



A bridge is a structure built for the purpose of providing a passage over obstacles.

The Bridge

Violence Ends. Empowerment Begins.

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National Campus Safety Month



MISSION STATEMENT

The prevention and elimination of domestic violence and sexual assault. We work to enhance safety and to promote equality in relationships. We are opposed to the use of violence to control the lives of others. The Bridge is committed to eliminating violence in the lives of women, children, and men through empowerment, education and social change.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

The Bridge promotes healthy relationships. We focus on the safety of victims when working with them. Every situation and individual we work with is different, and so are the outcomes. We continue to do our best to change the lives of the people we work with.

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Every year, college students throughout the country become victims of stalking, robbery, homicide, and other crimes. Efforts made to maintain a safe campus are most successful when the community encourages collaboration among campus staff, administration, students, parents, and community groups. Each year, colleges and universities throughout the country recognize September as National Campus Safety Awareness Month. With **one in five** women the victims of rape or attempted rape in college,

it's more important than ever to learn how you can stay safe on campus, and what you do to spread awareness. This awareness month was initiated by The Clery Center for Security On Campus which is an organization dedicated to safe campus communities nationwide. The organization was founded in 1987 by Connie and Howard Clery following the April 1986 rape and murder of their 19-year-old daughter Jeanne in her Lehigh University dorm room. Her assailant, who is spending life behind bars without

parole, was also a student at the school. Jeanne did not know him prior to the attack. The Clery Act was legislation named in honor of Jeanne and requires all colleges and universities who receive federal funding to share information about crime on campus and their efforts to improve campus safety as well as inform the public of crime in or around campus. Jeanne's legacy has been making students safer so they can live and enjoy life.

Upcoming Events

Chamber Coffee

When: October 6th @ 9am-10am
Where: The Bridge
141 S. Union
Fremont, NE



Candlelight Vigil

When: October 12 @ 6:30pm
Where: Midland University Amphitheatre
8th & Irving
Fremont, NE

PLEASE JOIN US IN REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HAVE SURVIVED.

Staff & Volunteer Spotlight



Take Three! Meet Linda Schlapfer! Linda is our Outreach Communications Coordinator. Prior to taking her position in October of 2016, Linda was a volunteer for the Crisis Line for 18 years. She taught the Children's Group for 10 years.

Linda is a former teacher for the Fremont Public Schools, and retired after 34 years of teaching, in May of 2016. Linda lives in Omaha, NE.

Linda is the middle child of three siblings; oldest, Cathy, and youngest, Liz. She loves spending time with family and friends; enjoying anything that has to do with the outdoors. She married her husband Jim, in July of 1993. She has one daughter, named Catherine Elizabeth. Catherine was adopted from China in 1996, and currently is a senior at UNL, majoring in Animal Science.

Linda was born and educated in Omaha and Grand Island, NE. She graduated from UNL with a Double major in Human Development and Elementary Education. She was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority while at UNL. The Campbell/Schlapfer households have always had dachshunds. Currently, Linda has a black/silver Dapple, named Dewey. He came into their family from a rescue shelter, and steals the "show," with love and attention from family and friends.

Linda loves to entertain, cook, read, and decorate. She can be found enjoying her Saturday, coffee outings with friends. Travel is a top priority on her "bucket" list.

Meet Amy Fachman! Amy has been a Bridge board member for 6 years. Prior to serving on the board, Amy was involved in the Capital Campaign Committee. She educated herself by taking the Volunteer Training offered by The Bridge. Amy stated that this "really helped put into perspective the mission of The Bridge and the challenges faced."

Amy has been married for 17 years to her husband, Mike Fachman. They have two kitties that "rule our world!"

Amy grew up on a family farm 2 hours south of Fremont, not far from the Kansas Border. She was involved in showing horses, cattle and goats while participating in 4-H. Amy attended Diller Community Schools while graduating with a class of 13.

She furthered her education and graduated from the University of NE Lincoln with a degree in Journalism. (Advertising)

Amy and Mike currently are "owned" by two cats: Nellie and Birdie. Birdie was a stray that they rescued from the mean streets of Fremont (along with her two baby boys). Amy states that she would have a dozen cats (if not more) if it wouldn't require so much litter scooping. She would also enjoy having goats, but shares, "I don't think my neighbors would appreciate that!"

We thank Amy for her continued service and passions that correlate with the mission of The Bridge!

"Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."

Participants listen to Suzanne speak about our shelter services.



Run for Shelter Recap

It was the perfect morning for our 3rd Annual Run for Shelter 5k. This year we had 43 participants that ran or walked the course. Our goal continues to be to create more

awareness of the need and importance of safe shelter. The Run for Shelter does just that! Each year it is amazing how many of the participants want to help out or get more in-

involved. We are looking forward to next year's Run!



Incredible Donations

The following names are of those who donated to The Bridge between the dates of Aug. 1-Present. We regret the accidental omission of any donor. Thank you for your donation and continued support; we could not do it without you!

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| -Jeremy Rehwaldt | -Lawrence Paper Co., Jayhawk Box Division | -Carol Sperry |
| -Lois Oliver | | St. Francis Hospital |
| -American Baptist Women-First Baptist Church | -Fremont Monument Company | -Jodi Kocsis |
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| 0Gene Steffy Auto Group | -Patti Bowman | -Lenore Peatrowsky |
| -Pinnacle Bank | -Ann Heideman | -Church of the Nazarene Women's Outreach |

Needs List

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| -Baby Wipes | | |
| -Tampons | | |
| -Size 6 Diapers | | |
| -Printer/Copy Paper | | |
| -Fruit Snacks | | |
| -Snack Crackers | | |
| -Individual Mac n Cheese | | |
| -Cookies | | |
| -Tuna | | |
| -Jelly | | |
| -Hand soap | | |
| | - Self Care items (Nail polish, lotion, body spray, etc.) | |
| | -Kleenex | |
| | -Paper Towels | |
| | | School presentation/ Connect Kids list: |
| | | -16oz coffee cups |
| | | -Jelly beans (Starburst flavor) |
| | | -M & M's |
| | | -Craft sticks |
| | | -Finger paint |
| | | -Construction paper |

“Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.”

Volunteer Training

The volunteer rate remained steady as 62.8 million Americans volunteered 7.9 billion hours last year. Those who volunteer enrich our community and keep our nation strong. Volunteering goes beyond helping other people. Studies have shown that the volunteers themselves benefit, whether through increased job prospects, better health, or even better overall well-being. Nebraska rates 7th highest in volunteer rate, with 34.6% of Nebraskans volunteering their time.

The Bridge is planning a Fall Volunteer Training! We respond to nearly 4,000 crisis calls each year. If you or someone you know would like to get more involved with The Bridge, please encourage them to contact us (402-721-4340) to learn more about volunteer opportunities and the Training.



**24 Hr Crisis Line 1.888.721.4340
1.402.727.7777**

**Email:
info@bridgefromviolence.com**

**FREMONT
141 South Union
1.402.721.4340**

**BLAIR
810 North 22nd Street
1.402.533.4411**

**WEST POINT
500 East Decatur Street
1.402.372.2204**

The Bridge Services

24-Hr Crisis Line: 1.888.721.4340 or 1.402.727.7777, Crisis Intervention, Emergency/ Temporary Shelter, Support Groups for Women and Children, Medical and Legal Referrals, Criminal Justice Advocacy, Men’s Batterers Program, Public Education and Awareness. **Victim services are free, confidential, and available in Spanish.**

Women’s Support Group

Fremont - English & Spanish Women’s Support Groups & Children’s Rainbow Days Group, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30, The Bridge, 141 S Union, **Babysitter available**



LEAVING A LEGACY

A thoughtful planned gift can become a beautiful legacy you leave to The Bridge and to the victims of abuse who come through our doors for years to come. Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts are a few of the many avenues you may consider for continual support. An attorney can help you decide which option best fits your personal needs and financial circumstances.

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