



## Outstanding Staff Member

**Lisa Boschma**

The Bridge Alternative High School  
Brighton Area Schools  
Brighton, Michigan

When we give credit for a school's success, we frequently acknowledge the teaching staff and principal. Often overlooked are the other professional staff who serve an essential role in the school. School Social Workers often provide relationships and support for students that no one else on staff can. In the words of her colleagues, Lisa Boschma is an "incredible" asset to the staff and students at The Bridge Alternative High School in Brighton.

Lisa's official title at The Bridge is Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Coordinator. However, she is described as performing a multitude of functions that are not listed in her job description. Lisa has introduced and maintained several new programs including: *RENEW*, a program "specially designed to support youth with emotional and behavioral challenges move smoothly from high school to higher education, work, or a career beyond high school", the school's Care Closet for students in need of clothing and/or toiletry items, Angels of Kindness encouraging students to be caught in acts of kindness that are acknowledged at the end of the school day; MAEO STARS advisor for students participating in all three annual leadership events; volunteer experiences including serving evening meals to the homeless in *God's Kitchen*, helping seniors in their homes with raking and shoveling, and the list goes on...

There is not a member of the staff or the student body that does not have high regard for the work that Lisa does at The Bridge. Asst. Superintendent Laura Surrey stated: "From our first meeting, it was clear that Lisa is committed to

helping at risk students find success-academically and personally. The letters of support only reinforced this; it was very clear from the many positive comments that she is well-loved, well-respected and very much appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS Lisa!**