

# CREATING CONNECTIONS TO HOUSING AND HOPE

## 2023-2024 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT





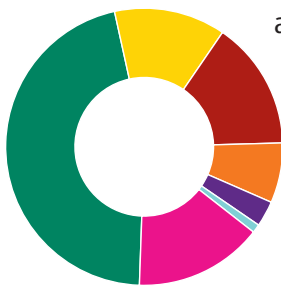
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## A Message from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer

Who are you creating connections for? Our mission of engaging Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness is all about creating connections! We are amazed by the connections made every day, as God prompts us to respond to needs by loving our neighbors:

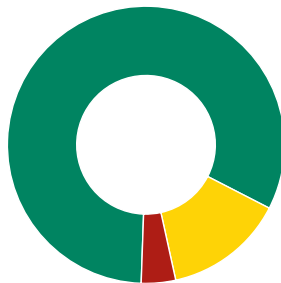
- A donor sends a gift earmarked for “housing” right on the same day that a landlord requires an additional \$1,400 in upfront costs before allowing a family to move into housing. **A donation connects a family to housing!**
- A Neighboring Volunteer connects with someone they know who owns property and this person agrees to rent to a family who have been living in a hotel for two years. **Through one relationship, housing is found!**
- A board member’s connection to someone selling a car means that a mom in Bridge of Hope purchases the car at a low cost, saving her money instead of Ubering to work, creating a path for financial sustainability for her family. **With one connection, a family finds financial stability because of transportation.**
- One financial advisor’s advocacy for rental housing inspires four different landlords to rent to families in Bridge of Hope this past year. **One connector creates multiple housing opportunities.**
- Two donors, one in Lancaster County, PA and one in Washington D.C., **donated property to Bridge of Hope**

to ensure these units become affordable rental units, both now and in the future.



### INCOME

**Total: .....\$2,250,658**  
 Individuals .....46%  
 Gala and Golf Events 13%  
 Foundations.....15%  
 Corporate Giving ..... 7%  
 Church Giving ..... 3%  
 Location Fees .....1%  
 Donated Services .....15%



### EXPENSES

**Total: .....\$2,241,172**  
 Program .....82%  
 Fundraising ..... 14%  
 Administrative ..... 4%

This past year, as the housing crisis across the country has continued to tighten the market for struggling families, the number of days it took to find housing for a family actually decreased across all Bridge of Hope locations (from 63 to 54 days), in part because our days to connect a family to their Neighboring Volunteers also decreased (from 83 to 61 days). The willingness of the church to step forward in faith to neighbor a family and utilize their connections truly ends homelessness sooner!

As the housing crisis continues, it is taking longer for families to stabilize, increasing the average time families receive Bridge of Hope services from 18 to 20.5 months this past year.

**Your financial and neighboring support helps create connections** that lead to safe housing and new-found hope for families facing homelessness. In the midst of this nationwide housing crisis and the growing number of calls for help, you are helping us set a pace for more growth and increased rental housing.

Thank you for creating connections through your support of Bridge of Hope!

**334**  
 Leaders of Hope  
 Giving Society  
 Members

**38**  
 Legacy of Hope  
 Planned Giving  
 Society Members

**101**  
 Friends of Hope  
 Monthly Donors

**1228**  
 Total Donors

Donors from  
**37**  
 States plus  
 Washington D.C.



*Bethany Shue Nussbaum*  
 Bethany Shue Nussbaum  
 Board Chair, 2022-2025



*Edith Yoder*  
 Edith Yoder  
 Chief Executive Officer

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<https://bridgeofhopeinc.org/about/public-accountability/>

# NETWORK PROGRAM

Annual Report 2023-2024

**367 MOTHERS**  
*(and a few fathers)*  
**AND CHILDREN SERVED**

**653 NEIGHBORING VOLUNTEERS**  
*walked alongside families*  
*facing homelessness*



**41% INCREASE IN CALLS**  
*for help in the past year*

**54 DAYS ON AVERAGE TO FIND HOUSING**  
*(Celebrating a 14% decrease in the midst of a housing crisis!)*



**93% OF FAMILIES ACHIEVED GOALS**  
*related to family well-being*

**87% OF FAMILIES EXITED**  
*services with employment and increased income*



**RACIAL DIVERSITY**

**of families served, as self-identified by each family**

- African-American/Black: ..... 9%
- African/Black: ..... 14%
- Caucasian: ..... 40%
- Hispanic/Latino: ..... 17%
- Multi-racial: ..... 19%
- Pacific Islander: ..... 0%
- Asian: ..... 0%
- Other: ..... 1%



**87% OF FAMILIES EXITED**  
*with safe and sustainable housing*

**100% OF NEIGHBORING VOLUNTEERS**  
*increased their understanding of challenges for families facing homelessness, provided tangible support to the family and/or have experienced a positive relationship with the family*



**\$10,041 – AVERAGE RENTAL ASSISTANCE**  
*provided to help a family to exit homelessness*

**8 YEARS OLD**  
*average age of child served by Bridge of Hope*



# CONNECTIONS TO A SAFE HOME AND HOPE BRING LASTING CHANGE

Alicia was feeling a complete lack of options when she reached out to Bridge of Hope. She needed a safe place to live for herself and her children; Tyler, age 10, and Havyn, age two.

Despite having a steady office job for an insulation company, Alicia faced many barriers to finding housing, made worse by the affordable housing crisis. She said it felt impossible to find a place in Tyler's school district, until she had Bridge of Hope to advocate for her and provide a connection to an available apartment.

"I can hardly put into words how amazing it feels to have a home to raise my kids in," Alicia said.

Public transportation is not readily available in their rural town, so a reliable car was crucial for Alicia to get to work and the kids to school and daycare. A Bridge of Hope board member connected her with someone selling a car well within her budget, which allowed Alicia to work on saving money and achieving financial stability.

"I've been able to build up a savings account and feel like I'm getting ahead of things," she said.

She's noticed positive changes in her kids too. Tyler's performance at school has improved, and he likes playing football and working on art projects. Both kids seem more content and are enjoying activities in their new home.

Their Neighboring Volunteers were also a great source of hope and encouragement. They attended Tyler's sporting events and invited the family for meals. They happened to know Alicia's apartment neighbors and introduced her to them, creating a connection to new friends.

"They're super supportive, and I really appreciate them. They made a big impact on us."

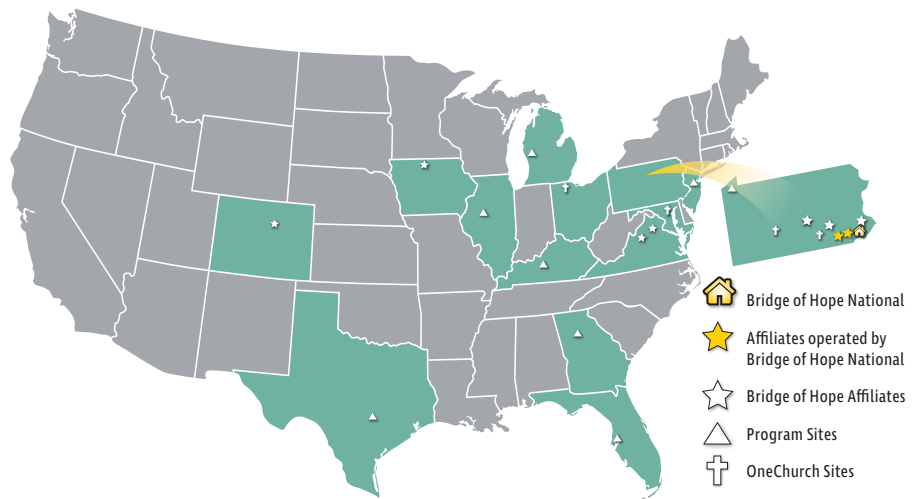
Alicia has training and previous experience in the nursing field, and she hopes to work in that field again in the future.

This is what connections to a safe home and hope bring – lasting change in the lives of the family!



## BRIDGE OF HOPE

Locations Across the US



### Our Mission:

TO ENGAGE CHRISTIAN FAITH COMMUNITIES IN ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS THROUGH NEIGHBORING RELATIONSHIPS THAT DEMONSTRATE CHRIST'S LOVE.



# LEADERS OF HOPE 2023-2024

Leaders of Hope is an annual giving society based on giving \$1,000 + for Bridge of Hope National's fiscal year, April 1-March 31

\* Leader of Hope – Alumna: Those who join Leaders of Hope Society with a gift of \$300 or more.



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## PLATINUM

\$10,000 to \$24,999

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***We Thank Those Who Have Named Bridge of Hope National as a Beneficiary in Their Retirement Funds and/or Estate Planning.***

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 Joanie and Terry Yoder  
 Karene and Mark Zimmerman

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