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(Photo attached)

**100(+) Women Who Care present \$10,600 gift to Bridge Communities of Glen Ellyn**

On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Madeline Gallagher and Karen Guyser, members of the *100(+) Women Who Care* community service club, presented \$10,600 to Bridge Communities of Glen Ellyn.

*100(+) Women Who Care* community service club consists of 116 DuPage County women who have committed to gather four-times per year and at each gathering donate \$100 to a local charity. The cumulative effect of 116 individuals equates into a substantial impact on a deserving organization. 100% of the monies raised goes directly to the selected charity and all charities are based locally in DuPage County.

“Partnering with organizations like Bridge Communities who utilize the talents and resources of so many in the community is unique and valued by everyone in *100(+) Women Who Care*.” says Bridge Communities mentor and nominating *100(+) Women Who Care* member Karen Guyser.

“At Bridge Communities, we help homeless families become active, working residents of our local towns and villages. We are honored to be selected by the women of *100(+) Women Who Care*. The impact that these women are making on our communities is inspirational.” said Bridge Communities Executive Director, Joyce Hothan.

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Bridge Communities... *connecting homeless families to a better future* ... is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, whose mission is to provide transitional housing to homeless families in DuPage County through partnerships with faith-based and community organizations who provide mentoring relationships which root homeless

families into local neighborhoods. Bridge Communities is the largest provider of transitional housing in DuPage County providing over 69,000 shelter night annually. Over the past 19 years, Bridge Communities has helped over 2000 people cross the bridge from homelessness to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

For more information on Bridge Communities please call Mark Milligan at 630-545-0610, x.10. The Bridge Communities web site is [www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org).

For more information on *100(+)* *Women Who Care* in DuPage County, please contact Sally Wiarda at (630) 682-3355 or [100womenwhocare@comcast.net](mailto:100womenwhocare@comcast.net).

Photo caption: Madeline Gallgaher and Karen Guyser of *100(+)* *Women Who Care*, present \$10,600 contribution to Joyce Hothan (center), Executive Director of Bridge Communities.

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