

CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.

Dear Neighbors,

There is so much to share with you!

2019 end on a strong note as Marie and her two children were finally housed in safe and sustainable housing after years of transient living. Mateo, her son, is getting the support he needs at a new school. Their Neighboring Volunteers have been present and supportive. They are no longer living in social isolation without hope. Marie and her children will continue to receive holistic, whole-family case management to reach the goals she has set to break the cycle of homelessness in their lives. Marie and her children “came home” two days before Christmas, to a beautifully furnished apartment with a Christmas tree and presents, all donations from our local community.



Ariel is graduating this month and she is shining! She is holding down two jobs and just moved into a new apartment with her toddler. What is amazing about her story is that she broke a cycle of generational homelessness for herself and her son. As she reflected on what she had learned in a parenting class, she said, **“Character comes from security and security from the trust of parents. The amount you care for your child really affects the rest of their life and is essential for their growth.”** It’s awe-inspiring to witness God use Bridge of Hope to help people to move mountains in their lives. Ariel said, **“God saw my desire to want to improve my life. Physically and relationally it was not possible, but God made a way. That’s amazing!”** Ariel has become a leader for the rest of her family, and she feels called to model strength and hope to others.

As we grow, we are realizing that we need to expand the organizational infrastructure to help carry the work. In that vein, we recently hired our first Administrative Assistant, Pamela Hoffeditz. We are so happy to have Pam joining the Bridge of Hope Neighborhood as a staff member. Please pop onto our website to read Pam’s bio!

This year we will be celebrating our Ten Year Anniversary of serving families in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County! Because of you, we are serving more families than ever before and are looking to increase that number in 2020. Thank you to those who supported us at the Locavore *Love Your Neighbor* Event in November, gave at the Cantore & Shekinah Concert in December, and responded to the Annual Appeal. Every part of this work truly is a community effort. Together we are responding to Jesus’ call to love our neighbors as ourselves.



With Gratitude,



Our Mission

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

Who We Are...

Chris Hoover Seidel
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Administrative Assistant

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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!

Do you have skills and experience to share? Consider serving on our board of directors. Contact us for an application.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Can We Talk? Conversations for Change Through Story and Song
with Ted Swartz & Ken Medema
Saturday, March 7th at 7pm
Bridgewater Church of the Brethren
Free Admission/Offering for Bridge of Hope!

Great Community Give
Wednesday, April 22
www.greatcommunitygive.org



GIVING

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