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**The Garage Party Offers a Good Time Benefitting a Good Cause**

*Glen Ellyn, IL – January 18, 2012* – The Garage Party benefitting Bridge Communities' Auto Donation Program takes place Saturday, February 4 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Gearhead European Auto Repair, 474 Forest Avenue in Glen Ellyn. Tickets are \$40 per person and are on sale now at [www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org).

The Garage Party, hosted by the Bridge Builders – a group of community volunteers dedicated to helping Bridge Communities – has become an annual tradition for Glen Ellyn residents looking to fight the winter blues and benefit a worthy cause. The event features live music by the band Local Favorite, appetizers from Tap House Grill, and a cash bar featuring wines from Cab's Wine Bar Bistro. The revenues from the event directly benefit the Auto Donation Program at Bridge Communities, which provides safe, reliable transportation to its clients, who are homeless families in DuPage County.

One of the biggest stumbling blocks for homeless families to get on the road to self-sufficiency, aside from lack of affordable housing, is lack of affordable, reliable transportation. Without it, Bridge clients cannot get to and from work. The Garage Party provides roughly \$40,000 each year to fund the Auto Donation Program.

Bridge Communities thanks the following sponsors of The Garage Party: Gearhead European Auto Repair, Tap House Grill, Cab's Wine Bar Bistro, DuPage Medical Group, Greg Bane Art, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Infiniti of Lisle.

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](http://www.bridgecommunities.org).

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