



A CHURCH-BASED APPROACH  
TO ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

**Our Mission**

The mission of Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area is to end and prevent homelessness for women and children with the help of trained mentoring groups within congregations. Single mothers achieve permanent housing and financial stability through employment and attain stability and enhanced self-esteem through ongoing mentoring friendships. Our goal is to exemplify Christ's love and to promote physical, emotional, social, and spiritual wholeness.

**Thank You!**

A special "thank you" to **The Women's Fund** and the **Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund** for their grants awarded to Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area in November 2013 for rental assistance. Their generosity is much appreciated!

**Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area Participant Needs:**

- Baby Video Monitor**
- Vacuum Cleaner**
- Microwave**
- Dressers**
- Bookshelf**

Please call 717-635-5957 if you have items you wish to donate.

**Two New Mentoring Groups!**

January is National Mentoring Month ([www.nationalmentoringmonth.org](http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org)) and we at Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area couldn't let this month pass by without acknowledging and thanking the two new mentoring groups that just joined the Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area program from the Second City Church of Harrisburg and Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church of Camp Hill. These faithful men and women have decided to give of their personal time, energy and spiritual selves to support and invest in the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the women and children in the program.



Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area believes that the Church plays a vital role in ending and preventing homelessness through the tangible ways it's mentors invest in and guide the

women and their children in the program. The relationships formed between the single women and their mentors provide a support system lasting long after the ladies successfully graduate.

the life of a single mother and her children experiencing homelessness today? If so, please contact us to receive more information about mentoring groups in the Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area program by calling 717-635-5957 today. Consider becoming a mentor. You never know how it could change *your* life.

Most likely we all remember an individual who believed in us and invested in our lives in a special way at just the right time. We remember them for their belief that we were worth investing in. Could you or your church meet this need in

*Would You Resolve to Donate Toward An Education?*

January is the month for resolutions: new ideas, fresh starts, patterns you would like to change in your life. The same is true for the single mother's in the Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area program. They come to us with hopes of starting a new life for themselves and their children through the hard work of change; however, sometimes there is a need they can't meet. In this circumstance, the need is an education required to secure a stable job which will help secure a stable home life. Would you consider a special donation toward the educational classes needed by one of the ladies in the program? Could your resolution this new year be to make someone else's need a reality? If so, please mark your donation "education donation".

*"Character is the ability to carry out a resolution long after the mood in which it was made has left you"*  
- Cavett Robert



## We've changed our web address!



Please note the new Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area web address:

[harrisburg.bridgeofhopeinc.org](http://harrisburg.bridgeofhopeinc.org)

We can still be reached by phone at 717-635-5957 and email at [bridgeofhope.hbg@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeofhope.hbg@gmail.com).

## Please Pray...

Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area board and staff invite you to not only partner with us financially, but also spiritually. Will you be a faithful prayer partner for the following requests?



- Pray for employment for the ladies in the program.
- Thank God for the two new mentoring groups and pray for more churches to become involved.
- Pray for the funding of education classes for one of the ladies in the program.
- Pray for a successful Spring Gala.

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## SAVE THE DATE! Spring Gala 2014 "Planting Seeds of Growth"

April 12, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Clarion Hotel and Conference Center  
(148 Sheraton Drive New Cumberland, PA 17070)

Come enjoy time with friends over *dinner with live music and live and silent auctions* all while supporting Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area!

Tickets \$35—Purchase online at [harrisburg.bridgeofhopeinc.org](http://harrisburg.bridgeofhopeinc.org)