

BUILDING HOPE



Neighboring Volunteers befriend, encourage, and walk alongside moms facing homelessness as she works to get back on her feet.

A Bridge to a Brighter Future

At its heart, Bridge of Hope BuxMont exists to not only provide shelter for a single mom and children facing homelessness, but to provide long-term stability that lasts well after the family finishes their time in our program.

By receiving help with money management, goal setting and life skills provided by our case workers, in addition to encouragement and supportive relationships from Neighboring Volunteers, our participants are able to transition from a place of instability to *independence*.

We recently welcomed new participants into our program - moms who were facing varying difficult situations, from living on a friend's couch to facing imminent threat of eviction. We helped one of these families move into safe housing, and provided rental assistance for another mom and her son to avoid eviction and remain in their apartment.

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“
I am so pumped to know all of those women want to help lift me up! We had some very lovely connections! So glad to have new friends! Feeling really good about that!”

- Participant after meeting her Neighboring Volunteers

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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These families are safe with a roof over their head tonight because of the support of our many volunteers, donors and businesses who are committed to providing HOPE to single mothers who are facing insurmountable challenges.

Thank you for caring deeply for these members of our community who need a helping hand. Your partnership is not just providing temporary help, but is empowering families to build a bridge to a much brighter future.



Thank you, **Victory Church** in Audubon, PA, for blessing our families with backpacks, cleaning

supplies and paper towels for the new school year! Thank you also to those who donated gift cards for our families to purchase school supplies. We appreciate your generosity!



We want to express our gratitude to **Merck Sharp & Dohme Federal Credit Union & New Britain Charitable Foundation** for choosing our organization to be the beneficiary of their benefit golf outing in June. What a blessing to be presented with a check that will help us serve more families facing homelessness in Bucks & Montgomery Counties. Thanks also to the sponsors and golfers who contributed to the success of this event!

A Note from our Executive Director

With the rising costs of basic necessities and lack of housing affordability options, homelessness in our community is on the rise. As we work to address the gravity of the need by raising financial support and creating awareness of our ministry, we invite you to our annual Fall Benefit Concert on Friday, November 15 at Calvary Church in Souderton.

I am beyond thrilled to announce **BIG DADDY WEAVE** will be headlining this event with special performances by HANNAH KERR and THE YOUNG ESCAPE. Don't wait to get your tickets as we anticipate a fantastic turnout! Find more details and ticket information on the back.

Thank you again for your vital support of Bridge of Hope BuxMont, and we hope to see you at the concert!

With gratitude,
Jennifer L. Yothers, Executive Director

Welcome New Board Member

Our Board of Directors play a significant role in the guidance and oversight of our ministry by volunteering their time, skills and wisdom. We want to extend a warm welcome to Mike J. Ford as he recently joined our Board. Mike's experience as a pastor and as a Crisis Response Chaplain for a local hospital has deepened his sense of caring and his understanding of trauma for those that are hurting to his leadership role.

Become a Neighboring Volunteer!

Are you looking for a way to put your faith into action? Do you enjoy encouraging others? Are you looking for a way to provide practical support while sharing Christ's love? We invite you to become a Neighboring Volunteer!



At Bridge of Hope BuxMont, "neighboring" is the act of loving and supporting a single mother and her children facing homelessness. Neighboring Volunteers play an integral part in helping the families in our program get back on their feet.

Invite your Christian faith community (church, Bible Study, house church, etc.) to form a group of 4-8 Neighboring Volunteers to walk alongside a family facing homelessness. With training from Bridge of Hope BuxMont, you simply "do life" with a family facing homelessness by offering tangible and emotional support, friendship and encouragement. No experience necessary! Ready to get involved? Contact us today!

A Warm Welcome To Our New Staff Members



Alyssa Casciello, Program Manager

Alyssa brings a motivation to explore new ways to support and implement Bridge of Hope's mission. She has a passion for aiding single mothers and their children to not only establish safety and stability, but also to support the mothers in their journey towards self-worth, empowerment and independence. Alyssa is a newlywed who enjoys spending free time exploring new places and activities with her husband and fur baby, Daisy. Prior to joining BOHB, Alyssa worked in the drug and alcohol addiction field in Philadelphia for six years.



Debra Franke, Case Manager

Having been through several difficult life transitions, Debra brings a deep commitment to supporting individuals in transition and facilitating their journey towards personal and professional fulfillment. She has a background in organizational development, career coaching, and alumni relations. Debra serves on the Board of a local nonprofit, Springs of Life, and volunteers with the Adult Formation Team and Immigration Support Ministry at Souderton Mennonite Church. Outside of work, Debra finds joy in spending time with friends, tackling jigsaw puzzles, and bonding over episodes of Survivor with her adult son.

Thank you for the following Special Gifts:

In Memory of Kate Loughery

Given by Barbara Hultslander

In Memory of L.E. Sheely

Given by Delores Sheely

Thank you to these new Neighboring Churches:

Grace Lutheran Church

(Hatfield, PA)

Immanuel Church of the Nazarene

(Lansdale, PA)



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WITH HANNAH KERR & THE YOUNG ESCAPE



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NOV 15, 2024
7:00 PM



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