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Lombard Christian Reformed Church Partners with  
Bridge Communities to Help Homeless Families

The Lombard Christian Reformed Church located at 2020 S. Meyers Road in Lombard, has joined 42 other faith-based and community action groups across DuPage County as a Program Partner with Bridge Communities, the largest transitional housing program in the County – providing over 70,000 housing nights each year.

“Surprisingly, DuPage County is home for 50,000 working poor families who live one paycheck away from becoming homeless”, says Bridge Communities president, Mark Milligan. “Our phones ring over 1100 times a year with calls from persons who are experiencing a housing crisis. We are always looking for new community organizations to partner with us in our mission to help move homeless families from financial instability to a more secure future.”

The Lombard Christian Reformed Church began work with a homeless family from DuPage County in January. The church provides a support structure, financial support, and volunteer mentors who work with the family over the two-year program period. Bridge Communities provides housing and supportive services including employment counseling, educational networking, automobiles, and tutoring. The homeless family, church volunteer mentors and Bridge professional case managers work together to improve the families’ financial, educational, employment and familial well-being – all with the goal of self sufficiency at the end of the two-year program period.

“Lombard Christian Reformed Church is concerned about social justice issues affecting our community. Our participation with Bridge Communities will enable our church to tangibly off “a cup of cold water” to individuals in need of assistance,” shares Wayne Postma, Program Partner Leader and member of Lombard Christian Reformed Church. “Our church’s vision statement says we will ‘impact the surrounding community with acts of service,’ so our partnership with Bridge Communities is a natural fit.”

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Bridge Communities... *connecting homeless families to a better future* ... is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, with offices in Glen Ellyn, whose mission is to provide transitional housing to homeless families in DuPage County through partnerships with faith-based and community organizations who provide mentoring relationships which root homeless families into local neighborhoods. In the past 20 years, Bridge Communities has helped over 2000 people cross the bridge from homelessness to self sufficiency and permanent housing.

To make a donation to support homeless families served by Bridge Communities, or to find out how to support Bridge in another way, please call Mark Milligan at 630-545-0610, x.10 or visit Bridge Communities' web site at [www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org).