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Isolation, Unemployment and now Evictions?

With talk of the eviction moratorium being lifted in August, some predict there will be a "tsunami of evictions" in September and October. This is a terrifying reality for many, especially those already on the fringes, like single women and children who are barely making ends meet. Some lost their jobs several months ago and fell behind on their rent. Only recently getting back to work, they will not be able to catch up from that lost income. Some landlords are willing to work with their tenants, others will decide they aren't able to continue waiting and will begin the eviction process.

The new Rent Relief Program (part of the PA CARES Act) is welcome news for some who have lost work due to the coronavirus and have fallen behind in rent. But this program will require quite a bit of leg work, getting proof from employers and other paperwork in order to verify their unemployment was due to the virus. Trying to navigate through this new government system will be a challenge for many. **Now, more than ever, Bridge of Hope can provide a long term solution, enabling these families to have hope for a brighter future. Would you consider helping to provide housing and stability for children and their moms?**

Audrey Metzler

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New Church Partnerships Make the Difference

Each family in Bridge of Hope is connected with a group of Neighboring Volunteers from a local Christian church, Bible Study, House church or similar group. **We are training groups of Neighboring Volunteers while physically distancing and offer many resources for connecting safely. Is your church ready to be a neighbor?** Give me a call, we would love to work with you.

We are excited to partner with these new Neighboring churches!

- Lancaster Church of the Brethren
- Ascension Lutheran Church



How you can Neighbor right now -

Two families facing homelessness are entering the program in the next few weeks. Do you have rental apartments or know anyone who does? We are seeking housing in the following areas:

- In the Lititz/New Holland area for a mother and her 6-year-old daughter
- In the Conestoga area for a mother and her three children

You can reach me by email at AudreyM@bridgeofhopeinc.org, send gift cards to P.O. Box 304, Exton PA 19341 or make a donation below to support families facing homelessness today.

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