

CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.

Dear Neighbors,

We are already deep into the work of 2021. It's Groundhog Day as I write this, and even while piles of snow are outside my window, it's a reminder that spring is around the corner. With spring comes new possibilities, warmer weather, and hopes that neighbors can soon look into each others' faces even from a distance.

A lot has been happening here at Bridge of Hope, and I'm eager to update you. But first and as always, I want to zoom in on the work of our program. Here's a snapshot of a current Neighborhood of Support:

Case Manger Jane Ellen shares, "As the new year began, Aria took some time to reflect on what she wants to accomplish and ways she can maximize the benefits for her family. When we met for our first session of 2021, she shared her thoughts and her intentions. She is highly motivated and is developing successful strategies to take action on her goals - which are large, complex and at times, daunting. The goals are now clear and specific."

Neighboring Volunteer Courtney shares, "To have a special relationship where Aria can share her challenges with me and without judgement from me, is my goal. I feel that God is helping me to learn patience and trust his timing, which is hard for me. I want things to happen now, and I'm used to stepping up and making it happen. In this instance, that is not what I am to do, but instead, to walk with Aria."

Family Leader Aria, mother of two young children, shares, "This program has helped me to experience a personal shift, to gain focus instead of focusing on everything. I've come a long way in living on my own and doing things on my own. The neighboring volunteers are there and that's good. It's something I can use in my life. The experience has been therapeutic."

We celebrate this transformative experience for all and that hope is on the horizon for Aria and her family.

What's New...

In November, we hired a second case manager, Makayla Fulmer, who has hit the ground running!

In December, Jane Ellen announced her plan to retire and so we want to publicly thank her for her important role in supporting our families through case management. Blessings for the next chapter! We are currently in the hiring process for a new case manager.

In January, Wanda Hamilton replaced Lois Shank as board chair. We are grateful for Lois's incredible leadership and lasting impact. Please check out our board list for other changes.

In February, Bridge of Hope National announced it had officially adopted a fourth organizational value: Practicing Cultural Humility. This value joins 1. Following Jesus, 2. Embracing the Church and 3. Choosing Hope.

Our gratitude for your support knows no bounds. As we reflected on all that happened in 2020, we are grateful for your dedication and faithfulness. We doubled our staff and expanded to serve more families. You made this possible, and it has made a huge difference for families like Aria's.

With Hope,

WINTER 2021

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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where no family
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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April 21, 2021

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