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Neighboring, walking alongside a family facing homelessness, is what makes Bridge of Hope unique, **and it is more important than ever during this time of isolation and challenge.** Time and again, we find that God calls people to serve as a Neighboring Volunteer for a reason. Tamara* and her five children live in an older house. Her Neighboring group consists of several woman and one man, Steve. Recently a terrible stench filled the house; the sewer had backed up. Although Tamara contacted the management company, help was slow. Navigating a sewer repair is overwhelming (and quite stinky), let alone managing it by yourself, with small children, during COVID-19! Steve heard about Tamara's plight and stepped in – he made some calls, oversaw the project, and within 24 hours the sewer was repaired. None of that would have been easy, even in normal times, but with the help of Neighboring Volunteers, Tamara and her children have been cared for and nurtured through this crisis in more ways than they could have imagined! How are you being called to Neighbor during these challenging times?

SHOUT OUT TO THE NEWEST NEIGHBORING CHURCHES

Lampeter Church of the Brethren, Lampeter

James Street Mennonite (planning a second Neighboring Group!),
Lancaster City

Mission Church, Lancaster

Would your church be interested in learning more about Neighboring through Bridge of Hope? Unfortunately, the need will likely be increasing, and we would like to start working with several groups over the summer or in the fall (or by Zoom now!)





How you can Neighbor right now -

- Pray for the families and staff of Bridge of Hope Lancaster, and for new families seeking housing and support.
- The Bridge of Hope Gala held at DoubleTree Lancaster, featuring author and blogger Shannan Martin, has been postponed to August 27. **Sign up** to sponsor, reserve a table or tickets.
- We are seeking landlords who are interested in partnering with Bridge of Hope. Do you have any rentals in the Ephrata School District or north of Lancaster toward Lititz? Contact us to explore how we can work together.
- Right now we need nonperishable food and gift cards for groceries.

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. DONATE button

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