

Welcome to Britepaths!

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

Britepaths is grateful to Fairfax County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova for serving as our keynote speaker, and to our Project BRIDGE Program client Teresa and her volunteer Financial Mentor Martha for sharing the story of their work together to improve Teresa's financial outlook, and for speaking about what our organization's work has meant to them. We also extend an extra-special thanks to The

financial burdens and provide hope at a time when life is uncertain.

Community members providing volunteer and financial support for Britepaths' programs are giving help and hope to someone who lives surprisingly close to us. They could be our child's preschool teacher or bus driver, our local mechanic, grocer or hair stylist, or someone down the street who has fallen on hard times.

Britepaths' new name helps clarify that our work and the solutions to the problems our families are facing are multi-faceted. Our hope is this new beginning will guide us to

• **Volunteer:** Britepaths has a wide variety of volunteer needs in the fall, including helping run our Holiday Program, assisting with fall food drives, and helping get out the word about our work at local fall festivals.



Britepaths' Board of Directors and Staff members gather at the celebration. Photo by Catherine Read.

Tower Club of Tysons Corner, which has chosen Britepaths as their 2016 charity partner, for hosting our launch event.

Britepaths' mission and work to help struggling families in the Fairfax County area move from a place of need to one of true financial self-sufficiency remain the same, and there is so much more work to be done. In one of the nation's wealthiest counties, More than 181,000 (16%) of Fairfax County residents live in or just above poverty. More than 52,000 children (more than 25%) who attend Fairfax County Public Schools qualify to receive free or reduced-price meals.

Our primary Programs **Stabilize Families** by providing short-term food and financial assistance so struggling families can stay in their homes and **Build Resilience** by providing mentoring, classes and longer-term guidance that help families help themselves out of their crisis and onto a path where they can plan for and create a stable future. Our **Seasonal Supports**, school supplies for students in need and holiday meals and gifts for children, relieve

even greater opportunities to do more for our neighbors in need.

Get Involved This Fall!

There are many ways to help Britepaths do more for our struggling neighbors in the Fairfax County area this fall! Visit <http://britepaths.org> for more details:

- **Sponsor a Family for the Holidays:** Provide a Fairfax County area family in need a Thanksgiving meal, December holiday meal and gifts for their children in December. A great office, family or group service project!
- **Join Us at Complete the Circle FOODraiser:** Bring a team or your family and friends, bring food or grocery gift card donations, and help Britepaths and Lorton Community Action Center create a fun and inspirational "Art for the Sky" aerial picture. Sunday, November 6, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at South County Middle School.
- **Wine and Wonderment Wine Tasting:** Celebrate the holidays and support Britepaths' Holiday Program at 2941 Restaurant in Falls Church, Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Britepaths' Board Co-President Matt Bosseler speaks. Photo by Edmond Joe.



A local organization called Womenade occasionally provides provide small grants to Britepaths' clients to help them in a crisis. They provided funds to Teresa last fall to provide her family with heating oil for the winter. Womenade's Patty Pearson is at left with Teresa and Executive Financial Mentor Martha Borowski. Photo by Edmond Joe.



Fairfax County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova (left) with Britepaths Board Member Alan Krishnan and Executive Director Lisa Whetzel. Photo by Catherine Read.

