



# Building Bridges

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## MISSION

Bridge of Hope ends and prevents homelessness for women and children with the help of trained mentoring groups from within congregations.

Our goal is to exemplify Christ's love and to promote physical, emotional, social and spiritual wholeness.

Single mothers obtain:

- Permanent housing
- Financial self-sufficiency through employment
- Life-changing relationships
- Growth and wholeness

## Board of Directors

- Rich "Bo" Barbrow
- Sally Best
- Sherry Gensemer
- Terry Padden
- John Schaffer
- Joe Soloski
- Meredith Wideman

## Excitement building

Bridge of Hope Centre County is busy, busy, busy. We recently accepted another family into our program. Another one of our families moved into their very own apartment. Another family has shown continued growth and progress toward family stability. Because of these things, we have already begun to enter spring and this has us full of life and excitement. Don't miss out on the many things that are going on right here in Centre County.

## March 29<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling:

March 29<sup>th</sup> is a very special event. Home "D" Pizzeria is hosting a benefit event for Bridge of Hope Centre County. It will be an event like no other. The event runs from 5pm-9pm and is a cocktail style party that includes Hors D'oeuvres, Fruit and Berry display, Cheese Board Display, 5 tasting stations, desserts, and a drink ticket. There will be an auction for amazing gift baskets at 7:30pm. Music will be provided by Strait and Miller. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling 814-237-4673, contacting Home "D" or at <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BridgeofHopeInc/springfling.html> Limited tickets are available. Don't miss out on this great event!

## Thank You

Without the local community, Bridge of Hope Centre County could not provide the services that work to prevent and homelessness. We were blessed by Dickey's Barbecue Pit and Outback Steakhouse in providing donations in order to have the meal at our monthly Bride of Hope Night with mothers, children and mentors. Our gracious host for that night is Park Forest United Methodist Church who welcomes us to share in their church space for these meals. Gamma Sigma Sigma provides babysitting so that the adults can learn and grow together. A special thank you to Leoni Georgiou of Penn State Extension program who provided lessons on cooking nutritious meals on a budget for our families. Thank you for your gifts to this community. You are appreciated and important!



*How Can I Join in Helping?*

- Join a mentoring group
- Become a board or committee member
- Donate financially
- Purchase a gift card for Hams for Homes
- Attend Spring Fling March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Glowin' Home Run Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>



You don't want to miss this fun event of the season!

**Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>** at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park (Spikes Stadium) we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Glowin' Home Fun Run/Walk. This one of a kind event kicks off with registration at 8:00pm and the run/walk starting at 9pm. The course goes through the PSU campus and ends on the field. There will be music and fun at the field to celebrate the completion of the walk/run.

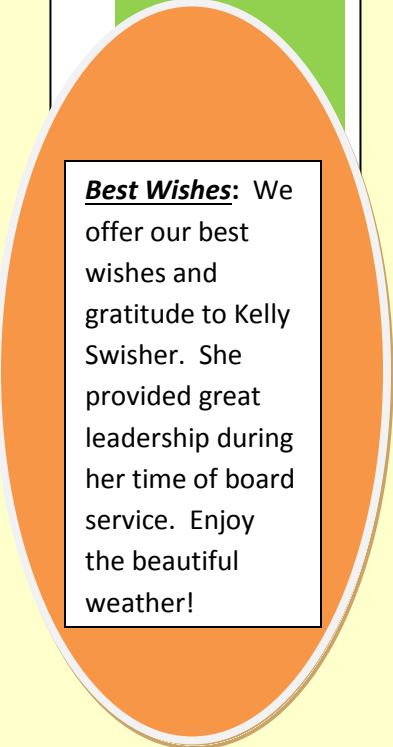
Form a team, volunteer to be on a committee, become a sponsor of the event, attend and celebrate with Bridge of Hope Centre County.

Watch for details coming your way! Contact us with any questions, suggestions or a desire to volunteer or sponsor at [bridgeofhope.office@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeofhope.office@gmail.com) or 814-237-4673.

## Hams for Homes

Buy your gift card today. These are good at any honey baked ham location. Use it for your Easter Ham. Buy lunch. Give one as a gift. 20% of every gift card purchase goes to Bridge of Hope Centre County. Use this address now through March 31 to buy a gift card to help a homeless family today.

<https://honeybakedfundraiser.sbgiftcards.com/hams-for-homes/>



**Best Wishes:** We offer our best wishes and gratitude to Kelly Swisher. She provided great leadership during her time of board service. Enjoy the beautiful weather!

## Bridge of Hope Wish List

Board Members      Committee Members      Event Volunteers

### Sponsors for Glowin' Home Run/Walk

Gift Cards      HP 950 printer ink      Reams of paper  
Meal Sponsors for Bridge of Hope Night      Mentors

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