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HOPE BEGINS.**



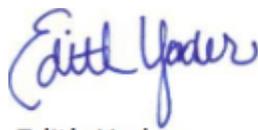
Who do you center in your daily activities?

As a grandma, I realize that I focus a lot of time on interacting with and hearing from young children. It's likely true that in different stages of our lives, we focus on different types of people. Who do you pay special attention to in the world around you?

I recently read some thoughts by author Sarah Bessey and was captivated by her call to followers of Jesus to look to the margins of society and notice who is there. *"The margins are our center.... Centered on those on the margins, God is re-centering us,"* she writes.

At Bridge of Hope, we are striving to center families facing homelessness as we make decisions, plan strategies and seek to expand services to end homelessness for more moms and children. We are also focused on learning from women with lived experience of homelessness. Our national board and many of our local boards have program alumna actively engaged in setting

policy and making strategic decisions about the future of our work with families and Neighboring Volunteers from churches. And this perspective is making us stronger in our services to families who are in the midst of homelessness. I'm so grateful for [Veronica Hennessy](#), who serves on our national board and is an alumni. She is using her voice to advocate for housing for families in Bridge of Hope! I'm also grateful for three Bridge of Hope alumni who serve on the [Chester County board](#) and two alumni who serve on the [Lancaster board](#), as well as these two women, featured in this video who are program alumni and serving on the boards of Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area, PA, and Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham, VA. [Click here](#) to hear their stories. Wishing you the best in these last days of summer,



Edith Yoder
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