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Dear Friends,

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Karen Brandes knew there were those in her local community in **real need**. She longed to **help** meet those needs, so she joined the founding board of [Bridge of Hope Centre County \(Penna.\)](#).

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When this new [affiliate](#) hired a case manager to serve its first family, Karen transitioned from board service to become a [mentor](#) with other members of University Mennonite Church. Her group has provided *Anna and her grandson, *Kevin, with occasional transportation and child care, but - more importantly - genuine supportive friendships have developed.

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"**Fun times** with our family have included playing kickball at Kevin's birthday party and a Christmas party with a hilarious white elephant gift exchange!" says Karen. "We have broken through the initial uncertainties to a place of **mutual trust and caring**. Through phone calls, social activities and working through challenges together, we have all become friends.

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"Being part of this [program model](#) - **multiplied many times over** - is a tangible sign of hope in an often hopeless world."

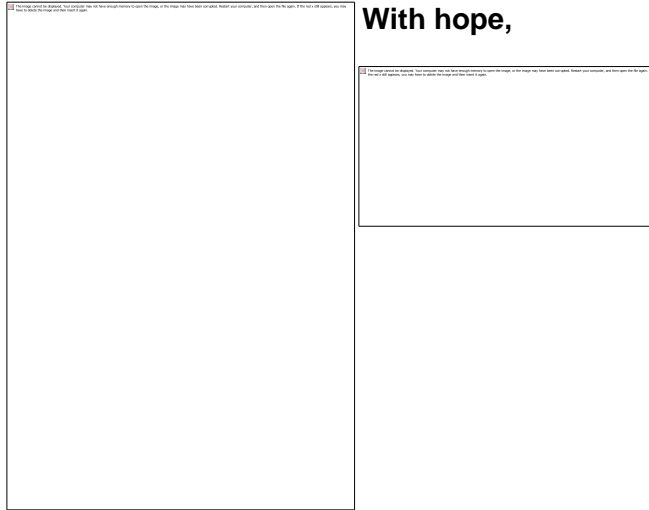
**Names changed due to confidentiality.*

When I went to apply for Bridge of Hope, I knew I needed to change my life because...
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What's new?

- [Watch this 6-minute Bridge of Hope video, then pass it on](#) - graduates, mentors and local start-up leaders tell their Bridge of Hope stories.
- **America's Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness** (from The National Center on Family Homelessness) - presents a snapshot of the 1.5 million children who are homeless in America each year. Free summary report documents the extent of child homelessness, details policy efforts and includes recommendations for state and federal action. For full report and individual state info, visit www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org.
- **We're going to Monroe County, Penna. on Monday, March 8th, at 7pm** to talk

about the Bridge of Hope model! If you or someone you know lives there, we invite you to join us at *Effort United Methodist Church*, Merwinsburg Road, Effort, PA 18330. For more information, contact lesliehc@bridgeofhopeinc.org.



With hope,

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