

CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.

2016-2017



# Reflections on the Past Year: Bridge of Hope Re-invented

This has been a year of re-inventing Bridge of Hope to assure that our mission remains relevant and successful for the decades ahead. Our new tagline says it best: CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.

We are excited by and committed to our new mission statement: Engaging Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness through neighboring relationships that demonstrate Christ's love.

Four over-arching themes from our work this past year have been:

**New programming:** We have developed new Program Outcomes (our end goal), Program Benchmarks (how we measure our outcomes) and Program Standards (how we implement services). Bridge of Hope locations will begin implementing these new program standards over the next two+ years. Our new program outcomes are:

- Safe and sustainable housing
- Strong and Resilient Families
- Supportive Neighboring Relationships

**New language:** After 30 years, we are leaving behind the language of *mentoring*, and embracing *neighboring* language that

more clearly embodies our organizational values of dignity for all and services that build on strengths of all people.

**Re-structuring for efficiency and growth:** Two of our locations are re-structuring to best serve families, enhance efficiencies and extend their services. Midland, Michigan has transitioned from two OneChurch Sites to a single Program Site and is now Bridge of Hope @ Midland's Open Door. In Lancaster and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania, the local Bridge of Hope is merging with Good Samaritan Shelter to become Bridge of Hope @ Good Samaritan Services.

**Growing attractiveness of Bridge of Hope's program in new communities:** It's clear that as soon as our new program resources are ready to launch in October 2017, we will have new communities ready to join the Bridge of Hope network. Bridge of Hope's attractiveness is growing as more communities see the impact church Neighboring Volunteers can make in ending homelessness.

At Bridge of Hope, it is a joy to see the people of God being the lived-out presence of Jesus to families facing homelessness. From homelessness to community; from strangers to neighbors.



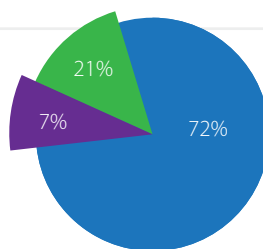
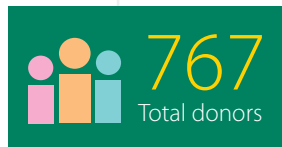
A message from the Executive Director & the Board Chair



Bill Hartman  
Board Chair

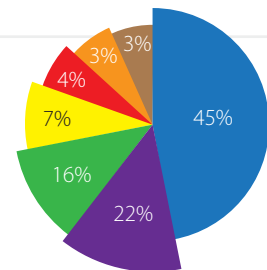


Edith Yoder  
Executive Director



Expenses: \$596,859

Program	72%
Administrative	7%
Fundraising	21%



Income: \$636,919

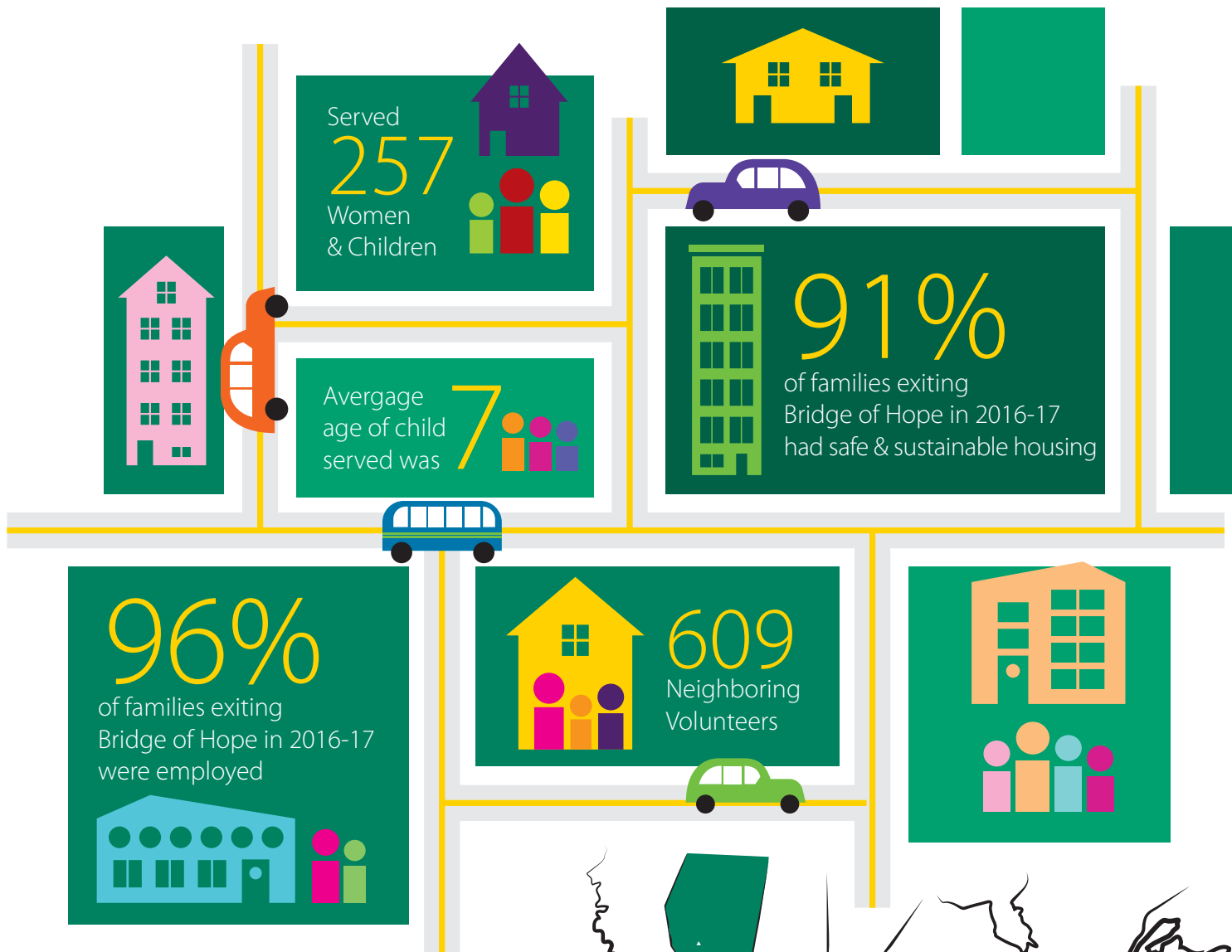
Individuals	45%
Special Events	22%
Foundation Grants	16%
Location Fees & Conference Regist.	7%
Donated Services & Materials	4%
Corporate Giving	3%
Church Support & Other Income	3%

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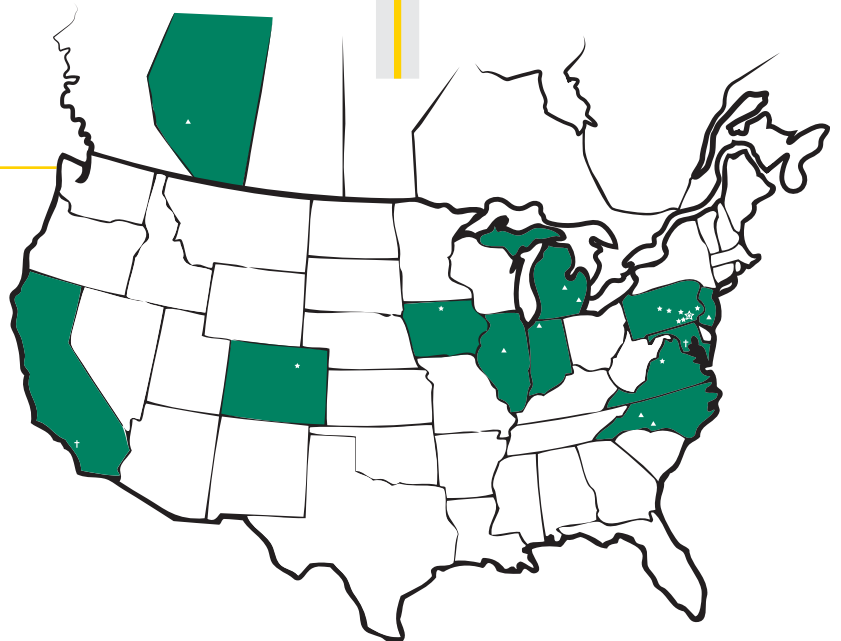
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## Bridge of Hope Network





# Nayr's Story

## My Journey of Homelessness Meant Opening My Heart and Learning to Trust

Before joining Bridge of Hope, Nayr says she had "a huge trusting problem." "I always try to have this shield and act like I'm this hard, tough cookie, but I know that I'm really not," she said. "So when I opened up to my neighboring volunteers, I learned that it's okay to let people in, and they're not gonna hurt you."

"I'm able to trust even my coworkers, just like I was able to trust some of my neighboring volunteers," she said. "My job ... offered me a leadership position.... I never saw that coming, but I started showing that I cared about myself and what I was doing and my job, and I think that it made a huge impact."



### Bridge of Hope Participants Experienced

58%

Domestic Violence as an Adult

24%

Childhood Trauma

100%

Homelessness

#### Risk Factors and How that Impacts Trust (Trauma)

*Being homeless does not just mean losing one's house; it means losing your security, privacy, sense of control and more. For women and children, like Nayr and her daughter, it can often mean learning to trust other people, after a life-time of broken relationships and lack of supports. Being alone without support can be very traumatic.*

*Bridge of Hope Neighboring Volunteers, 6-10 volunteers from a local church or Bible study, can enhance a family's support network and can create life-changing opportunities for a family facing homelessness. By having reliable, caring interactions with people who prove themselves to be trust-worthy, relationships can begin to diminish the impact of trauma.*

### Ethnicity of Participants



43%

Caucasian



26%

African-American



18%

Hispanic



13%

Other

# LEADERS *of* HOPE 2016 - 2017

*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.*

We thank these members of the Leaders of Hope Society for helping to end homelessness for single mothers & children in the U.S. and Canada!



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