

In Awe

NEWS from BRIDGEHAVEN

OUR MISSION:

To empower choices for life through Christ-centered education and support.

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Volunteers Make a Difference

At Bridgehaven, our volunteers are the life-blood of what we do and how much we accomplish. In just the first six months of 2016, our volunteers have put in an astounding 10,153 hours, which correlates to 10 full-time staff! We consider our volunteers an amazing gift for which we are very grateful.

In 2015, we began to notice the many changes in the organization affecting the volunteer experience. To get a better handle on this and to ensure our volunteers were well taken care of, Leanne Rezac, formally Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator, was transitioned to the role of Volunteer Relations Manager.

As Volunteer Relations Manager, Leanne has three focus areas: Recruiting, Engagement and Retention. In addition, she is responsible for on-boarding, training, connecting with and organizing volunteers for various projects. Currently we have 218 active volunteers, working out of two locations (Treasures Quality Resale Shoppe moved to a new location on 8th Ave. SE in 2014). A network of this size needed full-time resources allocated to their care and support. We are blessed to be able to make this happen for our dedicated and loyal volunteers.

In an effort to stay connected with each other throughout the year, we recently launched *Friends 4 Life*. This new group will provide opportunities for staff and volunteers to come together periodically outside the walls of Bridgehaven and Treasures. We had a great turnout at our first event, a Backyard BBQ, held on June 24 at Bridgehaven which included food, fun, fellowship and some great music.

On behalf of all our dedicated staff and volunteers, I thank you for your support. Without you, we would not be able to make changes like these that benefit the operations of the entire ministry. These changes are strategic and in the end make for a life-changing experience for our clients.



Leanne Rezac welcomes and supports volunteers in her new role of Volunteer Relations Manager

*Chelsey McDill,
Executive Director*



Over 100 volunteers and staff met together as Friends 4 Life on June 24 at Bridgehaven.



The Bechtold Gospel Bluegrass Band brought the fun of live music to our Backyard BBQ.

Ministry Needs:

- School Supplies for Back to School Distribution (see other side for list)
- Diapers, pull-ups and wipes
- Similac Advanced Formula
- Instructor—Conversational English class
- Care Closet Clerk—flexible days and hours
- Keurig Coffee Maker for medical waiting room

To see the latest ministry needs, visit the “Get Involved” page at www.bridgehavencr.org

Honorariums & Memorials

In Memory of

- Bernard Witting
- Marty Chalupsky
- Joe Flynn
- Sharon Uhlenhopp
- Shaelyn Shelley
- Steven Ray Carter

Special Thanks to:

- **Target** and **Hy-Vee** for their weekly donations
- **Hy-Vee** for diapers/pull-ups given through their Day of Caring event
- **Faith Bible Church** Vacation Bible School families for donations of food, diapers, and more
- **Mt. Mercy** Capstone Nursing class for material donations
- **Volunteers** who sorted, priced, merchandised and spent their Saturday helping to make Treasures Sidewalk Sale such a tremendous success!

Upcoming Events

July 22-24

Rachel's Vineyard
Weekend Retreat

August 28

Bridgehaven Prayer Vigil
4-5 p.m.

October 1

In Her Shoes
5K Fun Run & Walk
Bridgehaven to Treasures
Register today online!

A Look at 2016 Thus Far

With your help, Bridgehaven has provided the following services and material support to women, men and families in our community during the period of January through June 2016:

- 256 Pregnancy Tests (50 abortion-vulnerable clients)
- 273 Ultrasounds
- 205 Spiritual Discussions with 16 Gospel presentations
- 20,252 Food Items
- 15,194 Diapers
- 351 containers of Formula
- 74 Layettes
- 69 Emergency Assistance recipients
- 1,069 Students reached through Prevention department



Abram Jr. (born in April and pictured here with parents, Abram and Patricia) is just one of the 73 babies who have received a layette in 2016.

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Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Make 100+ kids happy as they head back to school

Each year, we collect donations of school supplies to offer to our clients' children. If you can help, please bring donations in to Bridgehaven by Friday, August 5. We need:



Because of your generosity, last year we were able to provide 117 kids with school supplies.

- Paper—loose leaf/copy
- Notebooks—wide & college-ruled
- Binders (1", 1.5" & 2")
- Pocket folders—all colors
- Highlighters—all colors
- Markers (skinny, fat, regular & dry erase)
- Crayons—24 count
- Pencils—#2 & colored
- Pens—red, black, blue
- Pencil box
- Highlighters
- Watercolor paints
- Erasers—pink
- Glue—sticks & bottles
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Post-it Notes
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox Wipes
- School Bags & Backpacks for boys & girls of all ages

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