

A Bridge Extra

Summer Supplement

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Good Things are Happening!

The Bridge to Recovery is a program designed to help people find relief and sustainable recovery from any number of life damaging hurts, long term hang-ups or life destroying habits.

Week after week, people who have graduated from our workshops send word that good things are happening in their lives. Here are some recent mail bytes we've received over the past few weeks:

"I have definitely made HUGE improvements in my life...I have backed off my enmeshment issues with my family, I have made amends to my sisters...It's amazing the difference the Bridge

has made in my life. It's the BEST thing I ever did for myself."

"Not a day goes by that I don't use what I learned at the Bridge! The last five years have been my best ever and I am so thankful for my time with you. Thank you! Thank you! The joy I have, especially in my upcoming marriage, would not have been possible without you!"

"Thank all of you for an amazing life-changing experience...every day I am finding more of my true self...That terrible black hole in my heart and all that terrible anxiety is gone...Every night in my

gratitude journal I remember all of you!"

Good things are happening at The Bridge to Recovery. Many of our alumni have special memories and fond reflections regarding their time spent and the lessons they learned while staying with us here in South Central Kentucky.

We would like to hear reports from you. How are you and what has life after the Bridge been like for you?

If corresponding by email, please send your comments and stories to Scott Whittle, Director of Development.

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Help The Bridge & Help Others

We are excited to report that The Bridge to Recovery continues helping people from all walks of life, from many different places and with many diverse backgrounds. People from all over the United States, Canada, South America,

England and other assorted places are making their way here.

As we prepare for a new fiscal year, you as friends and alumni can help The Bridge to Recovery and in turn, help others as they find new hope,

freedom, joy and sustainable recovery.

Please consider donating to one of several designated funds that we will utilize to maximize the effectiveness of all our programs and workshops.

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Giving to The Bridge:

- Lives continue being changed due to the work being done through The Bridge.
- You can help us help others find and enjoy abundant lives.
- There are several ways you can donate to our work.
- There are many different funds to which you can designate your gifts.

A Thing or Two About Giving to The Bridge

Throughout its history, many generous people have given their time and financial resources to further the life-giving mission of The Bridge. Every gift and donation is deeply appreciated and makes a life-changing difference to many.

Did you know that you can make donations to The Bridge to Recovery over the phone using your Visa or Mastercard? Many find this to be a beneficial way to make their contributions to our work because it helps them reap the reward incentives provided by their respective credit card programs. Additionally, it gives our donors another tangible document they can use to verify that a donation was made.

To make a donation by credit card, please call our toll free number (877-866-8661) and speak to Vera, Tammy

or Paul. They would be delighted to assist you in any way they can. Plus we'd love to hear how you are doing.

Did you know that your donations to the Bridge can be in the form of automatic bank transfers? Many of our donors appreciate the simplicity of automatic drafts and take advantage of this way to give both one time and/or ongoing donations.

In order to make donations using automatic drafts, please call our toll free number and allow us to set up the transfers with you and your bank. Any encouraging word or donation more than makes our day here at The Bridge.

Did you know that you can designate your donations to any number of specific funds we have set up for the purpose of furthering our efforts in certain areas. The story below briefly out-

lines these different funds. Giving to any of them is a much appreciated investment in both our present and future endeavors.

Did you know that The Bridge to Recovery is a non-profit organization? With that being the case, every donation you make to The Bridge is tax-deductible. After The Bridge to Recovery receives your donation, you will, in turn, be sent a receipt acknowledging your charitable contribution(s).

As a non-profit organization, we are deeply committed to making sure that every donation is used wisely to further the ongoing enhancement and development of programs that advance our mission to change lives and promote sustainable recovery for anyone who participates in our program(s).

The FUNDamentals of Giving to The Bridge

Some people giving to our work have specific interests in supporting certain aspects of what we do.

With this in mind, there are many different funds that The Bridge to Recovery is establishing to support the overall mission of our organization. Your donations can be designated to any fund(s) you specify. However, if you just want to make a simple donation, you are not obligated to specify how you would like your gift to be used.

Here is a summary of the different funds to which you can donate:

The Worthy Client Scholarship Fund — This fund offers immediate financial support to prospective clients currently requesting to participate in our programs but who cannot afford it. Some clients are asking for initial help to get to one of our workshops. Others recog-

nize that they need to stay here longer but can't do so unless their stay is subsidized. Currently, a majority of our scholarships are underwritten by The

Bridge. Your donations to this part of our mission will help make a significant difference in the work we

are doing. There is no telling how your donation to this fund might alter the course of several family trees.

The Endowment Fund — This is perhaps our most ambitious fund. The Bridge to Recovery is currently seeking to establish an Endowment of 5 Million dollars. When fully funded, this will empower The Bridge to make treatment affordable to over a hundred worthy and prospective clients per year. This fund will help us broaden the scope of our work with people from all over the world.

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The Physical Plant Improvement

Fund — After over thirty years in this location, our buildings and grounds are in need of ongoing maintenance and repairs. Your contributions to this fund will be used to improve overall aesthetics, purchase new equipment, do renovations and make some repairs.

The Counselor Development Fund

— Studies have shown that people in helping professions who don't do their own work burn out or are hindered in their effectiveness as counselors. This fund will subsidize the ongoing professional and personal development of our clinical staff.

The Community Outreach and Educa-

tion Fund — This fund will help subsidize our efforts at building relationships and partnerships with people in our own community.

Thank you in advance! Your donations to any of these funds helps energize our overall mission.