

## Dear

Each year, thousands of children in our community face challenges due to physical and mental abuse, divorce, bullying, self- esteem issues and more. The Bridge Youth and Family Services is a social service agency located in Palatine, IL that provides an array of services to help children face these challenges head on and lead them to happier, more successful lives.

Our agency achieves this mission through individual and family counseling, crisis intervention for runaway and locked out youth, mentoring, parenting education workshops, and groups that allow youth to express themselves in a safe environment. Nearly 90% of The Bridge's clients pay a reduced fee for services based on family size and income. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, we will host our *Once Upon A Bridge gala*, celebrating over 50 years of dedicated service to our community. This event will include a five course gourmet dinner, live music entertainment, a live and silent auction and a grand raffle.

We are asking \_\_\_\_\_\_ to partner with us by donating to our silent auction so that we are able to continue providing our services to the youth and their families who rely on us day after day. As a silent auction donor, your name will be included in the event's program book as well as all of our social media sites if participation is confirmed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

You can make a difference! Generous donors, like you, have allowed The Bridge to touch over 3,500 area children and families this past year. I have enclosed our donation form as well as a copy of our 501c3 status. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Tiara Goodwin at 847-485-3085 or tgoodwin@bridgeyouth.org

Kindly,

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\*The Bridge is a 501 (c) 3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Our tax ID number is 23-7093615

