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We are celebrating a family graduating from Bridge of Hope! When this family started, the mom was dealing with an eviction and nervous she would be homeless with her son who has special needs. The family found new housing but had to move to a different part of the county, which was a challenge to leave the area they were familiar with.

Being a single parent to a child with special needs comes with a lot of challenges. Without a support system, she would need to miss work if her child was sick or school was closed. She had no one close that she trusted to care for her son and there were no day programs that would work for them. That all changed when she was connected with her group of Neighboring Volunteers. By the time she graduated, these relationships turned into great friendships. The Neighboring Volunteers helped the family move into their new place, showed them around the new town, and even helped them in getting a car.

Additionally, she has found more flexible employment, attended church,

navigated through her new town, gained trustworthy friends to help with her son, and has safe and stable housing! She is so thankful for the support of Bridge of Hope and her Neighboring Volunteers.



Caleb Simmers
Church Engagement and Housing Director



Welcome Jessica Sisemore, Bridge of Hope Lancaster's Program Director! Most recently Jessica served as the Director of Parent Empowerment Program at the YWCA, working with at-risk families involved with Children and Youth. After working with many families in her previous position and observing the many obstacles they face, Jessica is excited to be at Bridge of Hope and walk alongside families in tackling homelessness and working to build a community of support for families.

Earlier this month the Bridge of Hope network gathered in Lancaster County for the annual Bridge of Hope conference, equipping and supporting each other in this work of demonstrating Christ's love to families facing homelessness. **Bridge of Hope Lancaster won the Bridge of Hope Network Top Benchmark Award!**





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Friday, November 17
11:30 am - 7 pm



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