



Dear Friends of Bridge Communities,

As we have now passed the one-year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic, we at Bridge Communities have certainly seen a lot of change. The challenges of COVID-19 have forced all of us to adapt in ways we never imagined.

Bridge Communities wishes to thank our outstanding volunteers, donors, friends, and community partners in their incredible support of Bridge families. We've been humbled and honored to witness the remarkable courage and resilience of our client families as they faced homelessness, unemployment, health fears, continual changes in their children's schooling, and for many, the traumas of racism and violence.

While many things have changed at Bridge, two things have remained the same: our commitment to the families we house and mentor; and our resolve to help them thrive. We've pivoted to virtual services, helped clients adapt to fluctuating workforce, provided mental health support, created work – and school – friendly environments within home units, and so much more.

None of this would have been possible without the volunteerism and financial support from so many. Your generosity has made all the difference and ensured a safe home for 110 families facing homelessness in 2020.

As we move forward toward, what we hope, is the end of the COVID-19 crisis, Bridge will continue to work diligently to provide safe homes and wraparound services to every family in our Program. We continue to work with local health officials, service partners, our board of directors, our staff and volunteers to establish the best path forward with health and safety of our families and volunteers as our top priority.

Many people have approached us to ask how they can best help Bridge families as we work our way out of this pandemic. We are grateful for your kindness, and we appreciate you supporting us in the following:

- Make a financial gift in honor of a Bridge family at www.bridgecommunities.org. Our costs for sanitizing and cleaning apartment buildings continues to climb, the needs to support the mental health of our families continues to grow, and our local neighbors continue to come to us suffering the chaos of housing instability and homelessness.
- Purchase cleaning and other household supplies for Bridge clients via [AmazonSmile Charity](#).
- Contact us about becoming a volunteer mentor or tutor for our client families. Reach out to me at karen.wells@bridgecommunities.org.
- Host a giving drive at your place of business, social or service club or with your family. Reach out to jen.bystry@bridgecommunities.org.

Again, we thank you for your concern and compassion for our client families and your support of our mission. More than ever, you are a lifesaver for families facing homelessness in our communities.

Regards,

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