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Is it too late to celebrate Christmas? Several groups of Neighboring Volunteers made the holiday extra special for their Neighboring Families, so we wanted to share stories about a few!

One group of volunteers gave a gift card for a massage to a mom so she could have some time to relax. They also provided her with a gift card to buy Christmas gifts for her kids. This mom really appreciated being able to do something for herself, like getting a massage. She said it made her feel cared for and she almost couldn't believe that they would do that for her.

Another group planned a day with a family to make Christmas cookies, brought them a Christmas tree with decorations and decorated it with them. This family, made up of a mom and teenage children, had not celebrated Christmas in the past few years since they were grieving the loss of a family member and the instability of facing homelessness. They felt particularly loved and supported by the group of volunteers. Additionally, a few of the

volunteers took the family to a show at Sight & Sound Theatres. The kids were very excited and grateful for the experience!

Though Christmas may feel like a memory at this point, it's never too late to celebrate the relationships being formed in Bridge of Hope!



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Program Need:

- Car Donation



Please join us in welcoming Crystal Rudolph to our team! Crystal serves as the **Lancaster Program Assistant**, and she brings over 15 years of administrative experience working in the mental health field. Her experience includes office administration, employee training and state regulation compliance. Crystal also teaches self-defense classes for women and girls, as well as traditional martial arts. She is a member of Preserving Self, a faith-based group for women. She is married with a daughter and resides in the Lebanon area.

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