A table of one can be a lonely place. At Bridge of Hope, we believe that mothers and children who are hurting and homeless should not be alone. No family can make it alone in today’s world! We all need friends who will reach across the table, clasp our hands, cry with us and remind us that we are deeply loved by God.

There is a place at the table for everyone. Hope draws us here.

**This has been another milestone year for Bridge of Hope.** In this first full year of the 3-year Strangers to Neighbors Initiative, we have received very positive responses to the innovations we are making to Bridge of Hope. This includes a whole new Neighboring Training Curriculum for equipping church-based Neighboring Volunteers to walk with one family facing homelessness. This new curriculum is interactive, engaging and focused on four roles of Neighboring Volunteers: opening my eyes, opening my heart, opening my hands and opening doors. These four roles embody what the Good Samaritan did in Jesus’ story. And it’s what hundreds of Neighboring Volunteers in Bridge of Hope did this past year in journeying with a family out of homelessness.

Additionally this year, we have expanded our national footprint into two new states – Texas and Kansas! We are excited by new national partners who see the effectiveness of Bridge of Hope’s model and want to replicate it in their local communities.

As more Christian faith communities take part in Neighboring, more families are empowered to resolve homelessness. Through case management, rental assistance and the relationship support of Neighboring Volunteers, families are building the stability and resilience needed to remain housed. Together we are coming to the table so that families facing homelessness no longer need to be alone!

**Your financial support this past year has meant that once-homeless families could come to the Bridge of Hope table** and find themselves surrounded by the emotional, relational and financial support they need to resolve homelessness. Your gift has made so much possible. In the year ahead, let’s continue to make sure no family facing homelessness ever needs to be at the table alone!

**Come to the Table**

A message from the Executive Director & Board Leaders

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**Leaders of Hope**  
143 Donors from 33 states plus Washington D.C.

**Legacy of Hope**  
24 Donors from 839 Total donors 9% increase! Thank you to all of you!

**Expenses:** $731,931  
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Administrative 7%

**Income:** $770,005  
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Network Program
Annual Report 2017-18

Bridge of Hope
Network

19 Locations
13 States

Served 209 women and children

6 Average age child served

453 Neighboring Volunteers

87% families exiting Bridge of Hope in 2017-18 were employed

84% families exiting Bridge of Hope in 2017-18 had safe & sustainable housing

84%

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When Hard Work Needs Extra Help

Vision. Grit. A bit headstrong, perhaps. Whatever you call it, Laura, 36, credits this trait with empowering her to leave home at 15, be the first in her family to graduate high school, and then earn a college degree. In her mid-20s, Laura was caring for her young son and working full time when she was diagnosed with endometriosis, then cancer. The crisis resulted in missed work and mounting bills, and Laura lost her apartment.

Within months, she connected with Bridge of Hope, and worked to secure housing, pay down debt, and transition to a higher-paying job. “There are so many people who are working hard every single day, but it’s just not enough,” she said. “Bridge of Hope changed my life.”

Homelessness and its accompanying challenges deeply impact both adults and children. Bridge of Hope Neighboring Volunteers offer a safe place for families to make sense of their experiences and nurture their souls. Families experience healing in community, rebuilding a sense of self-worth and family wellbeing. This spiritual healing supports stable housing and employment: just one of the ways that a network of support buffers a family from future homelessness.

90% of exiting families had healthy support
66% of families exiting Bridge of Hope reported a faith/spiritual life that provides hope, healing, and direction for their lives

Ethnicity of Families

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“Home is a matter of knowing our place and knowing that our place will be respected, a place where we experience both identity and security.”

BEYOND HOMELESSNESS
BY STEPHEN BOUMA-PREDIGER AND BRIAN WALSH
We thank these members of the Leaders of Hope Society for helping to end family homelessness by engaging Neighboring Volunteers from within Christian faith communities!

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