



What trait do you share with your mom?

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Dear Friend,

Is there a trait that you share with your mom (or with your grandma, aunt, or a special woman who impacted you)?

My mom, Linda, works in hospitality in Lancaster County (PA). She has a reputation for turning complete strangers into friends. People that meet her during their vacation often end up corresponding with her for years.

I share my mother's love of "connection." Since I was a child, I've sought to create community. I did this with relatives and playmates, with dolls, and I even had imaginary friends that had very specific roles!

My love of transformational community makes Bridge of Hope a [great fit](#) for my life work.

One recent example of this is a [Bridge of Hope night](#) in the Midwest. The Bridge of Hope social worker was nervous as the once-homeless mom and her mentoring friends met for the first time.

The staff member worried that the mom's past trauma would make it difficult for her to open up to her new [Bridge of Hope mentors](#). But, by the end of the evening, the children of the single mom and the mentors' kids were having fun together. Some of the mentors were outside discussing with the mom the needed car repairs that she had shared. Everyone was lingering past the designated end time.

I value community because there is so much we can learn from one another. You may have seen this [recent AARP video](#). Millennials were asked to name what age they consider "old." They all picked a number of 50 or less!

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Check out this [video](#) where millennials learn something new from someone over 50.



And, check out this [video](#) of teens teaching seniors to use computers.



Next, each young adult got to meet someone over 50 – and the partners were invited to teach each other (in 2 minutes) something they are good at. By the end of the video, the millennials had a new definition of “old.”

I love that Bridge of Hope brings together and transforms people – young and old, single and married, rich and poor, housed and homeless, and much more!

Let's talk – about [creating Bridge of Hope community](#) – in your [church](#) or [town](#).

And – I'd love to hear how you are like your mom!

What's New?

- I invite you to make a [Woman of Hope gift](#) - in honor of or in memory of - your mom or a special woman in your life.
- [I Miss My Mom](#), [Mother's Day Without Mom](#), and [Remembering Mothers Without Living Children](#)
- Anne Dunnenberger, our Director of Outreach, will have an exhibit at the [Association of Gospel Rescue Missions](#) (AGRM) convention from June 7-10 in Jacksonville, FL. [Contact Anne](#) if you know a Rescue Mission that will attend the convention or that would make a great Program Site - like [Bridge of Hope @ Safe Harbor Rescue Mission](#) (NC) or [Bridge of Hope @ Shirley's House of Hope](#) (WI).
- AGRM [featured](#) Bridge of Hope in their newsletter.
- I'm grateful to [Re-Bath & More](#) (Lancaster, PA). "Like" their [Facebook page](#) and they will donate \$1 to [Bridge of Hope National's work](#).
- July 26 is the 13th annual [Golf Classic](#) at [Foxchase Golf Club](#) (Stevens, PA). [Golfers and sponsors](#) invited. Special thanks to hosts [Signature Custom Cabinetry](#) and [Bomberger's Store!](#)

Blessings,

"You're never too old to make new connections..."

"You're never too young to make a difference."



I am thrilled that U.S. Senator **Amy Klobuchar**, of MN, mentioned the **partnership between Bridge of Hope and Lutheran Services Carolinas** - in her [video greeting](#) (see minute 1:22) at the [Lutheran Services in America conference](#) last week.



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