

The Pathfinder

Welcome to Britepaths!

On the evening of Thursday, July 21, Our Daily Bread's Board and Staff gathered with supporters, public officials, community partners and a host of friends to unveil and celebrate our new name and brand: Britepaths!

We are grateful to Fairfax County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova (top right) for serving as our keynote speaker, and to our Project BRIDGE Program client Teresa and her volunteer Financial Mentor Martha (right, inset) for sharing their story and speaking about what our organization's work has meant to them.

While our name has changed, our mission and work to help struggling families in the Fairfax County area move from a place of need to self-sufficiency remains the same.

Learn more about our new brand and view photos and video from our launch event at: <http://bit.ly/BritepathsLaunch>.

Get Involved! Visit our new web site, britepaths.org, and learn more about Britepaths and how you can support our work.



Mission

Britepaths provides our Fairfax County area neighbors in need with short-term safety-net services and empowers them to work toward long-term self-sufficiency.

Services

- Stabilizing Families
- Building Resilience
- Seasonal Supports

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2015 Annual Report



Britepaths' 2015 Annual Report is now available on our web site, britepaths.org. Phone Britepaths at 703.273.8829, or email info@britepaths.org to request a copy.

Help Us Complete the Circle!

Complete the Circle FOODRaiser, Nov. 6

Did you know that right now in the Fairfax County area, 63,000 people, including 28,000 children, do not know whether they will eat? You can make a difference for your struggling neighbors by joining us at Complete the Circle FOODRaiser on November 6!

Complete the Circle FOODRaiser is a joyful and creative service project for community members of all ages to raise awareness about hunger and need in our community while raising food and funds to help address that need. Everyone who participates is a volunteer!

We will create a "living picture" of the design at right, photographed by artist Daniel Dancer of Art for the Sky. The image will be surrounded by food and pantry donations that participants bring that day to help the local families that Britepaths and Lorton Community Action Center serve.

We hope you will bring your family and friends, or a team!



Great for companies, service organizations, congregations and groups of all kinds. Sponsorships are also welcome!

Complete the Circle FOODRaiser
Sunday, Nov. 6, 1:00.-2:30 p.m.

NEW LOCATION:

South County Middle School
8700 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton

Admission:

\$5 (\$10 for XXL T-shirt)
Please bring pantry donations or a grocery store gift card.

Registration and Information:

www.CompletetheCircleFx.org

Contact:

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Holiday Cheer for Your Neighbors in Need

Sponsor a Family for the Holidays!

What better gift can you give than hope and help to our struggling neighbors? Britepaths' Holiday Program makes it easy for families, individuals, businesses, groups and congregations to help struggling Fairfax County area residents at this special time of year.

Sponsor a Family or Individual: Provide meals for Thanksgiving and the December holidays and gifts for children under 18 in December.

Be a Virtual Sponsor: Your donation will purchase gift cards to go directly to an individual or family in need.

Donate Funds: Donate on-line or send a check to help us provide gift cards to families who are not matched with sponsors. In 2015, your support helped

brighten the holidays for nearly 3,000 individuals and families. The need is always so great!

Britepaths also greatly welcomes corporate sponsors and volunteers to make this program a success!

Learn More and Register at:

<http://bit.ly/BritepathsHoliday>.
Contact Joanne Walton at: jwalton@britepaths.org or 703.273.8829.



Congratulations to Paola!



Congratulations to Paola, who graduated from our Project BRIDGE program in May 2016! Paola is a single mother of six who lives in the Fairfax area. She worked intensively over the past year with her volunteer Financial Mentor Greg (above) and Britepaths' staff to greatly improve her financial outlook.

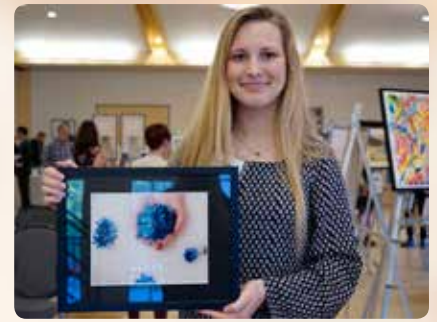
Greg helped Paola identify many areas where she could significantly cut her discretionary spending, which helped her pay off credit card debt and build savings.

Paola encountered unforeseen difficulties over the year. She lost some loved ones, had some family issues and encountered some unexpected expenses. But she remained committed to her plan.

Working with Greg, she was able to achieve her financial goals and is now in a great position to apply for the First-Time Homebuyer's Program, which she is eager to do.

Read about Paola and other client success stories at:

<http://bit.ly/BritepathsStories>.



Artful Living 2016

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Artful Living: Seeing the Beauty Within on April 23 at the Sherwood Center in Fairfax City to celebrate art and our community in association with the Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival!

Britepaths raised \$45,000 to further our work to support our work to assist struggling families in the Fairfax County area. A portion of the proceeds went to the Spotlight on the Arts Scholarship Fund. We are grateful to our artists, judges, sponsors, volunteers and supporters for making this a spectacular evening.

The Call for Art for our Spring 2017 Artful Living event will be available soon on the Events page at britepaths.org.

Back to School 2016

Britepaths is in our sixth year of partnering with Fairfax County's Collect for Kids initiative to provide school supplies to Fairfax County area students in need. Thanks to YOUR support for our Collect for Kids Back to School Program, we were able to assist more than 2,500 students in Fairfax City and central Fairfax County this fall.

A special thank you to our Sponsors:

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