



Jennifer: Then and Now

Five years ago, Jennifer and her children moved to a domestic violence shelter. Her husband had pushed her down the stairs, breaking her arm and several ribs. Six year-old Adam and eight-year-old Allie had witnessed the ongoing abuse, and were struggling with nightmares, bed-wetting and the inability to focus at school. In the shelter system, they had to move and change schools several times, and Jennifer realized Allie no longer seemed able to read. Jennifer didn't know how to help her, and didn't know where to turn for help.

Then a case manager suggested Bridge of Hope. When she began the Bridge of Hope program, their Neighboring Volunteers helped the family find and move into an apartment and find childcare. One of the Neighboring Volunteers, a retired teacher, helped her find resources for her children's anxiety, and a parenting group for Jennifer. Jennifer went back to school to finish a dental program.

Today, Jennifer is working full-time as a dental assistant and both children are on grade level in school. They are very connected with several of the Neighboring Volunteer families, and look forward to an annual 4th of July party that they have celebrated together every year since they met in Bridge of Hope.



"The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood."

John 1:14, The Message

Strangers to Neighbors for today and the years ahead

Strangers to Neighbors is an ambitious plan to ensure Bridge of Hope meets the needs of families facing homelessness today and in the years ahead. To continue to better serve more families like Jennifer's, we invite your support.

Your generous gift means you will:

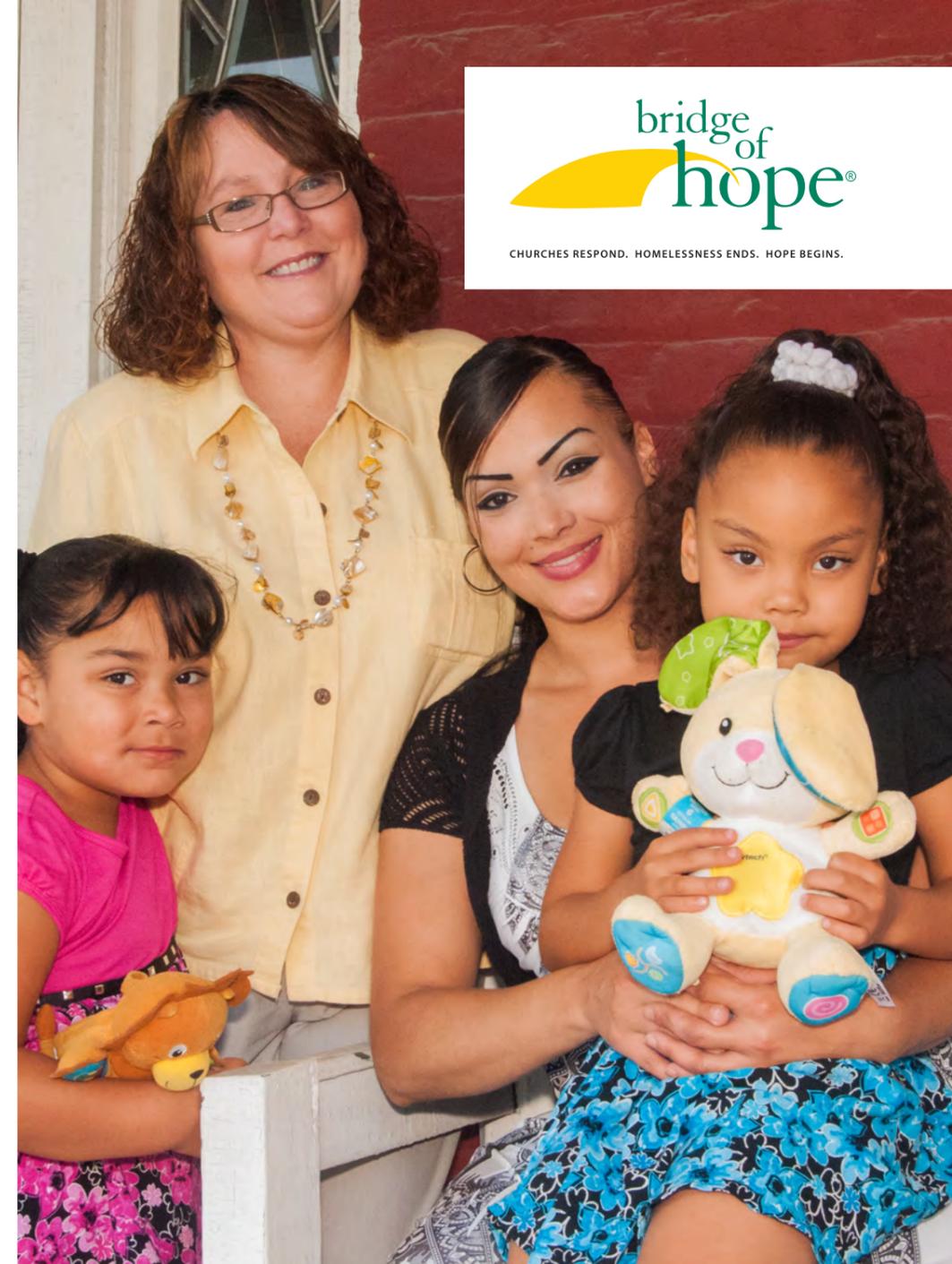
- Help expand Bridge of Hope's impact for the years ahead
- End homelessness for more families
- Engage followers of Jesus in bringing hope and stability for families who are alone and homeless

For 30 years, Bridge of Hope has been demonstrating strong stewardship of resources. Our board and staff are committed to continuing to steward resources as we build out our mission in the years ahead. Gifts of all sizes are welcomed and needed to successfully complete this campaign.

Donor recognition:

- Gifts may be announced or anonymous as you prefer
- Gifts of \$1,000 or more will be listed in our Annual Report and on our website, in our Leaders of Hope listing, as well as in all Strangers to Neighbors Initiative listings
- Gifts of \$50,000 or more may be named by the donor for ongoing recognition

Commitments may be as a one-time gift or over 3 years.



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Innovating and Expanding Hope for Homeless Families

Strangers to Neighbors

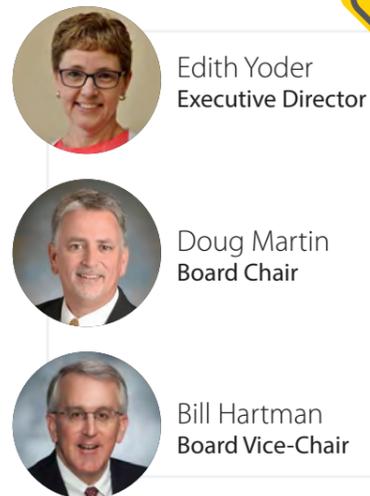
Thirty years ago the U.S. experienced an alarming increase in the numbers of women with children facing homelessness. In southeastern PA, a group met to discuss how the church could best tackle this trend that was touching lives and communities close to home. And Bridge of Hope was born! Bridge of Hope is based on the premise that families facing homelessness need a combination of practical support, encouragement and an improved financial situation. Since serving the first family in 1989, Bridge of Hope has been providing highly successful and long-term solutions to homelessness through a combination of intensive case management services and supportive relationships with church volunteers who fill in the gaps like a second family.

Today Bridge of Hope has grown to 19 locations in 13 states. Two years ago, as we approached our 30-year mark, we recognized the need to re-invent our programming and church resources for today's world. So much has changed in 30 years: from the economy, to the levels of trauma faced by homeless families, to the church itself. Bridge of Hope is now in the midst of completely re-inventing our program - expanding our program and its delivery, to best meet the needs of families facing homelessness today, as well as church volunteers.

Our goal is to provide effective and compassionate neighboring support and life-changing opportunities for families facing homelessness. From homelessness to community; from strangers to neighbors.

We invite you to join us in this re-invention of Bridge of Hope through the **Strangers to Neighbors Initiative**. We seek to raise \$1 million to support this three-year process of updating, expanding and innovating the Bridge of Hope program. Your gift will help expand Bridge of Hope's impact for the years ahead, and bring hope and stability to struggling women and children.

Thank you for your connection to Bridge of Hope in the past, and for living out the call of loving our neighbors who are facing homelessness. We will need gifts of all sizes to complete this initiative, and we invite your generous and prayerful support.



Safe and Sustainable Housing

\$120,000
GOAL

Families require affordable, sustainable, and safe housing. We will research and develop new housing first initiatives, develop a landlord partnership program, and explore alternative housing options.

Strengthen Families

\$140,000
GOAL

Successful support must be customized. "Trauma Informed Services" isn't a buzz word. It is an organizational structure and treatment that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma. We will provide comprehensive assessments for the whole family to identify and implement the best approaches and custom solutions which will result in healthier, stronger families. As we create resources for services focusing on children, adults, and training for staff, we will break the cycle of homelessness.

Improving Financial Position for Families Exiting Homelessness

\$90,000
GOAL

Employment, improved technical skills or education, and increased income from a variety of resources are a big part of breaking the cycle of homelessness. We will expand case management curriculum, develop tracking programs, and improve training for staff.

Create Neighborhoods of Support & Engaging Christian Faith Communities

\$380,000
GOAL

Neighboring Volunteers from Christian faith communities support families facing homelessness and create relationships that lead to success. The transition from mentoring to neighboring means resources must be developed and updated. We will develop updated curricula, new videos, update training manuals, and develop a train-the-trainer guide. The changing church, rise of social media and technology, and an increasing number of millennial volunteers means we must create new resources for recruiting and engaging Christian faith communities as Neighboring Volunteers. We will develop a mobile app for ease of communication, ongoing training and involvement, and a network-wide mobile-friendly web site.

Bridge for Tomorrow Endowment

\$270,000
GOAL

We are celebrating 30 years of service! An endowment of no less than \$600,000 by 2020 will sustain our new Neighboring work and help us reach many more families facing homelessness. To jumpstart the endowment, we will dedicate \$270,000 of our Strangers to Neighbors Initiative to seed the fund.

Your Gift is a Way to be a Neighbor.

The overall campaign goal is \$1,000,000.

Gift Size	Number of Gifts Required	Investment per Year for a 3 Year Commitment	Subtotal
\$125,000	1	\$41,666.67	\$125,000.00
\$100,000	1	\$33,333.33	\$100,000.00
\$75,000	2	\$25,000.00	\$150,000.00
\$50,000	5	\$16,666.67	\$250,000.00
\$25,000	6	\$8,333.33	\$150,000.00
\$10,000	8	\$3,333.33	\$80,000.00
\$5,000	15	\$1,666.67	\$75,000.00
\$2,500	20	\$833.33	\$50,000.00
Under \$1,000	Many		\$20,000.00
Strangers to Neighbors Total			\$1,000,000

Ways to Give

Gifts of Cash

Your gift of cash can be made over three years or as a one-time gift.

Gifts of Stock

We can help you make a direct gift of appreciated stock to Bridge of Hope National to avoid capital gains taxes.

Planned Gift

There are many options for creating a planned gift including charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, bequests and gifts of life insurance. To honor 30 years of service with

homeless families, your gift will help Bridge of Hope meet the goal of 30 Legacy of Hope Society members by 3/31/20.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a tax-free gift of up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA.

Gifts of Real Estate or Personal Property

We can help you structure this type of gift for the best impact.