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2023-2024 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

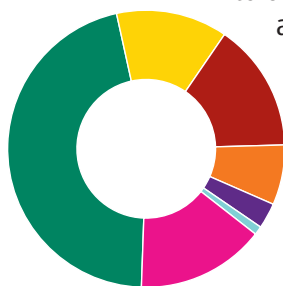


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A Message from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer

Who are you creating connections for? Our mission of engaging Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness is all about creating connections! We are amazed by the connections made every day, as God prompts us to respond to needs by loving our neighbors:

- A donor sends a gift earmarked for “housing” right on the same day that a landlord requires an additional \$1,400 in upfront costs before allowing a family to move into housing. **A donation connects a family to housing!**
- A Neighboring Volunteer connects with someone they know who owns property and this person agrees to rent to a family who have been living in a hotel for two years. **Through one relationship, housing is found!**
- A board member’s connection to someone selling a car means that a mom in Bridge of Hope purchases the car at a low cost, saving her money instead of Ubering to work, creating a path for financial sustainability for her family. **With one connection, a family finds financial stability because of transportation.**
- One financial advisor’s advocacy for rental housing inspires four different landlords to rent to families in Bridge of Hope this past year. **One connector creates multiple housing opportunities.**
- Two donors, one in Lancaster County, PA and one in Washington D.C., **donated property to Bridge of Hope** to ensure these units become affordable rental units, both now and in the future.



INCOME

Total:\$2,250,658

Individuals46%

Gala and Golf Events 13%

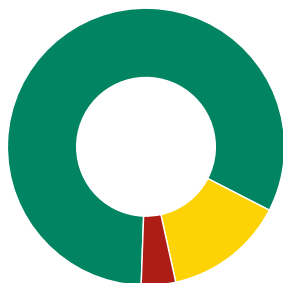
Foundations.....15%

Corporate Giving 7%

Church Giving3%

Location Fees1%

Donated Services15%



EXPENSES

Total:\$2,241,172

Program82%

Fundraising 14%

Administrative 4%

This past year, as the housing crisis across the country has continued to tighten the market for struggling families, the number of days it took to find housing for a family actually decreased across all Bridge of Hope locations (from 63 to 54 days), in part because our days to connect a family to their Neighboring Volunteers also decreased (from 83 to 61 days). The willingness of the church to step forward in faith to neighbor a family and utilize their connections truly ends homelessness sooner!

As the housing crisis continues, it is taking longer for families to stabilize, increasing the average time families receive Bridge of Hope services from 18 to 20.5 months this past year.

Your financial and neighboring support helps create connections that lead to safe housing and new-found hope for families facing homelessness. In the midst of this nationwide housing crisis and the growing number of calls for help, you are helping us set a pace for more growth and increased rental housing.

Thank you for creating connections through your support of Bridge of Hope!



Bethany Shue Nussbaum

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Board Chair, 2022-2025



Edith Yoder

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Chief Executive Officer

334

*Leaders of Hope
Giving Society
Members*

38

*Legacy of Hope
Planned Giving
Society Members*

101

*Friends of Hope
Monthly Donors*

1228

Total Donors

37

*Donors from
States plus
Washington D.C.*

NETWORK PROGRAM

Annual Report 2023-2024

367 MOTHERS
(and a few fathers)
AND CHILDREN SERVED

653 NEIGHBORING VOLUNTEERS
walked alongside families
facing homelessness



41% INCREASE IN CALLS
for help in the past year

54 DAYS ON AVERAGE
TO FIND HOUSING
(Celebrating a 14% decrease in
the midst of a housing crisis!)



93% OF FAMILIES ACHIEVED GOALS
related to family well-being

87% OF FAMILIES EXITED
services with employment and increased income



RACIAL DIVERSITY

of families served,
as self-identified
by each family

African-American/
Black: 9%

African/Black: 14%

Caucasian: 40%

Hispanic/Latino: 17%

Multi-racial: 19%

Pacific Islander: 0%

Asian: 0%

Other: 1%



100% OF NEIGHBORING VOLUNTEERS
increased their understanding
of challenges for families facing
homelessness, provided tangible
support to the family and/or have
experienced a positive relationship
with the family

87% OF FAMILIES EXITED
with safe and sustainable housing



\$10,041 —
AVERAGE
RENTAL
ASSISTANCE
provided to help
a family to exit
homelessness

8 YEARS OLD
average age of child served by
Bridge of Hope

CONNECTIONS TO A SAFE HOME AND HOPE BRING LASTING CHANGE

Alicia was feeling a complete lack of options when she reached out to Bridge of Hope. She needed a safe place to live for herself and her children; Tyler, age 10, and Havyn, age two.

Despite having a steady office job for an insulation company, Alicia faced many barriers to finding housing, made worse by the affordable housing crisis. She said it felt impossible to find a place in Tyler's school district, until she had Bridge of Hope to advocate for her and provide a connection to an available apartment.

"I can hardly put into words how amazing it feels to have a home to raise my kids in," Alicia said.

Public transportation is not readily available in their rural town, so a reliable car was crucial for Alicia to get to work and the kids to school and daycare. A Bridge of Hope board member connected her with someone selling a car well within her budget, which allowed Alicia to work on saving money and achieving financial stability.

"I've been able to build up a savings account and feel like I'm getting ahead of things," she said.

She's noticed positive changes in her kids too. Tyler's performance at school has improved, and he likes playing football and working on art projects. Both kids seem more content and are enjoying activities in their new home.

Their Neighboring Volunteers were also a great source of hope and encouragement. They attended Tyler's sporting events and invited the family for meals. They happened to know Alicia's apartment neighbors and introduced her to them, creating a connection to new friends.

"They're super supportive, and I really appreciate them. They made a big impact on us."

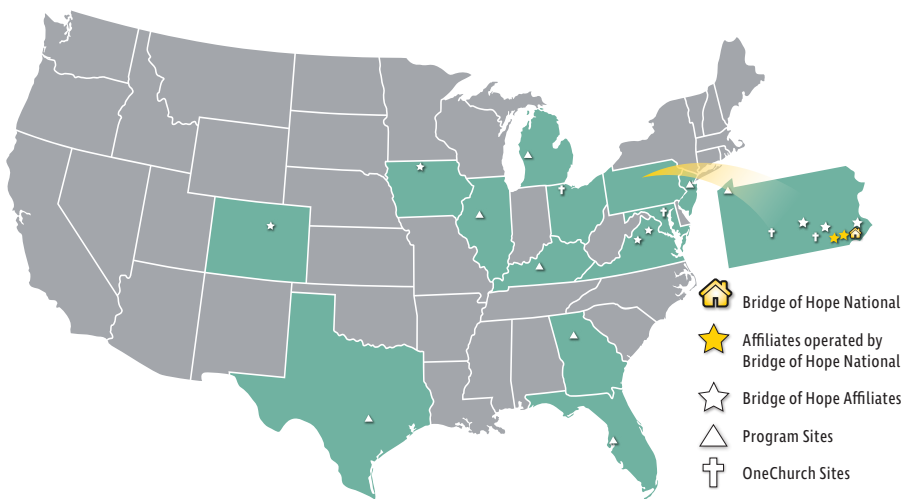
Alicia has training and previous experience in the nursing field, and she hopes to work in that field again in the future.

This is what connections to a safe home and hope bring – lasting change in the lives of the family!



BRIDGE OF HOPE

Locations Across the US



Our Mission:

TO ENGAGE CHRISTIAN FAITH COMMUNITIES IN ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS THROUGH NEIGHBORING RELATIONSHIPS THAT DEMONSTRATE CHRIST'S LOVE.

LEADERS OF HOPE 2023-2024

Leaders of Hope is an annual giving society based on giving \$1,000 + for Bridge of Hope National's fiscal year, April 1-March 31

* Leader of Hope – Alumna: Those who join Leaders of Hope Society with a gift of \$300 or more.



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\$25,000+

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