

Bridges of Belonging

November 2023

Dear Donors and Friends,

We hope this finds you and yours well.

As we approach the end of this year, we have so much to reflect on. The Dwelling Place and The Bridges of Belonging Organization looks back on both personal loss and with hope into the future.

First and foremost, we are filled with love and friendship for the long legacy of Barb Durst who has passed on as of August 4th, 2023. Barb was able to be supported and cared for in the Bridges of Belonging home with hospice support and under the loving care of the ILC staff at the establishment she resided for the past ten years until her death. Barb was a treasured friend to all of us. She loved music, sports and had a contagious giggle. We cherish all the lessons, giggles and strength of faith shared within her journey. Her legacy always lives on in our hearts and minds.



For the first time now, after ten years in the Bridges of Belonging house there has been the opportunity for a new resident.

The Board and ILC worked together to prepare the house and gather candidates that could step in for long term aging in place residency. With that said, we introduce Sue Weber as our newest person to join the group as a resident. Sue is very active, has close family and friends and is fiercely independent, talented and has settled into the house smoothly since around the October time frame. We welcome Sue and all her family and friends with open arms and are thrilled to have her in this special location.



Over the years, we have recognized that the on-going financial support for Adult Family Homes (AFHs) continues to be important and ever changing. Operational and transportation costs are increasing within all homes. We know that it will require a continued commitment on our part to secure the future of the home. For this reason, we come to you with this annual request, knowing that you have a caring heart and that you can personally make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Your generous tax deductible 501(c)(3) contributions can be made either by check or online. You may also choose to become a sustaining donor. Please have checks payable to Bridges of Belonging using our self-addressed stamped envelope to mail to us. If you wish to donate online, our website is bridgesofbelonging.org, there you will see a "donate now" button on the home page. We deeply appreciate your generosity and willingness to walk with us on this journey. If you have any questions please call our Treasurer, Brendan Gargaro, at 608-468-7699.

May your season be bright and bold,

We thank you.

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