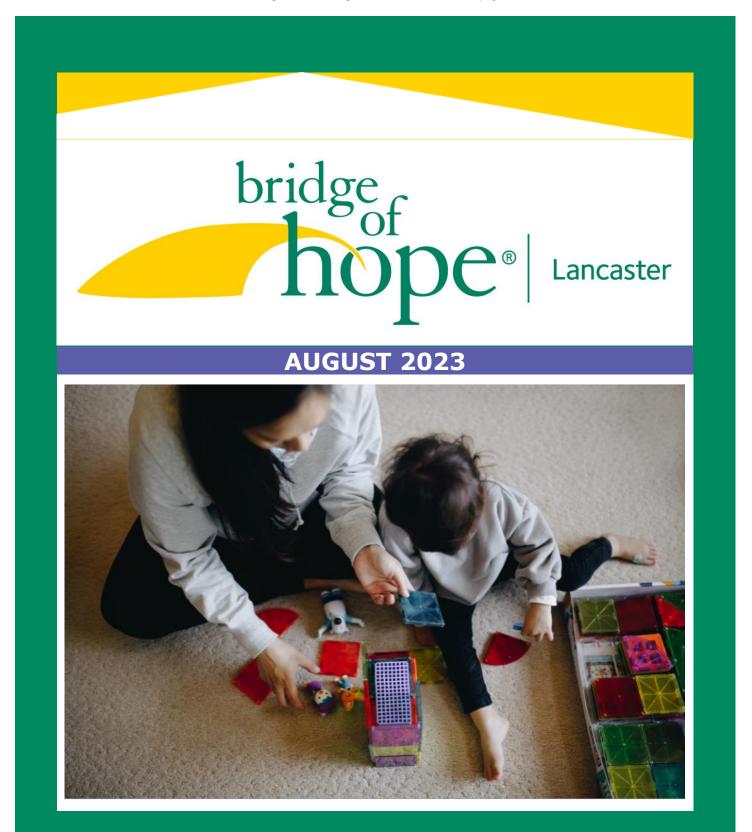
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Let's Play Together

Aria* and her son recently moved into an apartment with the help of Bridge of Hope. Their Neighboring Volunteers gave them a basket of goodies to welcome them to their new home, including passes to an indoor playground. This will give Aria and her son an opportunity to go play together, something that was not possible when they were experiencing homelessness. Since she is no longer struggling for a place to live, Aria can spend more time and focus on her son's development. Her son's teacher contacted Aria to let her know an improvement in his work and interactions has already been noticed at school!

In order for children to thrive, basic necessities, like housing and food, need to be met, but children also need time for play to **promote healthy development**. Now that they have stable housing, Aria and her son can settle in and spend time playing together.



Caleb Simmers Church Engagement and Housing Director



We are sad to announce that Talita Hall, our Program Director, will be leaving her role at the end of August. We are deeply grateful for the many gifts she has shared with families and our team over the past few years and will miss her constant light. Thank you, Talita, and we wish you the best in a new season of life!

We are hosting a drop-in Goodbye Gathering for Talita on Wednesday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Lancaster office (313 W. Liberty Street, Suite #114, Lancaster, PA). You are invited to drop in, wish her well and join us in expressing our deep gratitude and appreciation for all Talita has meant to us as a team and this important work. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Program Needs

- A family is looking for a 2 bedroom unit in Pequea Valley School District.
- We're hiring- we have an opening for the full-time Program Director position. Do you know someone who would be perfect to join the Bridge of Hope Lancaster team and our work to end family homelessness? Click <u>here</u> for more information.



We had a great time at our summer Neighborhood Gathering at a Lancaster Barnstormers baseball game! It was a great night of connection for families, Neighboring Volunteers, and staff. One of the moms threw the first pitch of the game and everyone had a good time!

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