

BUILDING HOPE

Summer 2023

Summertime is finally here. School is out and our families are adjusting to a new normal for a couple of months as sunshine, lightening bugs, fresh fruit and vegetables are in abundance! We are so grateful for the relationships that allow us to serve the women and their children in our program as we know we couldn't do it without your support. We wanted to highlight a few within our newsletter - as we say THANK YOU to our wonderful community of support.

Earlier this year, we celebrated our annual **Raising Hope Gala** - our most successful ever since the inception of Bridge of Hope BuxMont in 2000! We were blessed and encouraged by our graduate that shared that evening, as she was celebrating her recent home purchase just the week before! We are so appreciative of each attendee, donor, and sponsor involved - THANK YOU.

As we serve the women in our program, we are always looking for ways to increase their knowledge in practical ways and encourage healthy habits that will serve them for a lifetime. We have been blessed by one family and their desire to empower others. **The Geib Family** has graciously chosen to honor the life and legacy of **Doug Geib** by deciding to invest in the lives of our families. They have established **The Douglas E. Geib Matched Savings Fund** for Bridge of Hope BuxMont participants to assist them in developing good savings habits and help them to achieve their goals as they graduate from our program. We are very thankful for their generous and thoughtful investment to improve the lives of our families!

May you enjoy some moments of rest and relaxation during this summer - Blessings,
Jennifer L. Yothers, Executive Director

My Story:

In August of 2021, I found myself in a very abusive relationship that I knew I needed to get out of. My best friend was gracious enough to allow me and my children to stay with her for 6 months before I entered Bridge of Hope BuxMont.

I was emotionally and mentally shattered. My life looked incredibly uncertain, terrifying, and I had no identity. I didn't know who I was or what I was capable of.

I started off strong but during my time with Bridge of Hope, I suffered many hardships. I went through a lot of pain and I lost even more relationships. Through the trials and suffering, I have learned more of who I am in Christ and how incredibly faithful He is. I have grown in my parenting. My children are thriving. I am creating a future for them. Within this program, God has provided an amazing new job with great pay and incredible benefits, an apartment, and now been blessed with a vehicle. I overcame fears and was awarded child support that my children deserve.

Bridge of Hope gave me the space, time, grace, and security that I needed to heal and grow. They introduced me to incredible neighboring volunteers that have had my back and who have been the people that I've needed to lean on during the most trying times. I am so incredibly grateful for the grace and the provision that has been given to me. I am so thankful for the opportunity that this program has blessed me with.

The trials have revealed a grit in me that I did not know existed. I am strong, I am capable, I have a voice and I am incredibly loved by Jesus. To all the other single moms who are facing difficult and painful times. I just want to encourage you to keep moving your feet, keep placing one foot in front of the other. Most importantly, I pray that you seek Jesus above all and that you know how incredibly loved you really are.

There is hope. There is healing. You are strong. You matter. You can do this.



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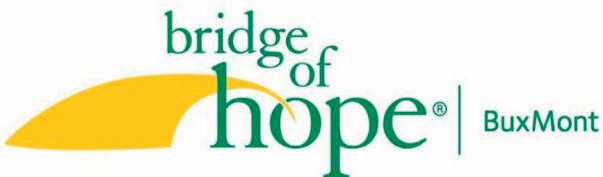
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Our Mission

To engage our community in ending and preventing homelessness for single mothers and children in Bucks & Montgomery counties through neighboring relationships that demonstrate Christ's love.

Bridge of Hope BuxMont strives to support women and children facing homelessness in achieving these primary program outcomes:

- Safe and sustainable housing
- Strong and resilient families
- Supportive neighboring relationships



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Friday, October 27, 2023 for our Fall Concert –
 Featuring: Sanctus Real and Consumed by Fire



We have so many businesses, churches, groups, and families to THANK for their generosity to the mothers and their children in our program! From food, gift cards, personal products, and so much more – we say THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU!!

- The Abissi Family & Indian Valley Appraisal Company (Souderton)*
- Backyard Beans Coffee Company (Lansdale)*
- Wiser Tax Solutions (Blue Bell)*
- The Clemens Family (Hatfield)*
- The Giving Tree (Gwynedd Valley)*
- Grace Community Church (Chalfont)*
- Souderton Mennonite Church (Souderton)*
- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Lansdale)*
- Victory Church (Audubon)*



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 AT BACKYARD BEANS COFFEE CO.

 MONDAY, FEB 6 • 7AM-4PM
 10% of cafe sales go to Bridge of Hope BuxMont
