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**Bridge Communities Receives \$25,000 Grant from The Bufka Foundation**

Glen Ellyn, IL – Bridge Communities – a not-for-profit, transitional housing program serving homeless families in DuPage County - was selected through a competitive grant process as a major recipient of funding from The Bufka Foundation based in Palatine, Illinois. The Bufka Foundation is a private family foundation with a mission to provide funds to organizations that reach out to people in desperate need.

The grant will be used to support homeless families in Bridge Communities' Transitional Housing Program to help stabilize the family when they enter the Program and may be experiencing several crises.

"Because of the growing recession hardships, more and more families enter the Bridge Program in a desperate state of crisis. This grant will help us provide the needed items to help stabilize the family so that we can begin to work with them towards creating long-term change," said Joyce Hothan, executive director of Bridge Communities. "We appreciate this grant from The Bufka Foundation and their continued commitment to helping our neighbors with the greatest need."

Bridge Communities partners with 45 faith-based and community-action groups in DuPage County to serve more than 100 homeless families each year. The community partners provide mentors who encourage and work with a family over a two-year period to help them develop life-skills and financial literacy that will lead to permanent housing and long-term independence.

The Bufka Foundation president and founder, Mr. Carl Bufka said, "My charge to the family is to provide funding to organizations serving people in desperate need. Without food, shelter or hope, human dignity is lost."

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Bridge Communities... *connecting homeless families to a better future* ... is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, with offices in Glen Ellyn, 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. In the past 21 years, Bridge Communities has helped over 2000 people cross the bridge from homelessness to permanent housing. Visit [www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org) for more information about how Bridge is transforming the lives of DuPage County homeless families.