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Bridge Newsletter

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Mission Statement

We believe every person has worth and dignity and deserves the opportunity to experience emotional happiness, hope, health, relief, and recovery.

Bridge Counseling is dedicated to providing the services to help people build effective lives.

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Bridge Therapist, Cynthia Mota, Thesis Published

Cynthia Mota, MS, MFT-I, CADC-I, is one of our therapists on the Spanish Team. Cynthia is originally from the San Francisco Bay Area and has lived in Las Vegas for 22 years. Prior to becoming a therapist, Cynthia taught middle school English/ESL and elementary Bilingual classes for several years, designed and administered a translation services program for Spanish



We are so proud of Cynthia and the contribution she makes to Bridge's mission to provide the best possible services to our Spanish and English speaking clients. Congratulations!

speaking persons living with HIV/AIDS in conjunction with the Ryan White Consortium, and worked in the private sector conducting training for construction workers. Cynthia graduated from the UNLV MFT Program in December 2010 and began as a contract therapist with BCA in August of 2010. In August 2011, she became a full-time staff member.

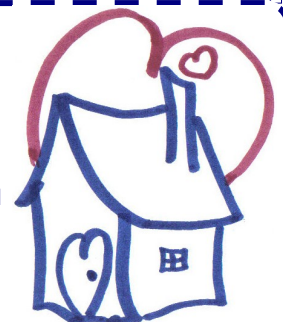
Cynthia has received final acceptance of her article, "Incorporating Fiction and Fantasy into Family Therapy," to be published in the Journal of Family Psychotherapy; Markie L.C. Blumer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at UNLV, is the co-author on the publication. The modality described in the article makes use of inspirational characters or relational situations from client-selected fiction which may include popular novels, comic books, films, or television serial-dramas. Client may also generate their own fictional material. The clients imagine themselves as the characters of their chosen story, processing their presenting problem while achieving conflict resolution.

Annual Event Postponed Until September

This year's event will take place in September during National Recovery Month which highlights the advantages to the community and individuals who benefit from treatment. Recovery month also educates the public on substance abuse as a national health crisis. Addiction is treatable and recovery is possible. Join us as we celebrate the successes of individuals, treatment providers, families, friends and coworkers.

Our annual fundraising event, which normally takes place in April, is temporarily postponed due to our move to a new location. We've unpacked all our boxes (well, most of them) and we are making plans to commemorate our grand opening. We look forward to inviting everyone in the community to our new office so you can help us celebrate and see what we've done with the place. This is an event we want to share with all of you who have supported us over the past forty years.

We are collecting donations for the event (see enclosed insert), so please contact Juanita Maxwell or just drop off your items at our office. Don't forget to fill out the form included with this newsletter. Our new address: 1640 Alta Drive, #4, Las Vegas, NV 89106. We have the same phone number (702-474-6450). We look forward to seeing you at our grand-opening celebration.



Home Is Where The Heart Is 2012 is temporarily postponed. We will announce the new date soon. Stay tuned for more info. We are collecting donations for the event. See insert for more info.

Our New Home: 1640 Alta Drive, Suite 4

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Bridge has been changing
lives one family at a
time since 1971

**Child abuse
prevention and
family preservation
are our main focus.
Treatment of
families is essential.**



*A view of our courtyard from
several of our offices.*

If you would like to
make a tax-deductible
donation to help us
purchase equipment
and supplies for our
new office, please use
the form on this page
(New Building Fund).
You can also make a
secure donation online
by visiting our website:
www.bcalv.com



**New address: 1640 Alta, Suite #4
Las Vegas, NV 89106. Our phone
number remains the same 474-6450.**



Would you like to buy a chair for our lobby or sponsor other needed items for our new office? Make a general New Building Fund Donation or choose a specific item or two. Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. See form below.

Much of the equipment we currently own is outdated or falling apart. Many items did not make it to the new building. If you would like to make a contribution toward our **New Building Fund** to help us purchase new office equipment, please indicate the amount on the form below. Then plan to attend our Open House to see your donations in action.



Emi Olmeztoprak, MFT-I, CADCI



Katie Infante, MFT-I, CADCI



Therapists, Emi Olmeztoprak and Katie Infante, working in their new offices, provide treatment services to families in the Child Welfare System. Bridge is changing lives one family at a time.

Yes, I would like to help with Bridge's Building Fund! Please apply the following donation toward the items indicated on this form. You can also make a secure donation online. Just visit our website and click on the donate link. www.bcalv.com

Name:	Phone:
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City:	Zip:
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Featured Board Member, Natalie Montas



Natalie Montas, Member at Large, serves on our current board of directors. She has been a board member since 2011.

Our newest board member, Natalie Montas, member at large, has been on our Board of Directors since 2011. "It is a great organization that helps the community by offering counseling, parenting classes, drug classes, and much more." Natalie is a full-time student and hopes to complete her degree next year.

Natalie also trains with an organization called Team Challenge to prepare for the mental and physical challenges of running half marathons to raise funds for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

States Ms. Montas, "I previously sat on the Circus Circus Hotel Diversity Council and also held the position of Diversity Council Secretary. I was also actively involved in the VOICE Foundation committee at Circus Circus for MGMMIRAGE as well as coached the co-ed softball team that was put together by our Diversity Council."

With such a diverse background in the volunteer field, Natalie is a natural fit for "Team Bridge." We look forward to utilizing Natalie's talents for fundraising and team working with the community to raise awareness of Bridge's benefit to the community of Las Vegas. Welcome aboard Natalie.

A tax-deductible gift can provide counseling services to at-risk children and their families here in Las Vegas. Please consider a donation to help preserve families in need of crisis services. For more information about our programs please contact our office 702-474-6450

Support Child Abuse Prevention and Family Preservation

Bridge Counseling is changing lives one family at a time. Your tax-deductible donation will provide services to at-risk children and their families.

Please apply my donation to the programs checked

- ☐ Infants and toddlers
☐ Pre School 2-6 years
☐ School Age 6-12 years
☐ Teens up to 18 years
☐ New Building Fund

Amount

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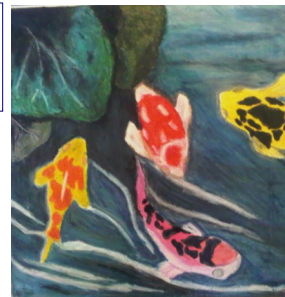
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Signature _____



Ten-year-old artist, Lorin Tseu, donates **Mighty Koi Dragon** to raise funds for child abuse prevention.

Your donation will help defray the cost of services to at-risk families.

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Support Children's Mental Health

**September is National Recovery Month.
 Addiction is Treatable and Recovery is Possible.**

**Make a
 difference in a
 child's life.**

**Charitable Giving Can
 Last a Lifetime**

Clip this form and return
 in the enclosed
 envelope or mail to:

**Bridge Counseling
 Associates**
 1640 Alta Drive,
 Suite #4
 Las Vegas, NV 89106

Your donation is tax-
 deductible to the fullest
 extent of the law.





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Counseling Associates

New Address

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Fax: 702-474-6463**

**Celebrating 40 Years,
Bridging the Road to Help
Families Heal**



Our Board of Directors for 2012

Chris Carothers has served on our board since 1996 and currently serves as board **President**.

Ron Thompson is our current **Vice President** and has served in several officer positions since 2001.

Dr. Nancy Karr serves as our current **Treasurer** and has been a board member since 2009.

Candace Young-Richey is this year's **Secretary** and has served on our board since 2005.

Natalie Montas is a **Member-At-Large**. She joins our board as our newest member with compassion to serve our community.

Our board meets monthly to review agency policies and/or procedures and recommends client-driven, programmatic improvements to existing and future treatment programs at Bridge.

Thanks to our board members, Bridge's mission to serve the community has remained intact since 1971.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our board to serve the community of Las Vegas children who have been exposed to abuse, neglect or endangerment and can make a commitment of time, resources and energy, please contact our office at 702-474-6450.

We're in Our New Home

Please look for an upcoming announcement regarding our Grand Opening Celebration at our new location 1640 Alta, #4, Las Vegas, 89106 (behind the new LVMPD building on Alta and MLK).

We would like you to be a part of our big celebration along with the community of Las Vegas. Visit our website and sign up to be on our invitation list for the grand opening. Just click on the link and add your email. You can also give us a call and we'll add your name to the invite list. We look forward to seeing you there. Call (702) 474-6450 x123 for more info.



Courtyard view...and a great place to have a party. Please be our guest at the upcoming open house.