



Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Building Bridges is now accepting applications for persons wanting to participate in our Volunteer Training Program to be offered in the Fall 2011. Hospice of San Angelo started this unique children's program almost 20 years ago.

Building Bridges was designed specifically to address the needs of children in grief. It offers understanding and support for any child in the community (grades K-12) who has lost a significant loved one to death. The children come for six consecutive weeks on Tuesday nights, beginning in October, and are facilitated in small groups by trained volunteers. This is NOT therapy, but rather a time of skilled and directed listening to children.

The 6 week volunteer training is scheduled for the following times:

Tuesday, August 16	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, August 23	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, August 30	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, September 6	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, September 13	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, September 20	6:00pm to 9:00pm

Attendance at **ALL** of these sessions is required in order to facilitate at the Building Bridges sessions. If you are interested in participating in this training, please complete the attached form and return it to Hospice of San Angelo by **Tuesday, August 2nd**. In order to cover the cost of the training materials, we request a \$15.00 donation to Building Bridges. Our training class is limited to 8 people.

This training would be beneficial for anybody who currently works with children, or has the desire to learn about the grief process in children. The training does NOT obligate you to commit to be a Building Bridges volunteer.

If you have any questions concerning this training or about our program, please call me at the Hospice of San Angelo number listed below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Vines
Building Bridges Director

**Please mail the completed application to: Hospice of San Angelo, Inc.
P.O. Box 471
San Angelo, TX 76902

BUILDING BRIDGES
A Program for Grieving Children
Sponsored by Hospice of San Angelo, Inc.

Name _____ Date _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street or PO Box) (City) (Zip)

Phone _____
(Home) (Work or Mobile)

Birthday _____ Place of Employment _____

Previous/Current volunteer experience _____

Previous/Current work experience _____

Education/Field of Study _____

Languages Spoken _____

Have you ever been fired from a volunteer or paid position? _____ If yes, explain the
circumstances: _____

Have you ever been arrested and convicted of a crime? _____ If yes, explain the
circumstances: _____

Driver's License Number _____
A security check will be made on all volunteers for the safety of the families we serve.

Have you ever had an experience in your background related to child abuse (physical, sexual or
emotional)? _____

What has led you to offer your services to Building Bridges and Hospice of San Angelo?

What are your expectations about your involvement in this program?

Have you experienced a death of a family member or close friend? Please comment on your experience and how long it has been since the death.

Are you willing to attend all sessions of the training course, cooperate with the program coordinator to determine placement, and be a consistent and reliable volunteer? _____

Signature _____

Date _____

A personal interview is required prior to acceptance into the Building Bridges volunteer program.

ALL INFORMATION GIVEN IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL.