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BRIDGING ANNOUNCES RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE PICK UP PROGRAM

MINNEAPOLIS (March 23, 2009) --- Bridging Inc., a Twin Cities non-profit organization that distributes free furniture and household goods to people in need, announces a residential pick up program for residents in the seven county area of Minneapolis, St. Paul and surrounding suburbs.

Donors are still invited to drop off their items at either the Bloomington (201 W. 87th St.) or Roseville (1633 Terrace Drive) warehouse Monday through Saturday. Now, there is also the option to have your donations picked up at your home. This service will incur a minimum fee of \$75. These fees help cover the hard costs of gasoline, truck upkeep and repair, warehouse overhead and more.

"There are many other organizations that offer free pick up service, however those organizations typically sell the items picked up to generate the revenue to operate their programs," stated Ron Osterbauer, Executive Director of Bridging. "Bridging gives away the items free of charge to our clients, so this fee simply covers the cost of the pick up service."

To find out more and to schedule a pick up of furniture and household goods, call 952-888-1105.

Bridging relies heavily on items donated by area residents and businesses to redistribute to others in the community in need. More than 60% of the items distributed by Bridging facilities to clients are obtained through residential donations, so the generosity of individuals is instrumental in the ability for Bridging to continue its services.

Over 130 families per week shop at the two Bridging facilities in Bloomington and Roseville. Each family is able to shop for the necessary items to make their house into a home, including furniture, beds, bedding, kitchen items and more.

Bridging Inc. provides families in need with the equivalent of 15 semis of furniture each week, keeping many of the items out of local landfills.

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Bridging employs 25 full-time employees and operates over 52,000 square feet of warehouse in Bloomington (MN) and Roseville. In 2009, Bridging will provide services to over 6,000 families. Since its inception, Bridging has provided free household items and furnishings to over 46,000 families in need. Bridging relies on referrals from 225 social service agencies and the generosity of more than 7,000 volunteers who donate over 90,000 hours annually. For more information on Bridging Inc., visit www.bridging.org <<http://www.bridging.org/>>.

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