



June 11, 2012

Sharon Fischman  
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Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your in-kind donation to Bridging. After facing the challenge of paying for housing and food costs, many low-income individuals and families cannot afford to purchase even the most basic household furniture. Without the generous in-kind support of organizations such as Empty The Nest, Bridging would not be able to fill the lives of its clients with hope and dignity by providing them with much-needed household items.

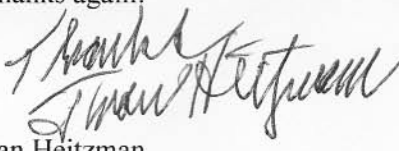
With the in-kind support of organizations like you, Bridging was able to provide 12,000 individuals and families with beds that kept their heads off the floor at night and dining room tables that allowed them eat together as a family. By relieving the pressure of purchasing furnishings, Bridging's services provide families with a comfortable home and allow them to focus on other crucial matters in their life. One poignant example is Patricia, a single mother who was attempting to enroll in nursing school while paying for rent and the daily expenses of raising seven children—leaving no money for furniture. After coming to Bridging she wrote....

*"Dear Bridging, it has been a year since I received household supplies and furnishings following my divorce. After months of sleeping on the couch, it has been great to have a bed. All my girls go to my room to lounge and read. We have a couch that doesn't sag, enough towels and sheets, a coffee maker and a blender. I've had coffee for 350 days. We have made smoothies. I used the light you gave us to finish my first year of nursing school. Thank you! My son and six daughters thank you also. Your volunteers were generous and nice. Thanks for helping me make a fresh start."*

Consequently, Empty The Nest's generosity enhances thousands of lives by giving low-income individuals and families the capacity to pursue life-altering opportunities. For current information on Bridging, please visit [www.bridging.org](http://www.bridging.org). Thanks again!

Sincerely,

  
Sara Sternberger  
Executive Director

  
Fran Heitzman  
Founder

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*No goods or services were rendered in exchange for the contribution*

Bridging, Inc. does not make representation to specific valuations of any donated items. However, we are pleased to substantiate the following in accordance with IRS regulations regarding this type of donation:

- The items will be used in compliance with IRS section 170 (e) (3). Bridging will use the items with relation to its exempt purposes and solely for the economically disadvantaged in transition. Bridging will not transfer the items in exchange for money, other property, or services.
- Bridging is a U.S. nonprofit, public charity; it is not a private foundation. Bridging is a tax-exempt, 501 (c) (3) charitable corporation which, as described in Section 170 (c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, is qualified to receive tax deductible contributions.
- Bridging will maintain adequate books and records to show the disposition of the items, which will be made available to the Internal Revenue Service upon request.