

CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.

Dear Bridge of Hope Neighbors,

God's Spirit is moving among us! We begin with gratitude for all of the wonderful things happening at Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham.

We give thanks for our new social worker! Jane Ellen Reid has joined us on staff and is carefully working toward our goal of having 4-6 active families in our program by the end of our fiscal year, March 31.

We give thanks for a new family! A 23-year-old woman and her one-year-old son have just entered our program!

We give thanks for the testimony of Jasmina. I recently spoke with Jasmina, a single mother with two boys who is the latest graduate of our program. Jasmina had experienced domestic violence and ended up in a shelter. It was a desperate situation and she had lost all hope before entering our program. Now Jasmina and her sons are thriving and finding ways to give back to the local community! They are a true inspiration!

We give thanks for far-reaching ripple effects. One of our board members, a local professor, complemented a student's performance one day this past spring. Their conversation led him to share about his involvement with Bridge of Hope. To his surprise, the student told him that she was one of the children in our very first Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham family! We never know what ripple effects will result from our investment.

We give thanks for grant funds! We recently received funds from The Karis Project and The Community Foundation, recognizing the value of our work in the local community.

We give thanks for churches! Local churches have stepped forward to participate in our program through Neighboring Volunteer groups who seek to love, encourage, and walk with the families in our program. Specifically, we honor The First Church of the Nazarene, Edom United Methodist Church, and Asbury United Methodist Church. The church is THE partner in our program and part of what makes our model so unique.

We give thanks for volunteers. Our board members and fundraising committee volunteers are working hard to prepare for our two upcoming fundraisers. Join us for:

Beans & Brews @ Pale Fire ~ September 29th (1pm)

Locavore Dinner @ Muhlenburg Lutheran Church ~ November 3 (5:30pm)

LOCAL HOMELESSNESS FACTS & FIGURES

- ◇ Top Three Causes of Homelessness:
 1. Lack of Affordable Housing
 2. Lack of Living Wage
 3. Domestic Violence
- ◇ A person making minimum wage would need to work at least 69 hours per week to afford rent at fair market rate (as defined by Housing and Urban Development).

The good news is that Jesus calls us to be neighbors in this community.
Your support of Bridge of Hope has impact.
And so, we end with gratitude as well...



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



Our families need your prayers!

We are in need of furniture donations as we work to house new families entering our program this fall.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with meal service at the Locavore Dinner on November 3.

We want to spread the word about Bridge of Hope. We'd love to present at your church. Can you help make this possible?

We depend on your financial support to keep our program going and growing!

GIVING

Monetary donations are always appreciated as they help us to continue to make hope a reality for families facing homelessness. We can provide rental assistance and other support as families build resilience and journey toward financial stability.

CREATIVE GIVING

Some of our supporters share the opportunity for generosity by providing a service and asking their clients to pay by making a donation to Bridge of Hope. Not only is this a gift of time, it also draws others into the Bridge of Hope neighborhood.



HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

Consider donating to Bridge of Hope in someone's name as a Holiday Gift this coming Christmas Season. We will provide a special donation card for your gift. This is one of the most powerful gifts that could be given and received.

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.

-John 1:14 (MSG)

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about ways to get involved.

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