Bridge of Hope Network

19 Locations
13 States

Served 209 women and children

6 Average age child served

453 Neighboring Volunteers

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