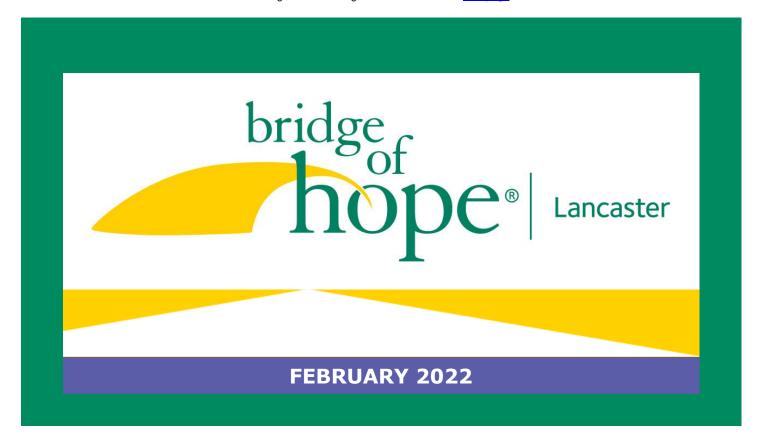
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The Warmth of Home

Can you imagine living in your car over these frigid winter months? We've been receiving more calls for help from families who are living in their car or camper. Amena* was couch hopping and living out of her car this winter. She was working as a nursing assistant and taking her child to daycare daily. The world was not big enough for her smile when she signed the lease to her apartment that she found with Bridge of Hope.

There are campgrounds that stay open in Lancaster all winter, despite freezing water lines and disconnected electricity, because people are living there year round. One family reached out to Bridge of Hope recently because they had moved into their camper this fall when they lost their home. The plumbing could not handle everyone in the family, so the older children are being fostered and attending school, and the parents are caring for their infant while seeking help. These situations are devastating and traumatic. But, your support of Bridge of Hope makes it possible to help families exit homelessness, and find a warm place to call home.

Housing needed! Two families have just joined Bridge of Hope and need housing in the Lancaster City/outskirts or Millersville areas. Safe, low-income housing is incredibly hard to find right now. If you have any connections or suggestions, please call us at 717-207-8932. We have introduced a new landlord partnership option which provides more security for landlords interested in partnering with Bridge of Hope.

Car needed! A mother in Bridge of Hope living near Ephrata needs a car to get to work.

Spring Gala

May 6, 2022 is the **Bridge of Hope Spring Gala**. Sponsorships for virtual and in-person attendance are now available. The Gala features stories of hope and a presentation by author Christie Purifoy. Her message of cultivating community and a sense of place is the essence of the Bridge of Hope mission. To register and for more information: https://bridgeofhopeinc.org/gala/.

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