



# The Bridgeway Connection

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"Nice to meet you!"

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Please join us  
and help make a difference for our moms and babies this special night!

**BRIDGEWAY TO HOPE 2008 FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, March 8, 2008  
5:30 p.m. ~ 11:00 p.m.  
Belmar Event Center  
405 South Teller Street, Lakewood, CO  
Valet Parking Available

Cocktail Attire

Special Guests  
Honorary Chairperson: Molly Hughes, CBS4 News  
Evening Emcee: Murphy Huston, KOSI 101.1 FM  
Auctioneer: Gary Corbett  
Entertainment Provided by: Talents West & The Promise Band

Individual Tickets: \$125.00 each

CORPORATE TABLES ~ 2 LEVELS:  
Ten Carat Table (seats 10): \$3500.00  
Five Carat Table (seats 10): \$2500.00

Call Bridgeway (303-969-0515) for additional information or to make your reservation today!!



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A JEWEL OF A NIGHT

Each year, everyone involved with our annual "Bridgeway to Hope" Fundraiser strives to provide you with the best event ever. I truly believe you will find this year's fundraiser to be the most fun, different and inspiring Bridgeway event to date.

Almost every area of our fundraiser has something that is new or different:

- ◆ The Belmar sound system has been totally revamped for clear, concise sound throughout the venue
- ◆ Entertainment will be provided all evening – not only toward the end of the night
- ◆ A completely renovated Silent & Super Silent Auction in more areas of Belmar as well as a computer-

ized auction system provided by *Automated Auctions* so you can bid on any item from anywhere in the room!

- ◆ Easy, fast check-in and check-out
- ◆ Beautiful decorations AND a special gift for all attendees

What we need is **you!** Your friends, family, work associates, neighbors.....REMEMBER, the money raised at this event helps us keep our doors open to young moms and their babies everyday. Thank you for supporting "Bridgeway to Hope 2008 Fundraiser". See you on March 8<sup>th</sup>!

Debbie Dispense,  
Director of Fundraising & Special Events

## Bridgeway Photo Gallery



"A smile to light the world"



Christmas brings more smiles



Sharing the night with Santa



Everyone Loves Christmas

## Teamwork Makes Things Happen

Carole Haas, Executive Director



I was trying to think of a way to help our residents understand how many people are behind them, cheering them on, and wishing them the best. I imagine many of you have seen the Verizon commercial. There is someone out there getting through their life as best as they can. Then they turn the camera and behind this person there are hundreds of people helping them make things happen. All of you are that team to our girls. Some of them actually cried when I explained it to them that way, because for many of them it is the first time in their lives that they have had that kind of support. People that they don't even know have their best interests at heart, believe in them, and only want the best for them. In addition to all of that you gave them a very special Christmas. Thanks for making a difference in so many lives.

Our annual Christmas party was

a huge success. Your generosity made it possible and there were so many happy children, friendships renewed, and a sense of coming home for the holidays. Our former Bridgeway babies are growing up. One of them was there helping to face paint the younger kids. There were so many children there helping all of us remember the joy of being a child during this magical time of the year. Again, I want to thank all of you for making this special night possible.

The house is bursting with new babies that came into our lives at the end of the year. One of the girls graduated from high school and her newborn son was able to be there. It was a dream for her that not so long ago seemed impossible

I hope you will consider coming to the fundraiser and enjoy a very fun evening with us. All of you make Bridgeway what it is.

### Exciting Live Auction Items....

Below are just some of the wonderful auction items that will be available....

★ **TRIP FOR TWO to CANCUN, MEXICO**

With Worry Free Vacations Charter  
Includes roundtrip airfare on Worry Free Vacations & \$500.00 gift certificate to apply towards accommodations of your choice!

Donated by: GATEWAY CRUISE & TRAVEL, 303-423-1101

★ **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN AUTOGRAPHED GUITAR**



★ **GOLF AT TROON NORTH G.C. – SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

With airfare for 2 on Southwest Airlines  
Accommodations at Marriott Canyon Villas, Phoenix  
Donated by: Southwest Airlines, Marriott Vacation Club & Troon North G.C.

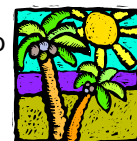


★ **WINE TASTING FOR 8 at JESSUP WINERY ~ NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**



★ **6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS FOR TWO IN HAWAII**

Your choice: Kauai Beach Club OR Ko'Olina Beach Club  
Special thanks to: Marriott Vacation Club



## VOLUNTEER CORNER

I hope that each of you have had a wonderful Holiday Season, and are staying warm and dry in the New Year! To continue my thanks to even more wonderful volunteers, I would like to acknowledge a young lady, Madeline, who chose to have gifts given to Bridgeway for her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, instead of gifts for herself. This sort of unselfish giving is so very refreshing to hear about from our youth. Many churches and groups have hosted Baby Showers, Diaper Drives, and/or Giving Trees at Christmas to benefit Bridgeway, including Christ on the Mountain, St. Bernadette Catholic Church, First Presby-



terian Church of Lakewood, Notre Dame Church, Green Mountain United Methodist Church, Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, McREL, I.N.G., St. Francis Cabrini and many, many more. We are so grateful to all of you for helping to make this a Christmas that our former and current residents will always remember.

The wonderful members of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church provided over 20 Thanksgiving baskets full of food and a certificate for a turkey or ham that we were able to use not only at the Bridgeway house, but also share with several of our former residents and their families.

With our annual fundraiser coming up in March we have several volunteer opportunities that will need to be filled so please call the office at 303-969-0515 and let me know how you would like to help. Thank you again to so many wonderful volunteers!

MaryAnn Forman  
Director of Volunteers

Have an auction item to donate? Or you would like to volunteer at our fundraiser? We can use your help! Please call the Bridgeway office at 303-969-0515 today.



### A SPECIAL LETTER FROM A FORMER BRIDGEWAY RESIDENT

Before coming to Bridgeway, I was in an abusive relationship with the father of my child. I knew I needed another option but was only 16. My parents disapproved of my decision to parent. I was lost, alone and scared.

When I found Bridgeway, I found hope. Almost a decade later I'm back to help in anyway possible. The staff & Carole's dream is really a lifesaver and truly there for each of us everyday.

Sara

### Special thanks to the following EARLY Corporate Sponsors for "Bridgeway to Hope 2008" Fundraiser



UBS Financial Services  
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R & D Pipeline  
PFS Group  
King Soopers

#### A Note from Bridgeway To Hope 08 Co-Chairs:

In the past 21 years, over 500 babies have been blessed by kindhearted contributions from sponsors like you. This March please join us in carrying on this wonderful tradition. This year's benefit promises to be a joyous celebration of these strong and determined moms and their precious 'jewels'. The dinner, dance and auction will be held at the Belmar Event Center in Lakewood. With your continuing generosity and support, we are able to help young women and their children achieve new goals and fulfill previously impossible dreams. Make your individual reservation, or sponsor a corporate table and bring your friends, early as we reached full capacity last year! We wish to thank all the volunteers and committees that consistently make this event such an enormous success. Without your support, this would not be possible.

Thank you.

💎 Terry Hill and Amanda Woods/Bridgeway to Hope Co-Chairs 💎

Thank you to all of you who contribute through payroll deductions!



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## Bridgeway's Winter 2008 Wish List

(We are also registered at [www.babiesrus.com](http://www.babiesrus.com) under the "Bridgeway" Wish List.)



### **MOTHERS**

Prenatal Vitamins  
New Car Seats & Car Seats for children over 20 lbs.  
Books "Eating Well When You Are Expecting", or "What to Eat When You are Expecting", and "What to Expect The Toddler Years"  
Laundry baskets  
New, large, Diaper bags  
Socks

### **BABIES**

Baby Monitors  
Mobiles  
Pacifiers size 1 (newborn)  
Nail clipper kits  
Nose Syringes  
Baby hair brush and comb sets  
Bottle Brushes



Co-Sleeper  
Laundry Detergent for baby items

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Baby food stages 1-3 & Toddler meals  
Bleach  
Tall Kitchen Trash Bags  
Disposable gloves, all sizes

### **HOUSE**

33 & 13 gal. Garbage bags  
Ice Melt  
Power Strips  
Canned fruit  
Toilet Paper  
Light bulbs – 60 watt  
Paper towels  
Cleaning Supplies  
Dish Soap  
Kitchen sponges  
Twin sized mattress pads  
Band-aids

Here's our wish list to help you help us. Gently used clothing items are welcomed. If you're not sure about a donation, please call us at (303) 969-0515.

