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Mitch and Michelle Long learned that single women with children are often the unseen homeless...
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"Mary"s, "Martha"s and even someone who liked to fly kites. According to Rev. Roger Greene, these were some of the people from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church who formed their congregation's Bridge of Hope mentoring group a few years ago. They agreed to build friendships with one homeless family. They were trained and matched with *Karen, a single mom, and her two young sons and 15-year-old daughter.

"[Forming a Bridge of Hope mentoring group](#) turned out to be an incredible blessing for us!" says Rev. Greene of the genuine friendships that developed between the mentoring team and Karen. "It was unbelievably moving to see what was made possible when they came together. Seeing them, you wouldn't know who was who - a real community of support had developed and they were doing what a community ought to do!

"What we're finding as a church is that the more we move out and connect with others in ministry, the more we encounter God and are transformed. Bridge of Hope fit with our mission and gifts. It's an opportunity to invite people to bring who they are to something that is mutually transforming."

**Name changed for reasons of confidentiality.*

What's new?

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 - [Reach out in mentoring friendship to one homeless single mother and her children](#)
 - [Get training and professional support](#) for church members in this outreach
 - Help one homeless family find [permanent housing and stability through employment](#)
- **Congratulations to [Bridge of Hope Burlington County \(New Jersey\)](#)!** Last month,

this Bridge of Hope affiliate began serving their first family - a single mom with three children. They also trained their first mentoring group and held their first match night to introduce everyone. Praise God!

- **We thank [Signature Custom Cabinetry](#) for hosting the 7th annual [Golf Classic](#) on July 27 to end homelessness for women and children!** Please join us in thanking all of [this year's sponsors](#) for helping to provide hope to families that are homeless.
- **Will you be golfing with friends this summer or fall (or maybe this winter in Florida)?** We invite you to **Golf for Hope!** Use this [flier](#) to invite three friends to join you. Then set a goal for your foursome to raise or donate to Bridge of Hope National. Have fun with your friends while also helping to end family homelessness in the U.S.

Blessings,



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