

A Bridge from Need to Empowerment

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"I would like to thank my financial mentor for showing me how to save more money, how to budget my expenses and how to talk to my children about financial responsibilities. He also showed me possibilities for making extra income."

—ODB Financial Literacy Client











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WHO WE ARE

It is hard to believe that in wealthy Fairfax County, more than 73,000 children and adults do not know where their next meal will come from. Our Daily Bread works throughout the area to give hard-working, yet struggling, individuals and families emergency assistance to catch up on bills and stay in their homes, while also providing mentoring and support to improve their financial outlook. With a part-time staff, we rely on community members to provide the volunteer and financial support necessary to empower our neighbors to move from need to self-sufficiency. We are Working Together to Change Lives.



Our second Project BRIDGE Program graduate, Regina (right, with Mentor Lani) said, "Just to see my debt cleared...I never thought in my life that I would get to a point like this." See video of Regina at www.ODBFairfax.org/ProjectBridge.



In 2014, Our Daily Bread celebrated 30 years of service to the Fairfax community. ODB's 30th Anniversary celebration, "Do You See What I See?" in association with Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, featured an art show and music, poetry and dance performances by artists in our community.



ODB's annual Complete the Circle Event and FoodRaiser brings community members together to raise awareness about hunger in our midst. In 2014, our event with Food for Others broke records for attendance and donations. More than 1,000 participants created a "living picture" that was photographed from above by Art for the Sky's Daniel Dancer.

WORKING TOGETHER

Collaboration and Community Engagement: In 2014, Our Daily Bread:

- Fine-tuned and grew Project BRIDGE, which supports select clients as they work with ODB staff and volunteers for 12 to 18 months toward achieving long-lasting financial self-sufficiency. The Program now recruits single moms who live in central Fairfax so they can form a support network, and places more emphasis on workforce development. Four women have graduated from the Project since 2012.
- Added the Naomi Project of Northern Virginia to our family of Programs. Naomi
 Project volunteers mentor high-risk pregnant women and new moms with a goal
 of helping them improve parenting skills, maintain their health and raise healthy
 babies, while minimizing healthcare costs. The program fits well in ODB's mission
 to empower struggling families in our community to become self-sufficient.
- Received a grant from Fairfax County to work with Food for Others to deliver more weekend "backpacks" of food to Fairfax County Public School children in need. ODB has added four schools to our Food4Thought Program, providing technical support and inviting community involvement so that school staff and volunteers can help feed hungry children in their schools.

CHANGING LIVES

In 2014, ODB expanded its part-time staff to 16 and harnessed resources provided by community members and the energy of 1,031 volunteers working 10,473 hours to achieve the following results:

- Provided temporary or emergency FOOD ASSISTANCE to 360 households.
- Granted 304 households FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE to help them catch up on rent, utility bills or vital car repairs.
- Served 576 FINANCIAL LITERACY clients through classes, clinics or mentoring. 13 Mentoring clients graduated.
- Served 15 PROJECT BRIDGE families to work toward true financial self-sufficiency. Three graduated.
- Supported 28 new and expecting moms in the NAOMI PROJECT to help them maintain their health and raise healthy babies.
- Provided HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE to 2,920 households, harnessing community support to provide holiday meals and gifts to children.
- Provided BACK-TO-SCHOOL ASSISTANCE to 2,278 children in partner schools within the Fairfax County Public School system.

