



Newsletter

Ending and preventing homelessness...
one church and one family at a time.

A CHURCH-BASED APPROACH
TO ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

Thank You!

The Women's Fund

Thank you to the Women's Fund for its grant of \$2,250. This donation made it possible for Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area to serve a lady with financial assistance beyond the normal budget. We thank The Women's Fund for the work they do on behalf of women in our community.

Morgan Stanley Foundation

Thank you to the Morgan Stanley Foundation for the donation of \$1,000 received to assist with expenses associated with the mentoring program.

Spring Gala 2013: A Success!

It was my first Spring Gala with Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area and I thank God for the great support shown that night. You, Bridge of Hope supporters, are making a difference in the lives of the women and their children in need of home and hope! Thank you!

Our expectations for funds raised were exceeded by the generosity of donors that evening. Because of your support, Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area is able to meet our goal of serving more families this year.

I received very positive feedback from those attending with many commenting that the energy in the room was great. I could not agree more! With more than 190 attendees, the excitement of having a exceptional time with family and friends while supporting such a needed program put smiles on everyone's faces. Nearly half the people attending were there for the first time.

We are already hard at work on the Spring Gala 2014. All of your positive feedback and great suggestions for improvements are being considered. Thank you for your input! We hope to announce a date and location for next year's gala soon!

Please help us spread the word of the positive impact Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area is making in the lives of women and their children in the Harrisburg area. We look forward to seeing you, your friends and your family at the Spring Gala 2014!

- Todd Cressler, Development Committee Chair



Here are some ways to partner with us to help homeless single mothers and children:

- Family Gold Sponsor-** \$50 monthly donation
- Family Sponsor-** \$50 one time donation
- Hope Gold Sponsor-** \$100 monthly donation
- Hope Sponsor-** \$100 one time donation
- Home Gold Sponsor-** \$350 monthly donation
- Home Sponsor-** \$350 one time donation

For more donation options or to donate online visit www.bridgeofhope-hbg.org.

"Volunteer of the Year" awarded to Kaitlyn Railer at the Spring Gala 2013! Thank you, Kaitlyn!



Contact Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area:

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Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area Participant and Office Needs:

Grocery Gift Cards

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Cleaning Supplies

HP 60 Black Cartridges

HP 60 Tri-Color Cartridges

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

We're "Going Green"...

Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area is working to send newsletters and other communications electronically. Help us reach you with the most recent updates and important information relating to Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area by sending your preferred email address to Jenny Nace, Administrative Assistant, at coc.boh.hbg@gmail.com. Also, don't forget our Facebook page for more ways to stay informed!

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.

Volunteer Opportunities!

If you or anyone you know are looking for ways to serve, here is your opportunity.

Spring Gala Committee

We are looking for volunteers to take an active role in the gala committee for 2014. This role begins in January 2014 and ends in April 2014. There will be an average of four (4) meetings to attend during those months. Please contact Todd Cressler, Spring Gala Committee Chair, at 717-810-6966 or at toddressler@gmail.com if you are interested.

Development Committee

Join our Development Committee. This is a great opportunity to build relationships throughout the area. Meetings are held once a month. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Todd Cressler at 717-810-6966 or at toddressler@gmail.com for further information.

Meals and Childcare

Consider volunteering to prepare a meal that will serve 30-40 people or assist with childcare at our monthly mentor and family night. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of every month. If interested, please contact Johanna Fessenden at 717-635-5957 or email at bridgeofhope.hbg@gmail.com.

Be a bridge of hope... become a mentor!

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact Johanna Fessenden at 717-635-5957 or at Bridgeofhope.hbg@gmail.com.



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Mentor Reflections

During a very difficult time in my life, my pastor, who has always been a tremendous support to me, gave me some books to read by the late

Henri J.M. Nouwen. Nouwen once wrote, "When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand." This quote speaks to the true gift of unconditional love. I am very blessed by some special family members and friends who have been there with me at every turn through both the joys and tears

of my life. The Bridge of Hope program has allowed me to try to give back some of this same unconditional support and love to a very special person who needs and deserves it so much. It has been a true blessing in my life.

- Melanie Shaver, Bridge of Hope Mentor



Helping our little family has the potential to change not only their lives but ours too. Our mentoring group happens to be

comprised of all women GIRL POWER!!!

- Anna Pruett, Bridge of Hope Mentor

