

THE BRIDGE BEACON

The Bridge at Birch Bay Newsletter

May 2017

Exciting things are happening at The Bridge!

The main room interior is almost done! Work on insulating and sheet rocking the back half of the building will begin soon, to prepare space for our Bike Shop, a second meeting room, a technology office, and storage.

The Boutique is now open three days a week! Days and hours will expand during the summer.

The Coffee Bar will open in early summer! This will feature a full service espresso bar serving hot and cold coffee drinks and Italian sodas. Outside dining will be available in the summer, too.

Grace Core chaplain training is in full swing! Eight students are starting Level 2 training and work at the Lighthouse Mission, and four new students are beginning Level 1 training.

The Learning Center is on track to open this fall! Tutors are signed up and computer stations are being set up.

People in the community are already being helped!
 (See article on back page.)

The Bridge Needs List

- financial sponsors
- newer, standard household-size refrigerator/freezer
- under counter commercial refrigerator
- tables and chairs for outdoor dining area
- children's table/chair set
- handheld garment steamer
- small safe
- tables for Learning Center
- cubicle dividers

If you can help provide any of these items, please contact us.

Watch for info on our Grand Opening Celebration later this summer!



The Coffee Bar will be ready to open in early summer!

Coffee Cup Counseling

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Beginning June 6th

An 8 week introductory course in Biblical Counseling for those who want to gain skill and wisdom in caring for people who are hurting.

Cost: \$20
 RSVP required - 366-8763 or
info@thebridgebirchbay.com.

People have already been helped!

A man who ended up in Birch Bay with nothing but the clothes on his back was provided with additional clothing.

A gentleman who lost everything in a house fire was provided with a new computer and clothing.

A single mom and her daughters who were stranded overnight with no money when their car broke down were provided with a gift card for food while their car was being repaired.

A troubled youth has a distraction-free environment for learning with his public school tutor.

To continue to provide these and other services to the Birch Bay community, we need your help!

Your donations will provide:

- free tutoring and a place where Birch Bay students can access the internet for studying.
- trained counselors available to help those facing various life challenges and crises.
- food, clothing, and other assistance for those with physical needs.
- a place where community members can connect with one another.
- a place where those who are lonely can find a friend and someone to listen.
- and so much more!

Bridge Builders Needed!

The facility is almost ready to go. Volunteers are signed up.

Now we need financial sponsors to help cover operating costs so the doors can be opened to serve our community.

Projected operating costs are \$5000 a month. Just 200 people committing to give \$25 a month can make this happen!

Will you be a Bridge Builder with a monthly gift of \$25, \$50, or more? Recurring donations on your credit card can be set up at www.thebridgebirchbay.com. Or checks may be made out to The Bridge at Birch Bay and mailed to 4550 Birch Bay-Lynden Road, PMB #1228, Blaine, WA 98230. One time donations are also gratefully accepted!

Thank you for making a difference for the Birch Bay community! Your donation will be a blessing for so many!

Contact Us

Have questions? Please get in touch with us. We'd love to talk with you!

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