

BuxMont Bridges

Ending homelessness one family, and one church at a time.

Newsletter for Bridge of Hope BuxMont

Winter 2010

When the wheels stop . . . Mr. Leon Clemens comes to the RESCUE

Many Bridge of Hope BuxMont's participants are fortunate to have cars. However, the cars are sometimes 10-15 years old and require constant maintenance and service which is challenging for their monthly budget. In fact, a break down or minor repair, such as breaks, spark plugs, etc., can cause a tight budget to explode and can take a very long time to recover. This is when the one and only Mr. Leon Clemens (and his assistant Mr. Done) of Clemens Towing and Recovery come into the picture for Bridge of Hope BuxMont.

When a car breaks down Leon gladly goes to the location, inspects and diagnoses the car's needs, tows the vehicle, and repairs the car all at no cost to the participant (he also gets the family back home if they cannot find a ride). Leon provides all service and parts at no cost . . . Yes, no cost!

Leon's talents, care, and compassion has saved the job of one participant, allowed another family more time together (because they do not have to depend on public transportation), and allowed a graduate to know her car is being cared for properly as she completes her four year college degree in order to continue to remain self sufficient.

Words cannot express our gratitude to Leon . . . Thank you Leon and Mr. Done!

Leon Clemens Towing and Recovery (267) 446-0903

Youth Volunteer



In December, 2009 Lacher & Associates, a risk management and insurance advisory firm located in Montgomery County partnered with Bridge of Hope

BuxMont for their holiday fundraiser. Lacher & Associates matched in donation the "Cups of Hope" sold by BOH BuxMont. The daughter of Lacher employee Amy Kelley generously donated her time in assembling the "Cups of Hope" gift bags. We would like to thank Emma for her servant's heart and willingness to give.

Emma, age 11, attends Indian Valley Middle School. She is a member of her Student Council and has worked on a 2009 Thanksgiving Food Drive and the December Gift Drive.

Emma volunteered to help set up, cook and/or serve breakfast to 80-100 homeless people at a church in Norristown.

In February, Emma plans to volunteer with a new ministry at her church, Church of the Holy Spirit, with the Interfaith Hospitality Network, an ecumenical program that offers shelter, nourishment, and counseling services to families who are homeless. Her church will be joining with another local church to provide transportation, meals, and fellowship to individuals and families who are striving to overcome poverty and homelessness.

Emma also began volunteering as an acolyte at her church this year. She has earned Distinguished Honor Roll in her first marking period of sixth grade. She recently joined the Leo Club, which

Thank you Debbie Wilcox!

Debbie Wilcox has been a faithful, behind the scenes volunteer for Bridge of Hope BuxMont for the past 15 months. She was connected with Bridge of Hope National and was very knowledgeable in our donor database, ETapestry. When she heard that we were in need of someone to input information into ETapestry, she quickly contacted our Marketing and Development Chair, Maura Derstein, to see how she could help. Debbie has put in countless hours to ensure the database has been maintained. She provided all of the receipts for our donors and made all of the changes in the database. Debbie has decided to pursue a full time career and will not be able to continue as our ETapestry database steward. Bridge of Hope BuxMont staff and Board wish to thank Debbie for her time, talents and effort. We wish Debbie well and God's blessings as she pursues her new career.

works in conjunction with the Lions International Club of Harleysville.

Emma was awarded the Citizen of the Month award at school for October 2009. She has a certificate from the Pennsylvania Senate that recognizes her leadership and willingness to help others.

With the help and support of Lacher & Associates, BOH BuxMont raised over \$2,400 to end single parent homelessness. Thank you to Lacher & Associates for being a faithful supporter of Bridge of Hope BuxMont.

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A Note from the Executive Director

These are exciting times for Bridge of Hope BuxMont. We currently have two participants each with mentoring groups (Plains Mennonite and Souderton Mennonite). The Board and I are looking forward to accepting additional participants in 2010. Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with us in assisting homeless families with your financial contribution. May God continue to richly bless you and your family! — Terra



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Prayer Items

- Pray for current participant families.
- Pray for mentoring groups working with the participants.
- Pray for alumni families who continue to take new steps in these challenging economic times.
- Pray for our board members in seeking God's direction for Bridge of Hope in 2010.
- Pray for all homeless persons in Bucks and Montgomery counties during these cold winter months.
- Pray for God's children in Haiti as they continue to heal and recover from the devastation of the earthquake.

Save the Date!

Garden Tea & Silent Auction

Sun., April 18, 2010
2:00 p.m.

Pine Crest Country Club
(note new location)
Lansdale, PA

Come and enjoy our elegant luncheon buffet followed by a silent auction to benefit local families in need. Tickets will be available for purchase on our website along with a detailed list of auction items as the date approaches.

**Join us for
this exciting
fundraising event!**

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July Newsletter

Quantity: 3,300

17 x 11 – folded in half and then tri-folded

White stock

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There are photographs, so choose a paper that prints photos well.

Do you have mailing services or can you coordinate this job with a mailing house?

Here is the information I have for the non-profit “stamp” – “Nonprofit Org., US Postage, PAID, Lafayette Hill, PA, Permit No. 14.” (Is this the correct information?)

Job will be delivered to you early next week. When will it ship?

Thank you,