

**HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL of **

The Mission of the Houston Area Council of ABWA is to promote involvement among participating Chapters and Express Networks and to provide opportunities for combined activities to enhance our membership, to publicize ABWA and to promote education within our community.

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**“Excellence in Achievement Award” Application**

**Member Organization Name**

Describe how this Council member organization has fulfilled the Council mission statement to promote involvement and provide opportunities to enhance our membership, publicize ABWA or promote education with our community. Use another sheet of paper if needed.

South East Express Network (SEEN) sponsored “Stock the Pantry” for The Bridge over Troubled Waters at our January 13, 2011 meeting and learned about the wonderful work that The Bridge does in our community to assist survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence.

Thanks to the generous effort of our network and network members we contributed \$495.00 to The Bridge and we also gained a new member – Kim Kankel, Development Specialist at The Bridge.

The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., (The Bridge) a comprehensive crisis center, assists survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence and those who are homeless due to these circumstances or another crisis. As the only center of its kind in southeast Harris County, Texas, The Bridge annually serves approximately 20,000 people through residential/non-residential services and community outreach and prevention/education programs. Since 1978, our agency has been a bridge to healing and self sufficiency for the communities of Channelview, Deer Park, Galena Park, Houston, Jacinto City, La Porte, Pasadena and South Houston.

SEEN’s President-Elect Gaylyn Devine has served on the Board for The Bridge for about 8 years and she states, “I have the highest respect for what they do for our Community”.

In February, the network participated in “The Great Underwear Dance XIII” to benefit veterans at the Houston VA Hospital. The members donated men’s and women’s sock, underwear and other under garments to be given to veterans who are being treated at the hospital.

In March, the network supported new member Kathy Bullard by participating in her “Adopt A Mom for Mother’s Day” project. Members donated \$25 so that each child that is in the Texas Children’s or MD Anderson Cancer Center that is undergoing treatment can give their Mom a mother’s day gift. Kathy is an Executive Director with Mary Kay and will be coordinating the gifts which will be attractively presented Mary Kay Products with a retail value of over \$40.00.

I feel SEEN is very worthy of the Excellence in Achievement Award as our network not only supported and publicized ABWA through our financial support of this wonderful organization that serves such a great need in our community but also enhanced our membership through education about domestic/sexual violence, supporting our veterans, giving children who are facing challenging medical treatment a way to make their mothers feel special and in addition gaining three new ABWA member.

**Submitted by:** Myrleen P. Knott, SEEN VP of Communication      **Date:**

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Application **deadline is April 20, 2011 at NOON** for presentation at the Houston Area Council of ABWA May 4, 2011 meeting. Please email your completed forms back to Gaylyn DeVine at [Gaylyn@tls-graphics.com](mailto:Gaylyn@tls-graphics.com). Good Luck!