



March 7, 2011

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Village of Orland Park
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Orland Park, IL 60462

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Dear Paul,

As you may already know, The Bridge Teen Center is in the process of expanding our space in Orland Park. Since opening in June of 2010, we have served well over 200 different students who have made over 600 visits to our facility. We are also excited about the partnerships that have been established with Home Depot, Best Buy, Hershey's, Meijer, and more. The community has truly embraced our mission.

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The Bridge exists because of the generous financial support of individuals, foundations, and businesses in the community. Because we receive no public funding, providing free programs in this difficult economy has been a challenge. The fact is, we could not even consider expanding without the financial support of Home Depot and dozens of volunteer contractors and laborers.

When we renovated our existing space, we spent less than \$10,000. Only those who have seen our facility can truly appreciate that feat. Many materials were donated, as were hundreds of volunteer hours. When that project was completed, we only paid one plumber (\$400 for his services) and the Village of Orland Park (\$1121 for permits and a license for our volunteer General Contractor).

Founders

Rob & Priscilla Steinmetz

With the current project, our materials have been underwritten by Home Depot and we are not paying a single contractor for their services. To date, we have already paid \$300 for a license for our volunteer General Contractor (a license he will not otherwise be using in Orland Park); and we are faced with \$1232 in permit fees that have not yet been paid. It is our hope that the village will consider waiving the upcoming \$1232 in permit fees.

Mission Statement

To provide free programs during after school and unsupervised hours where teenagers can develop mentally, spiritually, physically and emotionally in a safe environment.

We also ask that the village consider a reimbursement for previously paid permits and licenses (\$1121 in 2010 and \$300 in 2011). Given the fact that we are providing free services to many families in and around Orland Park, it is our hope that the village will get behind the mission of The Bridge Teen Center as many others have. The Bridge has been built by the community, for the community; and we hope to include the village among our growing list of supporters.

Location

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thebridgeteencenter.org

Thank you in advance for your generous consideration.

Sincerely,

Priscilla & Rob Steinmetz