

## 7 Ways You and Your Church Can Be a Bridge of Hope

**GOAL:** Raise \$3,500 needed to provide temporary rental assistance to one single mother on her way from homelessness to housing, a job and a stable life for her children.

### 1. Host a “free” event

(concert, car wash, etc)

- Suggest minimum donation \$35/person



### 2. Designate a special offering

(Christmas Eve, Mother’s Day, Lent)



- Collect loose change, bills & designated checks at services on one day
- Use cardboard houses to collect funds during May or Lent
- Promote in the church newsletter and via a Mission Moment in the service

### 3. Raise \$35/each from 100 people

OR \$100/each from 35 people

- Use large poster to show progress
- Encourage families (especially adults) to replace Christmas or birthday gifts with donations to Bridge of Hope



### 4. Sleep Out

(so Others can Sleep In)

- Hold one night sleep out event
- Ask 35+ youth and adults to raise \$100 each in sponsorships



### 5. Hold a Youth Service Auction and Pie Night



- Give one free piece of pie to all; auction off whole homemade pies
- Invite adults to bid on babysitting, yard work, car detailing, painting, etc.
- Showcase youth talents—singing, skits, etc.

### 6. Party!

- Plan/host a party or special event with your women’s group, small group or mission/outreach team



- Use your own fun ideas—tea, craft show, yard sale, road rally, motorcycle event or try a fine art show featuring youth photos and artwork
- Recruit event sponsors; ask attendees for minimum donation of \$35+

### 7. Run, walk, roll, stroll or bike

- Ask a church member to set a goal and invite others to sponsor him/her



- Use letters, emails and an online challenge to invite church members to give

### Tips for a successful event to raise \$3,500

- Have a plan for how you will raise \$3,500 (after expenses). Make a budget and stick to it.
- Keep expenses as low as possible. Ask for donations of food, etc.
- Ask individuals and businesses to sponsor your event. You can raise \$3,500 from sponsors — before the event!
- Suggest of minimum donation of \$35 or more for each attendee.