

CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.

Dear Bridge of Hope Neighbors,

I am writing to you with a heart filled with **JOY!** In June, we celebrated the graduation of Bonnie and her two sons from our program. Bonnie rose up and broke the cycle of homelessness for herself and her family. Her Neighboring Volunteers walked with her and supported her throughout the program. In Bonnie's words, *"I went from not being able to get out of bed to being able to **THRIVE**, work, and be the mom I need to be. I'm no longer scared. I'm no longer shutting down."*

Bonnie is now living as an **EMPOWERED** woman. She told me about being Employee of the Month at her workplace and how much it means to her to give back. In her job, she interacts with many people, and she faithfully tries to find a meaningful way to bless each person and make their day better. One customer told her, "You don't know how much your positivity means to me. I have stage four cancer and I come in here each week to see you." That customer's name is **HOPE**.

Bonnie's heart is full of **GRATITUDE**. She shared, *"I would like to thank all of the amazing people that have contributed to and work for Bridge of Hope. You have truly blessed my family! With the loving positivity I experienced through my Neighboring Volunteers and the staff of Bridge of Hope, I went from being homeless with two boys to having an apartment and being able to budget my money to afford and care for my apartment on my own so that I won't have to face homelessness again. This program has helped strengthen our family ties and our faith. Bridge of Hope wasn't a temporary handout, but a true "hand-up" that gave me the chance to better myself as a Christian, a mother, and as a whole person. Thank you for everything you have done!"*

Spirit's work is rooted in God's **ABUNDANCE**. When we participate in it, we get to glimpse the endless ripple effects of **LOVE** at work. Bonnie's story is what Bridge of Hope is all about. When you give to Bridge of Hope, this is the kind of world you are helping to build.

Please continue to pray for Bonnie and her family, and please pray for Bonnie's friend Hope. Your prayers for the families, Neighboring Volunteers, and Bridge of Hope staff and board are also helping to build a world where God's **GOODNESS** is reality.

We offer special thanks to the Neighboring Volunteer group from Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, who participated in the program along with Bonnie.



Trusting in God's **FAITHFULNESS**,

Chris

Our Mission

To engage
Christian faith communities
in ending family homelessness
through neighboring relationships
that demonstrate Christ's love.

Who We Are...

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Our Vision

Harrisonburg-Rockingham,
a community
where no family
is homeless.

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Neighborhood Needs



Tangible ways you can help build a world of **HOPE** include financial donations, furniture donations, connecting Bridge of Hope with your church, participating as a Neighboring Volunteer, and attending an upcoming fundraiser!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Annual Beans & Brews Fundraiser
Friday, August 16th
4:00-11:00pm
Brothers Craft Brewing

Locavore Love Your Neighbor Dinner 2019
Saturday, November 16th
Doors open at 5:00pm
Muhlenberg Lutheran Church



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