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## Neighboring Together

Joslyn\* watched with tears in her eyes as her children happily picked flowers with "Aunt Pat"-- as her children began affectionately calling one of the Neighboring Volunteers.

West Grove United Methodist Church is committed to helping end family homelessness in their community. Before the pandemic, they opened their church once a month as a shelter. Recently, they connected with Bridge of Hope Chester County to begin Neighboring; walking alongside a mother and her children facing homelessness. Needing a few more members to complete their volunteer group, they were joined by interested members from St. Patrick Church, Kennett Square and New London United Methodist Church, Lincoln University. Joan Leaman, group coordinator commented "I love that we connect with one family so we can really develop close ties that can extend well beyond our year commitment. Since we work together as a neighboring group, each of us can use our unique gifts and abilities to benefit the whole. Bridge of Hope does indeed, provide hope, when the challenges of life can seem insurmountable." #neighboring

Please contact us if your small group, congregation or Bible study would like to

neighbor and you need a few more volunteers from your area. We can help you form a powerful community of support! Contact [ScottD@Bridgeofhopeinc.org](mailto:ScottD@Bridgeofhopeinc.org) or call 610-280-0280 x1109 for more information.



Empower kids as they start school!

We are collecting Target, Walmart and Staples gift cards to allow kids in Bridge of Hope to pick out their school supplies. Allowing kids to pick out their own supplies is empowering! Gone are the days of simple school supply lists – gift cards will help us make sure everyone is prepared for a great year. Please send or drop off gift cards to our office marked: Chester County school supplies.

Thank you!



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