As Bridge of Hope approaches our 30th anniversary in 2018, we recognize that the face of homelessness has changed. While we as a nation have made great strides in ending homelessness for veterans and the chronically homeless, the number of homeless families with children has grown. The typical family facing homelessness is a single mother with two children. The homelessness crisis is particularly harmful for children, half of whom are under the age of 6.

The majority of homeless children today have experienced or witness violence, have few supportive adults in their lives, and have mothers who are dealing with significant trauma.

Within the Bridge of Hope network, a Core 4 Innovation Team has been working at programmatic changes to position us to respond to current cultural challenges in order to best serve homeless families in the years ahead.

As we follow Jesus in responding to our homeless neighbors, it is exciting to see new possibilities emerging! Thank you for what you made possible last year and all that is possible for homeless families in the years ahead.

In fiscal year 2015-2016, the Bridge of Hope network:

• Served 272 women and children
• 84% of families exited the program with permanent rental housing
• Trained 716 mentors from churches across our 21 locations in 12 states and Canada
• Launched 3 new locations in Detroit, MI; Safe Harbor, NC; and Browns Mills, NJ
• Partnered with 767 supporters like you who are helping end homelessness at a national level

Our goals for 2016-2017 include:

• To deepen our Cultural Humility to best serve the diversity of homeless families
• To make innovative program changes, through our Core 4 Innovation process, that position Bridge of Hope for a strong future. This includes re-imagining program language (including the word “mentoring”), benchmarks, principles, and standards to address cultural changes and engage more Christian faith communities in ending homelessness for women and children.

Thank you for joining us in making possible the journey from homelessness to permanent housing and transformative friendships.

To view a full copy of our audited financial statements, go to: bridgeofhopeinc.org/about-us/public-accountability
Network Program Annual Report 2015 - 2016

272 women & children facing homelessness

average # of kids = 2
average age = 6.9

average age of mom . . . . . 32

Experienced:
domestic violence . . . . . . 60%
childhood trauma . . . . . . 39%
mental health diagnosis . . 38%
substance abuse . . . . . . . 14%

716 Bridge of Hope trained mentoring friends from local Christian faith communities

average group = 8 mentors

21 locations in 12 states & Canada

84% of families exited with permanent rental housing. Many also had a significant relationship with one or more mentoring friends.

Bridge of Hope social workers

average service = 16.4 months
average rental assistance = $5,157 over 12 months
One Bridge of Hope family’s journey

Alisa explains that, “Before Bridge of Hope, I could not afford a car and rent. In order to get to work, I had to have a car and then couldn't afford to pay rent. If I paid rent, I couldn't afford to have the car to drive to work. I had relationship struggles with family members and never enough money to survive.”

She continues, “Bridge of Hope has made it possible to have a car, a job, a home, and friends! I love having a network of support from my mentoring friends. They encourage me as I help my children to succeed in school and pursue my own dreams and goals.”

The importance of permanent housing and supportive relationships – for ending family homelessness

Dr. Ellen Bassuk (physician and noted researcher on family homelessness) says that, “The data suggest that solutions to family homelessness in the current housing market require an increase in the supply of decent affordable housing, income maintenance, and assistance from social welfare agencies focused on rebuilding supportive relationships.”

(Bassuk, Why does Family Homelessness Occur?)

ETHNICITY OF 2015-2016 PARTICIPANTS

43% Caucasian
30% African-American
16% Hispanic
6% Multi-Ethnic
5% Other

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- Core 4 Innovation to position the Bridge of Hope network for the future

After 30 years, we are re-imagining program language, goals, services, and outcomes to address cultural changes and engage more Christian faith communities in ending homelessness for women and children.

- Deepen our Cultural Humility to best serve homeless families
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. & Canada!

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