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## **BAHEP welcomes The Bridge Over Troubled Waters**

**BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS – Over** the past 40 years, The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., commonly known as The Bridge, has grown into one of the largest, most respected, comprehensive crisis centers in Texas. It is the eighth largest family crisis center in the state. The Bridge has given over 500,000 women, children, and men a hand up, a bridge to cross over, a hug, a life, and a chance. Every year The Bridge serves approximately 20,000 individuals with the purpose of ending domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Bridge is the newest member of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. BAHEP President Bob Mitchell stated, “Unfortunately, there is a tremendous need for the services that The Bridge provides, and fortunately our region has one of the best crisis centers in Texas right here in Pasadena. We sincerely welcome its membership and look forward to partnering with The Bridge in support of its mission.”

The Bridge serves a multitude of purposes – offering a place where survivors can share their story and be heard, presenting a path on which to discover options, and providing the opportunity for clients to receive one-on-one assistance to accomplish their personal goals. The agency addresses underlying causes of domestic and sexual violence and homelessness through the use of crisis intervention by means of direct service programs. The Bridge utilizes evidence-based practices to address the root causes of family violence and integrates them into the provision of its direct service efforts. The Bridge offers research-based, client-centered services to achieve its goals of 1) breaking the cycles of homelessness and violence and 2) rebuilding lives. Bridge services are comprehensive – addressing physical, mental, and emotional needs while always honoring the choices of each client.

In 2011, a new 38,500 square foot, 100-bed, comprehensive crisis center opened, and The Bridge is planning to build a new Bridge for Children community center, which will be able to offer specialized, trauma informed services to more than 200 children and youth each day. The Bridge's team of specialized advocates uses the most current, proven methods to ensure children have fun while learning the skills they need for long-term success in school and in life.

The Bridge is located at 3811 Allen Genoa in Pasadena, Texas. For additional information, call Communications Director Tammie Nielsen at 713.472.0753, Ext. 231, or visit [www.tbotw.org](http://www.tbotw.org). The Bridge's 24-hour Crisis Hotline number is 713.473.2801.

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