


# Your compassion makes a difference

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**A Season of Gratitude, A Future of Hope**

November brings a season of reflection and gratitude as we prepare for the holidays and the colder months ahead. At Bridge Haven, this time of year reminds us of the importance of having a safe, warm place to call home and the comfort that comes from knowing someone cares.

As we recognize Homelessness Awareness Month, we are reminded that many women and families in our own community are facing housing insecurity. Our homes remain full and the need for safe, stable housing continues. Yet every day, we see the strength and determination of our participants as they work toward independence, overcome challenges and take meaningful steps toward brighter futures.

This month, we're sharing updates from Bridge Haven, highlighting the importance of homelessness awareness and looking ahead to opportunities for our community to make a difference. With Thanksgiving approaching and our Avenues for Hope fundraising campaign just around the corner, we are especially grateful for the donors, volunteers, businesses and community partners who make our work possible.

Together, we're doing more than providing a place to stay. We're creating opportunities for growth, strengthening families and helping build a foundation for lasting independence.

This season, we are reminded that gratitude is more than a feeling. It's an opportunity to give hope, show compassion and make a difference.

# A Season of Giving Thanks

As November arrives, we enter one of the busiest and most meaningful times of the year at Bridge Haven. Between preparing for our upcoming Open House, planning our Avenues for Hope campaign, and getting ready for holiday festivities, there is never a dull moment! But even amid all the activity, November reminds us to slow down and reflect on the many things we can be thankful for.

First and foremost, we are thankful for the women, children and families who walk through our doors. Each person comes with a different story, but they all share a desire for something better. Watching our participants overcome challenges, reach goals, and take steps toward independence reminds us every day why we do this work.

We are also incredibly grateful for our staff, volunteers, donors, churches, businesses and community partners. Your kindness and generosity make it possible for Bridge Haven to provide more than just a roof over someone's head. Together, we offer hope, encouragement and the tools needed to build a brighter future.

As we prepare for our Open House, we look forward to welcoming our community and sharing the work being done at Bridge Haven. We are also excited about Avenues for Hope, our year-end fundraising campaign. With our homes full and families still waiting for help, this campaign is especially important. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us continue changing lives.

The holiday season can be a difficult time for families facing hardship. But thanks to this amazing community, we can help make the season a little brighter and remind those we serve that they are not alone.

This Thanksgiving, we simply want to say thank you. Thank you for believing in our mission, standing beside our families, and helping us turn difficult beginnings into new opportunities.

From all of us at Bridge Haven, we wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, love, and hope.

*With heartfelt thanks,*

**Rebekah Little**
Executive Director

# OCTOBER REPORT

## BED NIGHTS

**October** 1,439
**Year to Date** 15,198

**4** **PROUDLY GRADUATED** and moved forward into stable, independent living.

## PEOPLE

**Participants: 48**

- Primary: 21
- Dependents: 24
- Spouses: 3

**136%** **Oct. Occupancy Rate**

*Our occupancy rate can exceed 100% when we add temporary beds or cribs to keep families together — a reflection of both our flexibility and the community's high need for housing and safety.*

## ENTRY

**Incoming: 7**

- Primary: 4
- Dependents: 3
- Spouses: 0

## EXIT

**Outgoing: 14**

- Primary: 6
- Dependents: 8
- Spouses: 0

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# OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday, December 2, 2026**

**Two opportunities to visit:**
**11:00AM-1:00PM**
**4:00PM-6:00PM**

**907 Spruce St. Sandpoint ID**

## *We have so much to be thankful for this year, and we would love to celebrate with you!*



Earlier this year, Bridge Haven was blessed to receive an incredible gift from the **Kinderhaven Foundation—our North building!** This generous donation has helped secure a brighter future for the women and families we serve, providing a safe place where they can rebuild their lives and work toward independence.

Now, we want to open our doors and invite our wonderful community to see firsthand what this gift means.
Whether you have supported us for years or are just learning about Bridge Haven, we invite you to stop by, tour our North location, meet our team, and learn more about the important work happening within these walls.

This is our opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to the donors, supporters, and community members who make our mission possible.

Please join us as we celebrate this incredible gift and the hope it brings to so many lives.

## *We look forward to welcoming you!*

# Stories that Stay with Me

**Hard Work, Hope, and a New Beginning**

Some stories remind me why we do what we do at Bridge Haven. This month, I want to celebrate a very special mother and her three children.

After a year and a half in our program, this family has reached a huge goal. They have moved into a place of their own**!**

From the beginning, this mom made the most of every opportunity. She worked hard, followed the program, set goals and took the steps needed to build a better future for her family. It wasn't always easy, but she never gave up.

She is a wonderful example of what can happen when someone truly puts in the work and uses the support our program offers.

Watching her grow, gain confidence, and become independent has been such a joy. I couldn't be prouder of her!

This is what Bridge Haven is all about. We don't just provide a safe place to stay. We help families build the skills and strength they need to stand on their own.

Congratulations to this amazing mom and her children! We can't wait to see what their future holds.

**Natalie Medeiros**
Case Manager

# SUPPORT BRIDGE HAVEN WHILE YOU SHOP!

# A NEW, FREE WAY TO GIVE

RaiseRight.

RaiseRight is a simple, everyday way to support Bridge Haven. Purchase gift cards for places you already shop, and a percentage comes back to us — *at no additional cost to you!*

GROCERIES | GAS | COFFEE | AND MORE!

## GETTING STARTED IS EASY

1. Download the RaiseRight app or visit RaiseRight.com.
2. Create your account.
3. Connect with Bridge Haven using our enrollment code.
4. Purchase gift cards for places you already shop and start supporting our mission!

**ENROLLMENT CODE: PLJVHYDGMWK2**

# ANOTHER "FREE" WAY TO DONATE!

eScrip® | Yoke's FRESH MARKET

eScrip is a free and easy way to support Bridge Haven while you shop at Yoke's Fresh Market in Ponderay. Simply enroll, and *up to 5%* of your eligible grocery purchases will be donated to Bridge Haven — *at no extra cost to you!*

## HOW TO GET STARTED

1. **Click the button below** or visit our Donate page on our website.
2. Print off the form and fill out the information.
3. Bring the form to Yoke's to get your Community Card.
4. Start shopping and support Bridge Haven!

**BRIDGEHAVENBHT.ORG/DONATE**

Yoke's Sign Up

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# Tree of Hope

## FUNDRAISER ANNOUNCEMENT

**This December, look for our Tree of Hope holiday trees around Sandpoint!**

Local businesses are teaming up throughout the month to raise support for Bridge Haven and our Avenues for Hope online campaign. You can scan the QR code here to donate directly.

## Visit the Trees at:

- The Idaho Club
- Larson's
- 113 Main
- Bonner General Health
- Schweitzer
- Starbucks

Mountain West Bank:

- Bonners Ferry
- Sandpoint
- Ponderay
- Hayden



Charity & Cheer Walk

# Festival of Trees

## — Raffle & Fundraiser —

Tree Theme:

## Cozy Christmas

Visit our tree at **Carousel Emporium** from **November 28 – December 5,** and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win the tree and all the gifts underneath!

**1 *for* $5 | 5 *for* $20 | 15 *for* $50**

*Or purchase tickets online at*
**bridgehavenbht.org/donate**

# Have You Explored Our Website?

Our website is more than a place to find information. It's a window into the work happening at Bridge Haven and the families and community behind it. Take a few minutes to explore our updated site, learn more about our programs, discover ways to get involved and see what's happening at Bridge Haven.

**Take a look around→**

# Thank You

**Click the button below to watch a video about us!**

About Us

Every act of support helps create pathways to home, dignity and healing.

Your generosity helps provide housing, supportive services and compassionate care for people working to rebuild their lives.

Together, we are not just addressing homelessness. We are helping restore hope, dignity, and the opportunity for healing



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