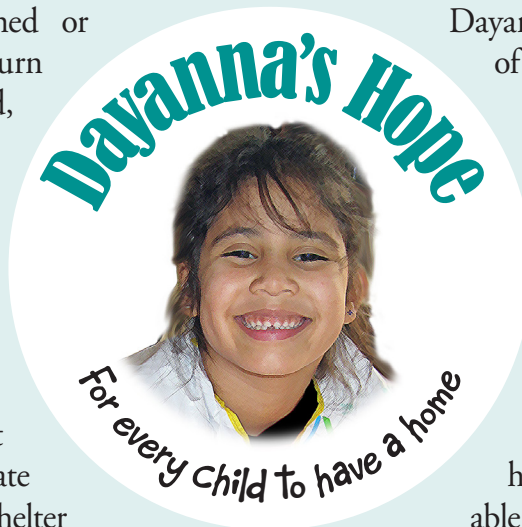


*Dayanna's mom was 8 months pregnant with her third child the day she decided to leave an abusive relationship.*

Family relationships were strained or cut off and she had no one to turn to. Dayanna's mom was scared, overwhelmed, and desperate. Dayanna remembers the small room they had to live in at the shelter. There was little privacy and they were surrounded by strangers. Dayanna's mom was terrified that her girls would be taken away from her if she couldn't find a job that provided adequate income. As her allotted time at the shelter came to an end, she feared her only solution would be to return to the abusive relationship.



Dayanna's mom was referred to Bridge of Hope Lancaster and Chester Counties. With the help of her mentors, she successfully graduated from the program in 2009. With permanent housing, a solid income, and a reliable support system Dayanna's mom is providing a stable and safe environment for her children. Dayanna knows she has hope for her own future—that she will be able to realize her dreams because her mom was given a chance, a new beginning, and the support of those who believe in her.

**Please give to match a generous gift of \$40,000.**

*There are so many more "Dayannas" in our community. These children will fall through the cracks of the system if we are not able to reach out to their mothers. Please help us to grow our ministry so that we can help more families like Dayanna's to cross that "bridge of hope."*

### Why Bridge of Hope?

- Single mothers and their children make up over 60% of the homeless in our community, and the current recession is exacerbating the problem.
- Informal support systems like our church-based mentoring teams are vital to the success of breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness.
- Bridge of Hope offers a multifaceted program that brings real and lasting solutions—not temporary fixes—to ending homelessness.



- Bridge of Hope's 21-year track record is unsurpassed. In recent years, more than 82% of program participants have achieved independence.

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- **Partner with us and your financial gift will be matched up to \$40,000.**
- **You can help us to grow the number of families we are able to serve.**
- **You can give other children like Dayanna hope for stability, hope for safety, hope for the future.**