



rebuilding lives

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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2014 is off to a cold start, but as you will read in this newsletter, Bridges is warming the hearts of many! From the women, men and children who benefit from our services to the volunteers who offer their talents, we have an opportunity to touch people's lives. In a month surrounded by symbols of love, I want to thank you for giving of your heart. Whether you donated items, contributed money, or

volunteered time over the last year, you have shared your love with Bridges, and we are extremely grateful. We have some exciting things planned for 2014. We hope you will continue to support our efforts in rebuilding lives. - Linda Crockett Jackson

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SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, February 14 – Special Zumba Class

Angel Faulk, fitness instructor and owner of the Fitness Angel, will hold a class from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. followed by a candlelight vigil at 1710 General George Patton Drive in Brentwood to honor and remember those affected by domestic violence. The cost is \$7 per participant. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Bridges.

Tuesday, February 18 – "Exposing the Ugly Truth" Public Forum

Soroptimist International of Franklin will host a community meeting on human trafficking with guest speaker, Matthew Villamain from End Slavery TN. The event will be held at Otey Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Franklin and is free to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9 – Taste of Williamson

Hosted by United Way of Williamson County, this annual event at Cool Springs Mall brings together the area's finest restaurants from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for an evening of great food, drinks and music. Tickets are \$35 per person. In order to benefit Bridges, please purchase your tickets through Linda Jackson at (615) 714.0150.

Tuesday, April 1 – Women, Wine & Whimsy

Get those creative juices flowing and join us for a ladies' night at Third Coast Clay from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at The Factory at Franklin! Pick a wine glass, vase or flower pot to paint while you enjoy wine and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased



HELPING HANDS

"Your organization's work touches my heart, and I am blessed to be able to make things a little nicer for the children. I'm glad to know my 'labor of love' will serve to take the minds of several children off of their situation. As I was making the rocking horse you now have, I worked with the same love I would use as if I were building it for Anna, my

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Saturday, April 12 – Zumbathon

Mark your calendars for a workout in Spring Hill that will benefit Bridges! More details to follow!

Monday, May 19th – 5th Annual Bridges Domestic Violence Center Scramble

Get your clubs ready and join us for an afternoon at Westhaven Golf Club! Registration includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, gift bags, contests, prizes, silent auction, lunch, dinner, drinks and the awards ceremony. The cost is \$600 per team. Reservations can be made at www.bridgesdvc.org.

Saturday, August 23 – 15th Annual

Gala Jokers & Jackpots returns to The Factory with an evening of casino games, casual gourmet dining, silent auctions, fantasy auctions, dance music and more! The cost is \$90 per person or \$175 per couple. Reservations can be made at www.bridgesdvc.org.

FROM THE VOICE OF A SURVIVOR

"I think I've been through every form of abuse that has been described. It all started at the tender age of 4 and it continued till I was 39, when I finally made the critical decision of escaping my worst nightmare. I've been tormented and tortured, violated and traumatized, threatened and beaten. But still, today I feel whole. I do not see myself as a victim, but as a survivor. In the darkness of despair, I found the light of God in every person that offered help in all different ways...prayer, support, shelter, food, compassion, understanding, clothes and toys to cheer up the kids. I think you need to know you are a part of something greater than you might think. And I am really grateful for our Christmas. I wish you could see my children's faces as they unwrapped their gifts on Christmas morning. It really made my heart sing." - Rita



grand-daughter. It blesses me many times over to know so many little ones will enjoy it. My small thinking was helping to find a needing family. God's glorious thinking found your many families." - Randy

NEEDS LIST

Please call Bridges at (615) 599.5777 if you would like to donate any of the following items:

- All-purpose Cleaners (no Pine-Sol please)
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Indoor Light Bulbs
- Kitchen Size Trash Bags
- Laundry Detergent
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- OTC Medications
- Kroger & Target Gift Cards

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