

Welcome to the

# — Bridge of Hope Gala —

“IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD”

Edition



**Neighboring – in This  
Season of Social Distancing**

Featuring author, Shannan Martin



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**Shannan Martin**, best-selling author of *The Ministry of Ordinary Places: Waking Up to God's Goodness Around You* and *Falling Free: Rescued from the Life I Always Wanted*, is a speaker and writer who found her voice in the country and her story in the city. Shannan, her jail-chaplain husband, Cory, and their kids, live as grateful neighbors in Goshen, Indiana.



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**In advance: Register to bid!**

Check out our online auction items (*see instructions below*)

**11:30 Sign onto Zoom & Say Hello!**

(Look for an email from us on 8/25 or find it on our website at [www.bridgeofhopeinc.org](http://www.bridgeofhopeinc.org) under the **Gala** tab)

**12:00 Welcome and Invocation**

Anne Shannon, Anchor/Reporter, WGAL-TV

**Neighboring Means Getting to Know Someone:  
An overview of the Bridge of Hope Mission**

**Update and Invitation from Bridge of Hope National**

Edith Yoder, Chief Executive Officer

**Guest Speaker, Neighboring in this Season of Social  
Distancing**

Shannan Martin

**Part of my family, part of my story**

Two decades later, the story of Missy and two of her Neighboring Volunteers

**Closing Remarks**

Beth Trout, Gala Co-Chair and

Bridge of Hope National Board Member

**Instructions for Bidding Owl:**

Go to <https://www.biddingowl.com/BridgeofHope> and click on **Register** in the upper right hand corner to create your account. Our auction will remain open until Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight.



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## Part of my family, part of my story

When Missy was 18, she gave birth to her daughter Samantha. Because Missy's mother had passed away, she had no one to offer support and encouragement, so she moved into a home for pregnant and young mothers. While taking care of her baby she attended business school. When she turned 20 she graduated and it was time to move out of the home. She was living on welfare, with no car and no job. Then she found Bridge of Hope. Despite her young age, she was determined to make it on her own, and within weeks of meeting her Neighboring Volunteers, found a job. Her first apartment was on the third floor, but she made it work, carrying a stroller and her daughter, laundry and groceries up and down the stairs. Each day she would walk her daughter to daycare, then catch a bus to work. Her Neighboring Volunteers remember how challenging it was for Missy. Becky commented "I wanted a Cinderella story for Missy... but I learned that there aren't Cinderella stories. It was hard work." And Missy had worked hard. She wanted to prove to herself and everyone supporting her that she could do it.

That was 23 years ago. Missy recently reflected that the Neighboring Volunteers "saved her life" more than once. After successfully completing the Bridge of Hope program, Missy married and had two more children. Over the years she stayed in touch with several of the Neighboring Volunteers, inviting them to her baptism and her children's graduation parties. Missy recalled, the simple fact that her Neighboring Volunteers "were there to help me" made all the difference. They are "part of my family... and part of my story." Thanks be to God.

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**Communities where no family is homeless.**

### Our Mission:

**To engage Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness through neighboring relationships that demonstrate Christ's love.**

# SAVE THE DATE

for Next Year!



May 7, 2021  
when we hope to meet  
in person at Palm Court,  
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(give \$1000 total in the fiscal year)
- **Join Legacy of Hope**  
(name Bridge of Hope in your estate plan)
- **Extend your impact by becoming a monthly donor,**  
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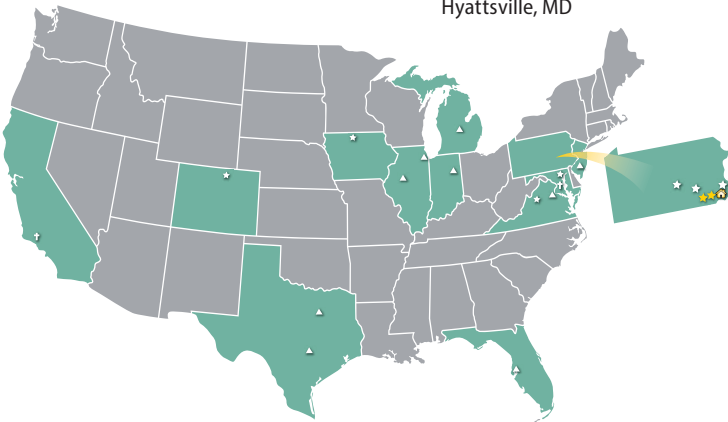
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