

CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.



Served
209
women and children

6
Average age child served

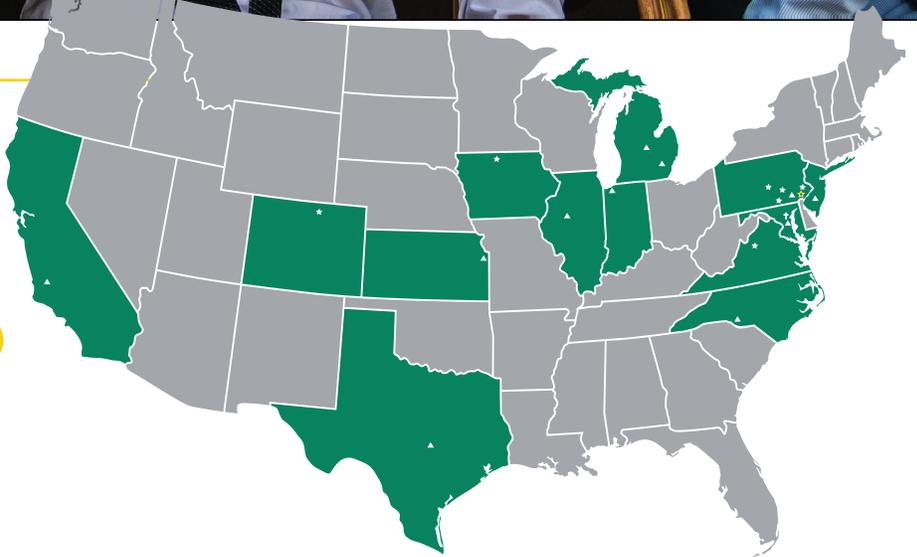
453
Neighboring Volunteers

87%
families exiting Bridge of Hope in 2017-18 were employed

84%
families exiting Bridge of Hope in 2017-18 had safe & sustainable housing

Bridge of Hope Network

19 Locations
13 States 





When Hard Work Needs Extra Help

Vision. Grit. A bit headstrong, perhaps. Whatever you call it, Laura, 36, credits this trait with empowering her to leave home at 15, be the first in her family to graduate high school, and then earn a college degree.

In her mid-20s, Laura was caring for her young son and working full time when she was diagnosed with endometriosis, then cancer. The crisis resulted in missed work and

mounting bills, and Laura lost her apartment.

Within months, she connected with Bridge of Hope, and worked to secure housing, pay down debt, and transition to a higher-paying job.

“There are so many people who are working hard every single day, but it’s just not enough,” she said. “Bridge of Hope changed my life.”



Bridge of Hope Participants Experienced

57%

Domestic Violence as an Adult

33%

Childhood Trauma

43%

Mental/Behavioral Health Concern

100%

Homelessness

Homelessness and its accompanying challenges deeply impact both adults and children. Bridge of Hope Neighboring Volunteers offer a safe place for families to make sense of their experiences and nurture their souls. Families experience healing in community, rebuilding a sense of self-worth and family wellbeing. This spiritual healing supports stable housing and employment: just one

of the ways that a network of support buffers a family from future homelessness.

90% of exiting families had healthy support

66% of families exiting Bridge of Hope reported a faith/spiritual life that provides hope, healing, and direction for their lives

Ethnicity of Families

45%

Caucasian

24%

African-American

18%

Hispanic

6%

Biracial

7%

Other

“Home is a matter of knowing our place and knowing that our place will be respected, a place where we experience both identity and security.”

BEYOND HOMELESSNESS
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