridge Communities than in the past.

Bridge client families need to get to work to earn money and put away savings; they need to get their kids to and from school and activities to maintain stability in their otherwise stressful young lives; and they need to travel to the grocery store and Laundromat at least once a week.

Anyone interested in donating a car to Bridge Communities should contact Bridge Communities' Program Director Karen Stewart at (630) 545-0610, ext. 17 or

karen.stewart@bridgecommunities.org. Donations are tax deductible.

Bridge Communities, Inc. 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 the 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. To make a donation to support homeless families served by Bridge Communities, or to find out how to support Bridge in other ways, please call Mark Milligan at (630) 545-0610, ext.10 or visit www.bridgecommunities.org.

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