



Crossing Bridges

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FROM A PAST OF FALSE PROMISES...TO A BRIGHTER, MORE HOPEFUL FUTURE

Edgardo, Marlina and their 6 year old daughter Jaliya have known their fair share of hard times and worries this past year. It all began when they moved to Lancaster from the Bronx, after being promised an apartment in Lancaster that turned out to be anything but what they were promised, or what they expected! Marlina and Edgardo, still emotional about it, shared

“This is the one place where we were able to stay together.” -Edgardo

their experience: “We moved to Lancaster from the Bronx and the thing that led to our homelessness was...false promises. The bathroom and kitchen were still not done. The power didn't work in the house... this was our first experience of being homeless.”

Edgardo, a Veteran who had served in Afghanistan, felt betrayed. Then Edgardo and Marlina received some additional news. Marlina remembers it well: “After a month of living here I became pregnant. I was not pregnant when I moved here. Things got worse



Edgardo, Marlina, Jaliya, and Lucas

after I was pregnant. We were told that we were given 10 days' notice to get more money, or we had to leave. They did not expect us to leave...so much about the place was still unfinished. But we couldn't go back to New York...and we wanted to raise our children here.” It was then that Edgardo and Marlina contacted the Veterans Administration (VA), to ask for help. “We came to TLC. We met McKenzie from the VA, and she told us about TLC.”

From there the family's situation took a much more positive turn. Edgardo recalls: “the people here at TLC are polite and respectful...it's a real community. The [see **Hopeful Future** on page 2](#)”

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Hopeful Future *(continued from front page)*

staff is welcoming. They will try to get you what you need. They are very helpful...you can really trust the staff. We feel very comfortable and safe here. It's like I said...a unique community...and the fact that our whole family can live together here...is very important to us. This is the one place where we were able to stay together. Our daughter Jaliya loves it here...she really loves all of the extra kids to play with." Marlina added "In March we even got married right here in the TLC activity room! The staff was great and our

(TLC) Case Manager Steven helped us out a lot...he really went above and beyond."

In May the couple celebrated the birth of their son, Lucas. With financial assistance from the Veterans Administration, and the help of TLC and a number of veterans' organizations, Edgardo and Marlina expect to move into their very own apartment in Lititz in June! So, where a past of false promises once led to hard times, after participating in the TLC program, they now have a newfound sense of trust, community, and a brighter, more hopeful future. 🇺🇸



7TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS EVENT

TLC was again generously supported by **Kevin Lehman, Lancaster Creative Factory, and the community** for the 7th Annual Empty Bowls Event. Over \$12,000 was raised from the event, which featured soups, breads and desserts provided by area restaurants and bakeries.

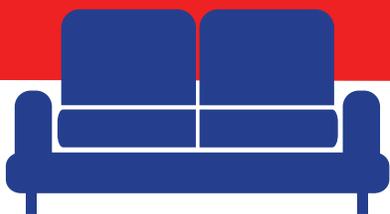
Those who purchased tickets got to choose a one-of-a-kind handcrafted bowl made by local artisans which they used to sample the dozens of soups being served that day. As guests shared a meal together they were entertained by live music and glass blowing demonstrations.

TLC would like to thank all the volunteers, donors, and supporters for making this such a successful event! And if you missed out this year, mark your calendar for next year's Empty Bowls Event, scheduled for **Sunday, April 30, 2017.**



FURNITURE DONATIONS!

Please consider donating your gently used furniture to TLC. We will gladly come pick it up! Contact Doug Hopwood at dhopwood@tabornet.org for more information.



PLEASE CHECK OUT THESE GREAT EVENTS BELOW

— 7th Annual Daniel Cicchetti Memorial —

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 4, 2016 | Tee off 1:30PM

Proceeds to
benefit the
TLC Veterans'
Victory House

Deadline for Entry:
May 27, 2016

If you have **questions**
or would like to
register, contact
Pete Cicchetti at
717.733.9443

Get a foursome of your own or play with
new friends!

Chapel Hill Golf Course
2023 Old Lancaster Pike, Reading PA

\$75 Per Player
Proceeds to benefit Veterans' Victory House in
Lancaster, PA

Package Includes:
Green fees, cart, prizes and dinner for golfers
immediately following play in the club house



PAINT LANCASTER

Benefit Art Auction July 19, 7-10pm

Tellus 360, 24 E King St
1st floor in the back room

Come out and give while gaining great local art | **All art auctions start at \$5**

Art donated by local artists | **All proceeds will be donated to TLC**

Your support is greatly appreciated. Current TLC Participant needs include:

- Bath rugs
- Deodorant
- Sturdy bedside lamps
- Mattress pads—double sized
- Feminine hygiene products
- Clorox cleaning wipes

Contact dhopwood@tabornet.org for further information.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2016 **TLC Fundraising & Volunteer Recognition Dinner** is fast approaching!

Date Thursday, October 20th, 2016
Location Eden Resort
 222 Eden Rd. • Lancaster, PA 17601
Reception 6:00pm
Dinner 6:30pm

To reserve your seat or to sponsor the event, contact Nate at 717.358.9377 or NLammy@tabornet.org.

Questions about Sponsorship? Contact Doug at 717.397.3034 or DHopwood@tabornet.org



Love for humankind

Philanthropy, literally, means love for humankind. In everyday terms, it means making gifts ... gifts for ministries, churches, hospitals, human services and much more. They are gifts that transfer our love into action. In our country's recent past, we have seen generous outpourings of philanthropy generated by the love for humankind.

So, why do you give to the organizations you do? Love for the charity and its mission? Love for the ultimate use of the gift by the charity? Or, maybe you desire to reduce income or estate taxes? Studies have ranked the prior three reasons to give the highest.

No matter your motivation for giving to an organization, your planned gifts show your love for humankind and keep programs like TLC financially healthy. Your planned gifts enable TLC to bridge homelessness to housing for individuals

and families, including veterans, those returning from incarceration and families needing emergency shelter.

Planned gifts come in all shapes and sizes: from bequests, wills and gift annuities to charitable trusts, IRAs, life insurance and even gifts of real estate, crops and/or livestock. TLC, through Tabor Community Services, has partnered with Mennonite Foundation of Everence and Lancaster County Community Foundation to help you and your family decide which avenue is best for your financial picture and how you plan to leave your legacy.

To make a planned gift to TLC or get more information, contact Phyllis Stacks at Pstacks@tabornet.org or 717.358.9383.



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