



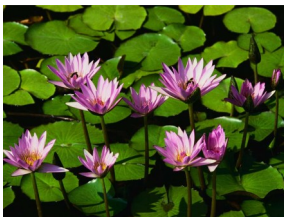
Bridge of Hope Burlington County

SUMMER 2011 NEWSLETTER

WOMEN OF HOPE

June 30, 2011

Bridge of Hope Burlington County forms our second Mentoring Group



The Bridge of Hope model is a proven approach consisting of a strong partnership between our Program director, our mentoring groups, and our moms.

Our tag line **“One Church... One Family at a Time”** is what we strive for, and they’re not just buzz words.

I am excited to announce that God has called a group of 12 from Faith Presbyterian Church in Medford to become our

second mentoring team.

One of my favorite messages that I see often at Faith Church is the simple sign: **“You Are Now Entering The Missions Field.”** Reminding me that the missions field is everywhere!

This group has a critical role in helping our mom grow stronger and to simply offer a support network to overcome some of the day-to-day challenges that she will face.

Our call to serve begins with a clear choice: To get involved and walk together to Love our Neighbors. Or, to simply walk away

Match night at Faith Church was

held in March and our 2nd family having nothing, moved from living with friends, after being at a domestic violence shelter to their own apartment on April 1st.

You stepped up to love and support our mom from Day 1! Sing Praise!

The mentoring team recently hosted a birthday party for our mom’s young son. Something that every family across the US does everyday. But when you are in a shelter, this celebration just does not happen.

Please continue to pray for our second mom, her two children, and the mentoring group at Faith Church.

Bridge of Hope Burlington County joins TD BANK AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PARTNER

Open an account at TD Bank and they will make a contribution to Bridge of Hope Burlington County. TD Bank will make an annual contribution based on the average balance in all members’ accounts. Current accounts can also be included in the program.

Contributions are calculated at 1/2% on checking balances and 1/4% on savings, CDs, Money Markets, and IRA balances. Members’ accounts are not

affected in any way by this contribution. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution and are kept confidential.

Sample: Average Annual balance of accounts \$1525.00 and TD Bank Match at .5% = \$7.65 for this account is donated to Bridge of Hope Burlington County.

We introduced this program at

April’s Gala and many of you have now designated Bridge of Hope Burlington County.

Many thanks Carol Devine, from Medford Lakes, for letting us know about this opportunity.

Please visit your local branch or call Fiona at 609-654-6107 at Medford’s Stokes Road store to link your accounts today.

www.tdbank.com/affinity/

Mark your Calendars!

- STOP BY OUR TABLE — BURLINGTON COUNTY FARM FAIR — SATURDAY ONLY, JULY 23RD
- 4TH ANNUAL SLEEPING OUT— JULY 30TH—31ST @ FAITH CHURCH, MEDFORD
- FALL ANNUAL APPEAL—TARGET MAIL Date SEPT, 15TH
- 3RD ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE - NOVEMBER 5TH—WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW VENUE TO HOLD OUR GROWING CROWD.

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Bridge of Hope Burlington County



**Phyllis M. Knighten -
Founding Board Secretary
Jacksonville Presb. Church**

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8*

When Phyllis was approached to serve Bridge of Hope Burlington County, she saw it as an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women in Burlington County. "Bridge of Hope Burlington County's holistic approach to changing lives thru professional services, mentors, faith and commitment from the family being served is a proven model that allows me the opportunity to work with others similarly minded and make a difference from behind the scenes."

Phyllis is our "rural" representative on the board from Jobstown

where she lives with her husband Ron and their children- Ben 19, Josh 17 and Becca 11. Becca helps quite a bit with the "behind the scenes" things Phyllis does as secretary and database manager for the board. Ben and Josh have also helped with BoHBC, bringing their band to last year's "Sleeping Out So Others Can Sleep In" event. In addition to Bridge of Hope Burlington County, Phyllis is active in the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church, is troop leader for Girl Scout Troop 22426, and a founding member of the Northern Burlington Stagehounds. She works

fulltime at the Delran Township School District for the Director of Curriculum.

"Margaret Mead said, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has' This board is truly a group of thoughtful, committed people and I believe that with God's guidance we do and will change the world for homeless families in Burlington County."

Our Families Needs list:

Household items,
Laundry soap,
Grocery gift cards,
Restaurant gift
cards

Sun Block and
Summer Items for
children

Back-to-School
Shopping for 2 or
Staples Gift Cards

Directors Corner Melissa Young, MSW

~A Message from our Director~
My Email: Melissa@bridgeofhopeburlington.org

"God has poured out his love into our hearts" Romans 5:5
What we do: We provide financial support and case management services to families who reside in Burlington County, NJ. We also establish a relationship between a mentoring group and a mother and her children. Together we will help mom begin her journey of financial stability and self worth.

Client Update: We have just accepted our second family! Her mentoring group has been amazing in coordinating donations to help mom transition from having just clothes, to a fully furnished apartment... in just 2 weeks time! She is learning a lot and is starting to feel empowered. It is wonderful to witness such successful changes in her healing journey!

Get Involved: You can help by making a monetary contribution, volunteering your time and/or providing an item from our wish list. All donations go directly to help the mother and her children.



**Our Host Church:
Faith Presbyterian Church
Medford**

4th Annual Sleeping Out – Faith Presbyterian Church, Medford Saturday July 30 Beginning at 3:00PM through Sunday July 31 Ending with 8:30 Services

This event challenges the board to personally raise funds as we "Sleep Out" to continue serving area families. We also invite small groups and corporate teams to join us in raising funds! It takes \$8000 to support one family and \$ 3000 per month for Salary, Insurance and all admin – including the cost of this mailing.

Like all NFP's, it is only with your help that we can walk in this ministry and keep serving moms!

This year we have the opportunity to accept pledges and your donation directly on line.

Look for our email blasts coming soon, or email Phyllis at:

Phyllis@bridgeofhopeburlington.org.

If you like to camp, bring the family and help us raise funds. This event is a family event, so come out, have some Rita's and enjoy the fun.

WOMEN OF HOPE

Celebrate the Women who have been your guiding light, and in return, help another young woman!

Be one of 100 women who provide \$100 each year to end homelessness for single mothers!

Women of Hope is an opportunity to give an annual gift to fund innovative and friendship-based approaches to empowering single moms to end homelessness and attain financial stability.

Here's how it works:

- (1) Donate \$100 directly by completing the below card and mail your donation.
- (2) You can also donate directly online at: www.bridgeofhopeburlington.org
- (3) Raise \$100 by asking 9 of your friends to donate \$10 each to match your \$10 donation.
- (4) Ask your company to match your donation for an additional \$100

This is a great opportunity for your small group, care group, book club or your FB friends to make a difference! Please return the below card with your donation and annual pledge.

One by One by One ...

I hope you will pray about this important campaign.

Any questions?

Email me: Sharon@[bridgeofhopeburlington.org](mailto:Sharon@bridgeofhopeburlington.org)



**DID YOU KNOW
..... 1 IN 50 CHILDREN
IN THE UNITED
STATES TODAY WILL
FACE HOMELESSNESS
SOMETIME IN THEIR
LIFE.**

**LOOK AROUND
YOUR CHILD'S
CLASSROOM OF 25.
THAT'S 2 CHILDREN
PER CLASS!**

**Please return this form to Bridge of Hope Burlington County
PO Box 291 Willingboro, NJ 08046**

[] YES! I want to be a partner of **Women of Hope.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

This gift is in honor of _____

This gift is in memory of _____

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$100 or more
(payable to Bridge of Hope Burlington County)

Please charge my credit card for \$ _____

Annually (\$100), QTRLY (\$25) or Monthly: (\$8.35) on _____

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It is With His Amazing Grace that we are called to serve

Has this newsletter or prior events or presentations touched your heart? Do you desire to serve Christ in a local arena?

We are looking for 5 Christians (men and women) to join us at His table as we serve Burlington County.

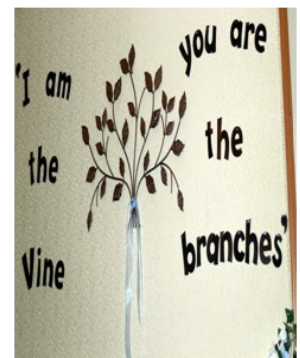
Note: These are Board Leadership positions and you must be a member of a local congregation.

If you have about 5 hours each month, and can help with any of the following volunteer functional areas, we'd like to talk to you.

- Creating this newsletter
- Meeting with local churches and women's groups
- MSW Case Worker support (licensed in NJ) to assist our director
- Pastoral Support

- Finance and Admin
- Fundraising
- On-line web page support and social networking (i.e FB) and other media outlets.

In the 4 years since we began this ministry, we have had many challenges, have grown as a team, and more importantly, served two families! Please join us as we continue to serve Burlington County.



We're on the Web!



Do you search the web? Do you shop on-line?

We are registered as a NFP with Good Search. Please go to www.GoodSearch.com and designate Bridge of Hope Burlington County as your favorite Non-profit! For each 'Search' completed, BOH receives \$.01. Now that might not seem like much but we know every little bit helps. When you shop online through Good Search, major retailers like Amazon, Staples, Expedia, and hundreds of others will donate a percentage (1 to 5%) of your purchase to Bridge of Hope Burlington County. The full link is also below:

You can also find us on the following links :

<http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/bridge-of-hope-burlington-county.aspx>

<http://www2.guidestar.org/organizations/26-3073653/bridge-hope.aspx>

<http://www1.networkforgood.org/for-nonprofits> Search Bridge of Hope Burlington County

<http://www.facebook.com> Look for Bridge of Hope Burlington County as a "group page" or "Cause"

And as always, our home site: <http://www.bridgeofhopeburlington.org>

2010 Year in Review – This has been an exciting and banner year and we are so thankful for the support and prayers that you have given us. What started in Oct 2008 as an idea, has now led us to serving two families!

Jan	Received Grant for staff person	Jul	Accepted our First Family
Feb	Completed Interview Process	Aug	Match night with MLEFC Mentoring Group
Mar	Hired Melissa Young as Program Director	Sep	Continued to work with Mom and her family
Apr	Completed National Director Training	Oct	Attended National Bridge of Hope conference
May	Held our Second Annual Gala	Nov	Held our Second Wine Event
Jun	Training with MLEFC and our first Mentoring Group	Dec	Built Community Partners with TD BANK and Good Search

And we have started 2011 serving our Second Family



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