



Our church's leadership team wanted to help a single mother... We were searching for a way to help and Bridge of Hope was there to lead us and teach us how. — Pastor

I couldn't believe that these people who had families and lives would take their time for me....But they just didn't give up on me! — Bridge of Hope graduate



I wouldn't be where I am today without Bridge of Hope and my mentors. They helped me get through so much. I also give myself a big pat on the back—I accomplished a lot! — Bridge of Hope graduate



I learned that I have something to offer people who are struggling. I can be available to truly listen and pray. — Bridge of Hope mentor



Together we can end and prevent homelessness, one church and one family at a time.

one family

Call us.



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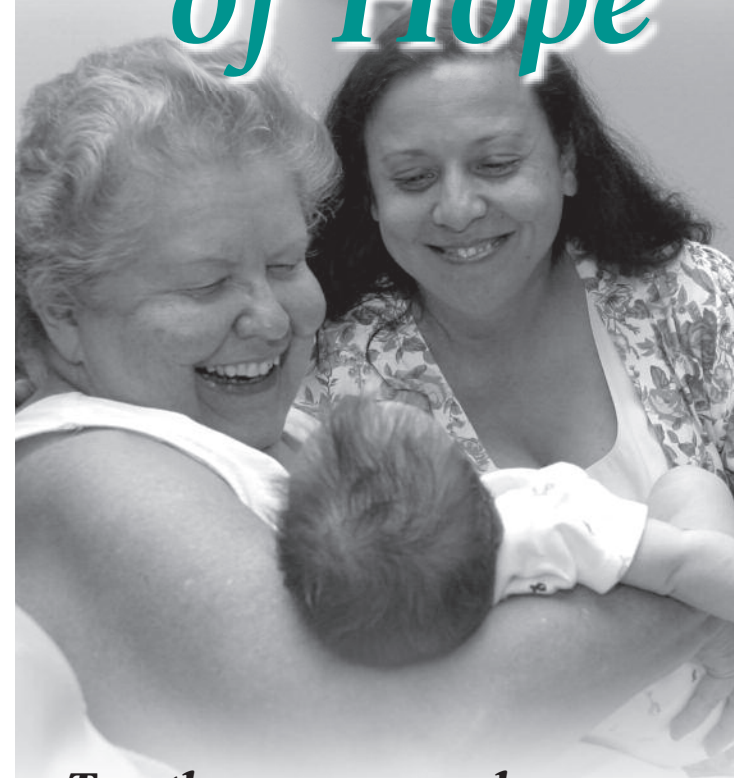
Bridge of Hope ends and prevents homelessness for women and children with the help of trained mentoring groups within congregations. Our goal is to exemplify Christ's love and to promote physical, emotional, social and spiritual wholeness. Single mothers attain:

- ◆ permanent housing
- ◆ financial self-sufficiency through employment
- ◆ life-changing friendships
- ◆ growth and wholeness



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Some faces of homelessness...

- ◆ families facing eviction due to low-wage jobs
- ◆ mothers forced to choose between employment and safe affordable childcare
- ◆ women with children fleeing domestic violence

I was in dire need of housing and employment. I left a bad situation with only my faith, my children and the clothes on my back.

—Homeless single mother entering the *Bridge of Hope* program



One church, one family

Bridge of Hope is a partner for those who want to faithfully exemplify Christ's love to single mothers and children who are homeless or facing eviction.

Bridge of Hope:

- ◆ focuses on holistic, long-term solutions to poverty and homelessness
- ◆ trains and supports church-based mentoring groups in a joyful ministry of friendship with homeless families
- ◆ provides rental assistance and professional case-management services to single mothers seeking long-term stability through job training, employment and budgeting

Bridge of Hope is not a "quick fix," but an effective way to end and prevent poverty and homelessness. Over 80% of the women served successfully graduate with permanent housing, a circle of friends and a plan for long-term financial self-sufficiency.

We can build a bridge of hope together.

In partnership with *Bridge of Hope*, you can be part of God's loving response to homeless families in your community.

- ◆ Form a mentoring group of 8 - 12 people at your church.
- ◆ Donate money for rental assistance and case management services.
- ◆ Volunteer to provide a meal, work in the office or at fundraising events.
- ◆ Arrange for a *Bridge of Hope* presentation for your church or civic group.
- ◆ Pray for the families, mentors and staff of *Bridge of Hope*.

Call us to explore these and other ways we can work together to make a real, lasting difference for homeless families.

I never look at the masses as my responsibility; I look at the individual. I can love only one person at a time. I can feed only one person at a time.... Just begin... one... one... one...

— Mother Teresa



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