

## A Message from the CEO

**Else Pedersen- Wasson**  
MBA, LAC

First and foremost we want to thank all of you for the great support we have experienced in coping with the loss of Buzzy Gaiennie. Buzzy led Bridge House from 1984 until this past August. We continue to feel his influence and presence in our daily work. It is my great honor to be named by our Board of Directors as the new Chief Executive Officer of Bridge House Corporation. We will pay tribute to the memory of Buzzy by carrying on the important work of Bridge House / Grace House. The mission of Bridge House / Grace House is to provide gender specific treatment to men and women who have become dependent on alcohol or drugs so that they may lead sober and productive lives. Long-term residential services are offered in



Chief Executive Officer  
Else Pedersen-Wasson

an atmosphere that promotes dignity, honor and respect. These services are offered regardless of one's ability to pay. This is the mission that Buzzy dedicated his life to. We ask for your support to continue fulfilling this mission.

Supporters like you offer unlimited opportunity to those who are shrugged off and condemned by many.

The individuals who come to Bridge House for services are perhaps some of the most troubled and confused people in all of society. Their disease of addiction is often misinterpreted, misunderstood and dismissed as a lack of moral fortitude. We know our residents in quite a different way. We know that no one would choose to be an alcoholic or a drug addict.

We know that the emotional toll that the disease takes is immeasurable. It is very challenging to be a participant in our programs. Sure, we make it as easy as we can to enter treatment, but we would not want to minimize the act of entering treatment. That in and of itself is an admission

## Residents Reflect on the Holidays

My feelings are mixed about being in Grace House for the holidays. I will miss out with spending time with my 15yr. old daughter most, but actually the last couple of Christmases I was miserable and going through withdrawals at home and alone. This will be the first year in almost 8-9 years that I will be clean and sober, so being away from my family for these holidays is actually worth the sacrifice. **Lela L.**

Although Bridge House is not my permanent residence, I have never felt so at home, in the spirit of giving, as I do this Holiday Season. **Pat. T.**

It probably sounds strange, but I am actually very grateful to be in Grace House for the holidays. I have spent the last few Christmas's in detox or isolating from my family. There isn't much to celebrate in active addiction. This year I have nothing to hide from my loved ones and a lot to celebrate. I'm looking forward to experiencing the holidays with a clear mind and a clean conscience for the first time in a long time. **Abi N.**

The holidays bring on a lot of hurt to me because of not being with my family. The feelings of true love I feel for them are real for once in my life now and not diluted by alcohol. Bridge House has given my life back to me and to live it clean and sober allowing me to be with

### By The Numbers Jan1- Sept 30, 2011

**Calls for Help: 8446**

**Daily Capacity: 215**

These numbers reflect the overwhelming demand for our substance abuse treatment services

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# Major Gifts

## Kevin Gardere Director of Major Gifts

Thanks to your loyal support we have been able to increase our capacity to 215 people being helped everyday at Bridge House / Grace House. While expanding, we have also been able to maintain the quality treatment that has saved thousands of lives in our community.

We could not have done this without your support. 77% of our operating budget comes from your donations. 30 % comes from your monetary donations, 24% comes from your donations to our thrift store, and 20% comes from your donation of vehicles.

46 of our 193 residential treatment beds are partially funded through our city, state, and federal contracts. Because of your support we are offering services to many more individuals (beyond the scope of our contracted beds) who have a sincere desire to



Kevin Gardere

change. There is no great challenge for us in filling our beds. We receive over 1,200 phone calls a month from individuals requesting our services.

Bridge House/ Grace House simply would not exist without your help. We, in turn, provide a vital community service that positively affects some of the major problems of the metro area such as crime, healthcare, and parenting just to name a few. 2011 has been another successful year for Bridge House / Grace House, and in our fundraising efforts.

We realize that 2012 will bring some new challenges. Some of our major pledges for our expansion funds will be fulfilled at the end of 2011. Our op-

erating expenses will continue to rise primarily due to our increased capacity, but with your continued commit-

## Calling all alumni

If you are a former resident of Bridge House / Grace House and would like to submit your journey to sobriety to our newsletter, please call

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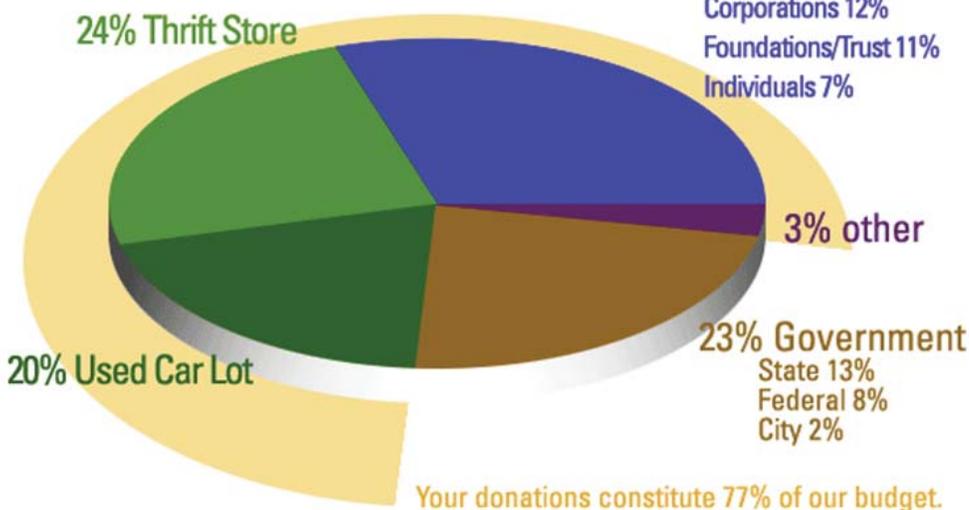
ment to Bridge House/Grace House, we will continue to provide substance abuse services to the homeless, indigent, uninsured, and unemployed individuals of our community. Your continued support of Bridge House / Grace House is deeply appreciated, and it is helping us save lives.

If you would like to find out more about our programs and perhaps take a tour of our new building or one of our other facilities, please contact me at (504)821-7133 or [kevin@bridgehouse.org](mailto:kevin@bridgehouse.org). Thanks again, and Happy Holidays.

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# Passages

FROM



REBUILDING LIVES FOR MEN, WITH DIGNITY, HONOR & RESPECT

Passages

A News Publication of Bridge House

## The Buzz

During this season we remember Buzzy Gaiennie with one of his past holiday columns of The Buzz. We cherish his life and continue to fulfill his vision for Bridge House / Grace House.

*It's cold here today. For the past several evenings, the city has declared a freeze night. The homeless huddle close together to share their bodily warmth when they can find no place to stay. Many local homeless shelters open their doors on these cold nights and provide food and a warm place to sleep for the night. No one is turned away. Much is the same here at Bridge House, where we open our doors to those seeking treatment for their addictions.*

*Many years ago, a man and his wife had left their home and found themselves in a small town as the night approached. They, too, could find no inn which would provide them shelter. The woman was pregnant, and her husband knew she should not stay the night in the open. He found an animal stall in the little town where they were allowed to stay; and there in a manger, nothing more than a hay-filled feeding trough, the woman laid the child to whom she had just given birth. Perhaps the animals in the stall shared their warmth with the family, and all kept warm.*

*Just as the people of that small*

*town did not know at the time who it was that had been born that night in the stable, we at Bridge House do not know who comes to our doors seeking help. We do know, however, that we are all, as the stable child many years ago, children of God.*

*They were all babies once, gurgling with joy as someone fed them, clean sheets on which their life's story would be written. What could have happened to bring them now to our doors? All the great books in all the libraries of the world cannot fully answer that question, but Bridge House's mission is to serve all we can without judging them. Many times, they will enter Bridge House for treatment, and a year later, will walk out as a new person. see BUZZ on page 10*

### CEO from p. 1

of defeat – the recovery expression is “sick and tired of being sick and tired”. Walking through the doors is an act of desperation but it is also an act of immense courage. The resolve one has walking in the door must then take on the principles of perseverance and vigilance to remain in treatment. The journey only begins with the discontinued use of mood altering substances. The alcoholic or addict will no longer be able to use drugs or alcohol to deal with life – past life, present life or future life. The good news is that with this resolve to recover, day by day it can be done. We offer acceptance and love to those who have been lost in their addiction and consequently lost

to society, their friends and their families. Our residents have everything to gain and everything to lose. It is an odd contradiction, but that is just one of the many paradoxes of recovery.

We too can get caught up in the day to day busy routine. But at this time of the year we really must pause and realize that we have an environment that has an amazing effect on the individuals that we are here to serve. This environment is created with our staff, our supporters and our communities of residents.

***It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny.***

In a Christmas Eve sermon delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1967

This is a beautiful place. We are witnesses to small and large miracles every day.

The Bridge House / Grace House family offer you and your family warm wishes for a great season of peace and gratitude for our many blessings. Thank you for your continued support of Bridge House / Grace House. We, along with you, are parts of this network of mutuality and together we are tied into a single garment of destiny.

It enhances all of our lives beyond measure.

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# Family Systems

## Bridge House Clinical Corner

A family system functions as a unit and each member of the family plays a unique and critical role in the system. The behavior of any family member affects all of the other family members in some way. One member of the family system cannot change without that change affecting all of the other members of the family. In a previous newsletter the role of families in the Intervention process was discussed. There is a parallel process when the family as a unit becomes "sick and tired" of being "sick and tired." The identified patient experiences the same despair as he/she moves through the stages of change. The stages go from thinking about getting some help with the disease of addiction (Pre-contemplative Stage) to actually getting the necessary help in treatment (Action Stage). The family or the individual with the addictive disorder might be the first to say enough is enough. Change is always challenging but at a point it is harder to imagine one more day of pain than to face the fear of asking for, and receiving help. Denial is always present in some shape or form for the individual as well as for the family system. If the individual or the family gets professional and/or recovery support help in dealing with the addictive disorder there will be positive change.

At the most basic level, families need to be about the survival and growth of all of the family members. The family needs to provide for the emotional and developmental needs of family members, teaching and modeling coping behaviors. Research

indicates self-esteem originates in the family and the family is the major source of socialization for all individuals. Most families are to some degree dysfunctional but they work. The healthy family exhibits a number of traits that help with supporting positive growth. The style is open in that concerns are appropriately shared. There are not a lot of secrets and family members are not afraid to discuss things that happen with people outside of the family unit. Authority in the family is shared between spouses or adult partners and the boundaries are clear and strong. Parenting in a healthy family is firm but fair and discipline is age appropriate and based on creating insight with consequences for behavior. Feelings in a healthy family are shared and worked through as necessary. The communication is as clear, open, and honest as possible. There is structure and predictability with time management but enough flexibility to allow for comfort with changes in the schedule. The healthy family is about a set of ethical principles and doing the next right thing. It is interesting that looking at a healthy family system is a parallel process to the growth of an individual in recovery. Families could explore how the gifts of Twelve Step Recovery can move a family system toward happy, joyous, and free feelings. Family recovery is available through Al-Anon.

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## *REFLECTIONS from p. 1*

my family in the future holidays. They will have their son, brother, and nephew back that they once knew and I will have the freedom to love again and to live the life God has for me. **Kevin L.**

As family oriented as I am, living at Grace House during this time of the year makes me home sick. However, during my recovery, the ladies here at Grace House have become my family, and for that, I'm grateful. Grace House is my home this year. **Tricia A.**

Being at Bridge House during the Holidays gives me an opportunity to be part of something bigger than me. **Trace T.**

Early into my second attempt at sustained sobriety, I am looking forward to the coming holidays. Experiencing Thanksgiving and Christmas sober and in a safe environment allows me to reflect on past memories in which I shared these times with my family, and also gives me hope for a better future, contingent upon my commitment to change. Voracious eating, fraternity, and relaxation are all things I look forward to during the holidays, and I will be more appreciative than ever to enjoy them.

**Randolph P.**

## A Grateful Parent

*Just a quick note to let you know that we deeply appreciate all of the help you have extended to our son...he is a good man with a big problem that Mom and Dad can't fix. It is because of the dedication of people like yourself that gives families like ours, HOPE.*

*Thank You and Bridge House for coming to his rescue.*

# AMAZING *Grace* FROM Grace House



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Amazing Grace

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## Benefits of a Working Recovery

**Michelle Gaiennie, LCSW, ADS  
Grace House Executive Director**

During this holiday season I have spent much time reflecting over my past eight years at Grace House. When I joined Grace House in 2003 I immediately saw the overwhelming need in the Greater New Orleans area for more residential substance abuse treatment beds for women who do not have the ability to pay. Grace House has grown and expanded over the last two years to attempt to meet this need. This has always been a dream of mine and many others who supported the expansion.

Grace House started with 25 residential substance abuse treatment beds at our 1401 Delachaise location and we continue to operate this program. We now have 45 additional beds for women at our 1160 Camp Street location. Our 70 substance abuse treatment beds stay full and we always operate with a waiting list.

Grace House provides a therapeutic environment for women to gain the life skills they need to live a sober and productive life. This does not happen over a short period of time and that is why our program provides long term residential substance abuse treatment from three months to one year. The length of treatment is based on the unique needs of each client. Our clients come from all socioeconomic groups with the majority having lost everything to the

disease of addiction. Many of the individuals that come to us have been so consumed by their addiction that they have lost their family, the ability to maintain a job, housing and the basic ability to care for themselves.

While living at Grace House clients go through a very intensive structured program focusing on the best practices of substance abuse treatment in addition to our Working Recovery program. The Working Recovery program teaches our clients the skills they will need to get and maintain a job. Each Grace House client is assigned a therapeutic job to help them work on their employment skills. Therapeutic jobs include working at the Bridge House Thrift Stores, Bridge House Used Car Lot, computer department, business office, fundraising department, kitchen, housekeeping and receptionist. Individuals who have not worked in years are given the opportunity to work with a job supervisor and a vocational counselor as they gain and improve their job skills.

We consider the Working Recovery



Michelle Gaiennie

*see Benefits on page 6*

## Reconnecting Families

**From an Alumna**

I am a 30 year old single mother and am an active part of my son's life now thanks to Grace House. When I walked in the doors of Grace House I didn't think recovery was possible. I had just spent time in jail for heroin possession, got out and wanted to change but I didn't know how. My brother completed Bridge House and after some convincing, I decided to go to treatment myself. The staff was friendly, professional, and most of all I felt like they genuinely cared about me. I completed Grace House on December 13, 2010. I am in the Permanent Housing Program which makes it possible to be an active parent in my son's life. In my addiction I would have never thought any of these changes would be possible. Grace House taught me life skills, boundaries, and how to use them. I wish every addict had the honesty, open-mindedness and willingness to do this program. It is worth it!

**Amy L.**



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# Domestic Violence & Substance Abuse

## Grace House Clinical Corner

1 in 4 women has experienced domestic violence in her lifetime. Between 600,000 and 6 million women are victims of domestic violence each year. Women ages 20-24 are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.

According to the National Coalition of Domestic Violence (NCADV), domestic violence victims are 15 times more prone to abuse alcohol and 9 times more likely to abuse drugs than those who have not been abused. The NCADV also indicated that 36% of women who had been abused also dealt with substance abuse issues. It is believed that **80% of domestic violence cases are connected in some way to substance abuse**. This can set the stage for children to enter the cycle of abuse and violence as adults themselves.

For women who abuse drugs or alcohol, the risk may be higher for experiencing domestic violence because the substances can impair her ability to make a decision to leave during an episode or to seek help. Some women may be more likely to turn to alcohol to manage the emotional or physical pain of being a victim of domestic violence.

Offering individualized, gender specific treatment at Grace House allows us to address the overwhelming trend of domestic violence in our Seeking Safety and Intimate Relationships groups that are offered weekly. Some of the topics discussed in these groups are: PTSD, Safety, healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, honesty, asking for help, healing from anger, when substances control you, and recovery

thinking, among many others.

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## **BENEFITS... continued from p. 5**

component of the program just as important as the substance abuse counseling. Our hope is to give our clients the skills to maintain sobriety, employment, housing, a support system and reunite with their families. The majority of our clients that complete the program meet these goals. Upon completion of the Grace House program we highly encourage all alumni to attend our weekly aftercare program and incorporate the 12 Step program of Alcoholic Anonymous and/or Narcotics Anonymous into their daily lives. This ongoing support is so important because recovery from alcohol and drug addiction is a process that individuals need to work on throughout their life, it is much more than completing a program.

***Wishing everyone a Happy  
Holiday filled with much joy.***

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# The Gift of Life

## From a current resident

I am a 42 year old Latina woman. I was born in El Salvador in June of 1969. My father is an alcoholic which I thought I would never become myself.

I have been drinking on and off of over two decades. I've managed to gather a few years of sobriety here and there. During my last relapse I lost everything including my soul. I came to Grace House without much hope. I not only learned to stop drinking, but learned to live in sobriety, to love myself, to get to know myself, and more than anything, to have a relationship with God.

Grace House gave me the gift of life. Where else do you have the luxury to work on yourself day in a day out with guidance and support? I came to Grace House broken and now I am whole. I came lost and now I have a path. I came to Grace House to stop being miserable and now I love life!

**Karina**

## The Parents Toll-Free Helpline

is a new bilingual helpline for parents and caregivers of teens who are struggling with addiction. The person on the other end of the line is a social worker who has experience in working with youth substance abuse. They are there to provide advice, resources and a plan. Sponsored by the Partnership at Drugfree.org, The helpline is staffed Mon.- Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**1-855-378-4373**

## Mr. Legs XI

Over 800 people attended for an evening of food, entertainment, auction, and of course, the bizarre **Mr. Legs XI** spectacle. The event celebrated its 11th anniversary on July 16, 2011 at Generations Hall in the Warehouse District of New Orleans.

At the conclusion of the evening, Mr. Legs XI was most definitely a philanthropic success, and it helped Bridge House / Grace House continue its mission of rebuilding the lives of those who suffer from the disease of addiction.

The contestants assisted us in raising money through their participation in a runway exposition that was side-splittingly entertaining.

This year's pageant presented a collection of figures of popular culture, including Cher, Pee Wee Herman, Prince, Vanilla Ice, "The Most Interesting Man in the World," and Rep. Anthony Weiner, among others. But the winner of the title of Mr. Legs XI was **Roberto Espinoza** as the hot and spicy Mr. Tabasco. He raised over \$3,000 for Bridge House / Grace House to win the competition.

Other winners included: Skinniest Legs-**Hunter Gardner**, Hairiest Legs-**Jonathan Porter**, Pigmentally Challenged Legs-**Landon Tucker**, Sexiest Legs-**Jay Grisoli**, and Best Costume-**Steve Carnes** as "Snookie."

The raffle prize of seven days and nights at any Marriott Hotel worldwide was won by **Adam Itrincevich**, and there were numerous auction winners whose bids added to the event's fund-

raising success.

We greatly appreciate the service of all our volunteers. WWL-TV personalities Laura Buchtel and Mike Hoss emceed the event, and the panel of judges included **Becky Allen, Jodi Borello, Trash, and Spud McConnell**. **The H.G. Breland Band** rocked the pre-contest festivities, and still more entertainment was provided by the **Muff-o-Lottas**, the **Rolling Elvi**, and the **610 Stompers**. We are so grateful to all the sponsors, donors, individual volunteers, and the contestants themselves, all of whom truly made this another great success.



Mr. Legs 2011  
Roberto Espinoza

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Mr. Legs Contestants on stage at Generations Hall

## Rockin' with the NOLA Stars

Rockin with the NOLA Stars turned out to be a fun and fantastic event and a huge success for Bridge House / Grace House! The silent auction kept the 500+ guests bidding throughout the night and tons of food from over 40 restaurants kept them full. The HG Breland Band got the crowd started into a dancing mood for the main event: seven different local celebrities paired with professional dancers competing for the number one spot. The crowd cheered them on and was able to join in the fun when David Sepulveda led the crowds in a demonstration of "The Wobble". Chet Pourciau was crowned this year's "Rockin' with the NOLA Stars Champion" and also received the Judge's Choice award, while President of the Bridge House / Grace House Board of Directors, Sharonda Williams, won the Audience's Choice Award. Bridge House / Grace



Chet Pourciau & Dance Partner  
Janis Hornsby

House thanks all the dancers, Nathalie G. Adams and Dance Quarter for their professional dance instruction, Bruce Katz of WGNO TV our great MC, and the judges: Mickey Loomis, Mickey Parenton, Cecile Tebo, Al Copeland, Jr., and Joe Helm.

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Rockin' Stars: Chriss Knight, Triness Kuhn, Martin Marino, Nell Nolan, Chet Pourciau, and Sharonda Williams (not pictured: David Sepulveda) with their dance partners with Emcee Bruce Katz, WGNO-TV

# Fore! Recovery Golf Tournament

The UPS Fore! Recovery Golf Tournament was another great success for Bridge House / Grace House. A perfect day of golf was enjoyed by all participants and sponsors on Monday October 10, 2011 at English Turn Golf and County Club. An excellent luncheon was provided in the Clubhouse by Eiserloh and additional superb food was hosted out on the golf course by Acme Oyster House, Hooters and Delmonico's. Did anyone win the \$1 Million Dollar Hole-In-One Contest? No, but it was very, VERY, CLOSE! One of our players gently bounced a ball juuuuuuuust over the cup!

Other highlights of the day included the flat screen TV raffle, and the highly competitive Ipad Putting Contest. Everyone had a wonderful time and our fund raising objectives were met; all through the spirit Fore! Recovery



UPS Representatives present a check for \$25,000 to Else Pedersen-Wasson from Bridge House / Grace House



Bill Mimeles & winning foursome: Mark Heller, Bart Dornier, Damien Serauskas, and Craig Trahan, Jr.

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son, free of their addiction and gainfully employed.

*We serve homeless dinners to the community three times a year. Our merger with Grace House, a women's residential facility that mirrors the program of Bridge House, is now complete. The mission of Bridge House continues to expand as we discover new needs within the community, and as our funding allows.*

*No words can express the gratitude which I, our staff and residents feel toward the Bridge House supporters who*

*have been so faithful in these trying months since Katrina. Bridge House is being rebuilt as a more effective, more far-reaching institution. Our core mission, residential treatment for the addicted, is benefitting from our new*



*Therapeutic Community approach, and our outreach to our neighbors in need is reaching further than ever before. I truly feel that there is nowhere on Earth more exciting or more rewarding to be than at Bridge House today. I know that all of us, supporters, donors, staff and residents alike, are making an important difference in our world. Please join us in this thrilling venture to serve those most in need.*

*I wish for everyone a wonderful new year filled with health, prosperity, love and, especially, with peace.*

- Buzzy Gaiennie December 2006

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La Madeleine	N.O. Museum Of Art	Shutter Fish LLC
La Nuit Comedy Theater	N.O. Opera Association	Smitty's Seafood Restaurant
La Petit Fleur	N.O. Saints	Starbucks Coffee Company
Lakeside Toyota	N.O. School of Cooking	Street Scene Gallery
Lakeview Harbor	N.O. Silversmiths	Studio 504 Photography
Lamina Sterling	Nirvana	Sutton Gallery
Le Pavillion Hotel	No Bull Barbecue	Suzette's
Liberty's Kitchen	No Fleas Market	SWEET - purveyors of petite treats, LLC
Lirette Selections	NOLA Rugs/Jacqueline Vance Rugs	T Women's Apparel
Los Sombreros	NOLA Tattoo	Terrance D. Osborne
LA Children's Museum	Octavia Books	The Bicycle Connection, Inc.
LA Cookin' Magazine	O'Henry's Food & Spirits	The Crabnet
Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra	One Restaurant & Lounge	The Garden Gates
LA Pizza Kitchen	Orient Expressed	The Lake House
Uptown	P.F. Chang's China Bistro	The Round-Up
LA State Museum	Paper Chase	Tommy's Flower Shop
Lucky Ladle	Parkway Bakery and Tavern	Tony Mandina's Restaurant
Maison Dupuy Hotel	Patio Drugs	Torino Leather Co.
Maple Street Books	Perlis Clothing Inc.	TPC--Louisiana
Maple Street Patisserie	Philip Lawrence	Tulane Summer Lyric Theatre
Marriott Hotel	Phil's Grill	Tyger Gifts
Martin Wine Cellar Store	Pigeon Caterers	Vacherie
Maurice French Pastries	Pippen Lane	Victoria
Meauxbar Bistro	Planet Beach	Villere's Floral Shop
Meson 923	Praline Connection	Voleo's Seafood Restaurant
Meyer the Hatter, Ltd.	Premier Fitness	Weinstein's Inc.
Michael V. Miceli	Preservation Hall	Wild Lotus Yoga
Michelle Girardin	Puglia's Sporting Goods	Windsor Court Hotel
Mike's on the Avenue	Quarter Smith	Ye Olde College Inn
Mimi	Ralph Brennan Restaurant Group	Yvonne LaFleur
Miss Claudia's Vintage Clothing & Costumes	Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church	Zea Rotisserie & Grill
Mon Coeur	Renaissance Publishing	Zeus Place
Morton's Seafood Restau-	Robert Guthrie at Gallery	

## Upcoming Events

### Cochon Cotillion

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World Eastbank

7pm-11pm

King Brian Batt & Queen Barbara Gaiennie

Tickets \$100

Super Silent Auction, Indoor Parade, Open Bar, Food from New Orleans's Finest Restaurants!

### Recycled Fashion Show

Friday, February 3, 2012

Southport Hall

7:30PM

Tickets: \$25

VIP :\$40

Local Designers create runway fashions from materials found at the Bridge House Thrift Stores. These items are auctioned off the night of the show



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\$20 will pay for one individual to eat for one week

\$60 will pay for recovery books and workbooks for one individual

\$70 will pay for treatment for one individual for one day.

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