



ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2007- MARCH 2008



Opening Doors to a Growing Movement

**“...knock and the door will be opened.”
MATTHEW 7:7b**



God is opening doors—as churches knock. And God is opening doors—as homeless single mothers and their children seek hope.



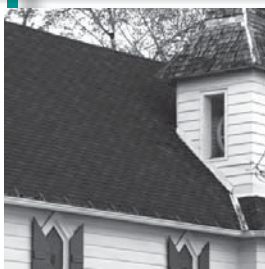
This past year we have seen doors open as churches come together in more communities and seek God’s direction for how they might help homeless women and children. God opens the door—and leads them to find Bridge of Hope. Sometimes the “door” is opened when they miraculously find Bridge of Hope on the web. Sometimes the door is a friend of a friend who has heard about Bridge of Hope in another community. And sometimes the door is a national conference where one of us have spoken about the work God is doing through churches unified around ending homelessness for women and children.



In this past fiscal year, we saw the fulfillment of a bold goal we set three years ago—doubling from 6 Bridge of Hope affiliate locations to 12. We met and exceeded that goal. Now we have set our next three-year strategic plan and feel confident that God is leading us to work toward a 75% increase—from 13 affiliates across 5 states in April 2008 to 23 affiliates in 10 states by 2011.

God is calling us to grow a national movement to end homelessness through churches—and people are responding.

We are more convinced than ever that God is calling the church to a friendship-based approach for ending homelessness for single mothers and their children. God cares passionately about these vulnerable families—and so does the church of God.



Just recently we received calls from as diverse places as Iowa, Florida and Delaware. The connecting point of these phone calls is that Christians who are engaged with their local church are feeling a sense of call to respond to the needs of homeless women and children. And God hears the knock—and is directing them to Bridge of Hope National.

“Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened.”

We asked—and now God is opening doors through Bridge of Hope in exciting ways. We are humbled and filled with joy to be used for God’s purposes.

Thanks to all of you who are helping fulfill the purposes of God through Bridge of Hope as financial partners, as members of local Bridge of Hope startup groups, as board, staff and mentors of a Bridge of Hope affiliate, and in many other ways. God is opening doors! Praise God!



Dorothy Pulcher
Dorothy Pulcher
Board Chair,



Edith E. Yoder
Edith E. Yoder
Executive Director

Our Mission

To call and equip compassionate people from many Christian faith traditions to exemplify Christ's love to homeless women and children by creating and sustaining thriving Bridge of Hope affiliates.

Our Programs

- Startup - tools and support
- Training - excellence in Christian nonprofit management
- Individualized consultation - for board and staff leaders

Our Vision

To end and prevent homelessness for women and children across the United States by calling churches into action.

Our Board of Directors

Dorothy Pulcher, Chair
Larry Massanari, Vice-Chair
Georgia Myers, C.P.A., Treasurer/Secretary
Lewis Good Richard Tait
Sheryl Holzbauer Carolyn Tate
Dr. Kimberlee Johnson Diane Tihansky
Pastor Jim Lapp Ruth Weaver
Dr. Ruth Leshner Justin Weber
Devon Martin Joan Gotwals
Rev. Phil Olson Yoder
Cindy Petersheim Pat Yoder

Our Advisory Members

Michele Beamer Kent Martin
Ronald Sider, Ph.D. Christine Sine, M.D.
Edgar Stoesz

Our Staff

Edith E. Yoder, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dana Felder, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
Mindy Fetherman, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
Wendy Hoke Witmer, AFFILIATE CONSULTANT
FOR PROGRAM & OUTCOMES
Leslie Homer-Cattell, DIRECTOR OF
OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS
Barb McIntosh, ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT FOR PROGRAMS
Terri Miller, AFFILIATE CONSULTANT FOR
LEADERSHIP & BOARD DEVELOPMENT
Joy Sawatzky, AFFILIATE CONSULTANT FOR
START-UP & HUMAN RESOURCES

Current Bridge of Hope Affiliates and Start-Up Groups (as of July 2008)

Indiana

- Bridge of Hope Johnson County
- Elkhart County Start-Up
- St. Joseph's County Start-Up

Louisiana

- Bridge of Hope North Shore

New Jersey

- Bridge of Hope Burlington County
- Morris County Start-Up

North Carolina

- Bridge of Hope Henderson County

Ohio

- Bridge of Hope Butler County
- Bridge of Hope Clark County

Pennsylvania

- Bridge of Hope Berks County
- Bridge of Hope BuxMont
- Bridge of Hope Centre County
- Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area
- Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties
- Bridge of Hope of the Laurel Highlands
- Bridge of Hope of York County
- Bridge of Hope Lebanon County

Virginia

- Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Start-Up

Bridge of Hope Affiliates

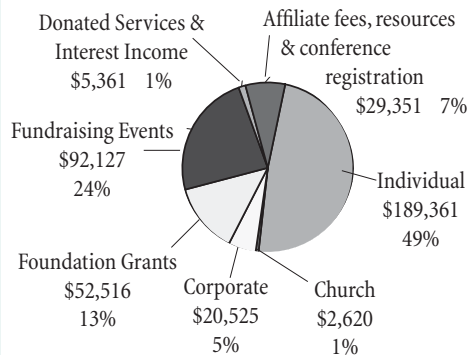
bring together professional staff and trained church-based mentoring groups to empower homeless and at-risk single mothers to attain:

- Permanent housing
- Financial self-sufficiency through employment
- Life-changing friendships
- Increased self-esteem and growth in areas of holistic living

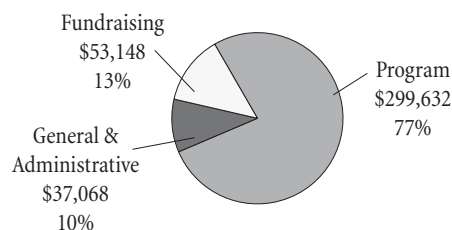
Financial Summary

April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008

Income for 2007-2008: \$391,861



Expenses 2007-2008: \$389,848



NOTE: Financial summary from audited financials by Bee, Bergvall & Co. Full audit available at www.bridgeofhopeinc.org.