



THE BRIDGE FUND OF WESTCHESTER

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Information for Board of CoC: Re: Lisa Buck LMSW

My name is Lisa Buck and I am Director of the Bridge Fund of Westchester.

The Bridge Fund of Westchester is the largest privately funded homelessness prevention program in Westchester and as such has been a leader in the field for 22 years. I have held the position of Director for the past 8 years.

In the past three years we have assisted close to 1,000 vulnerable families and individuals by keeping them in their homes when threatened with eviction.

I was a Co-Founder of the Westchester Homelessness Prevention Network in 2007 and since then have been its Co- Chair. The Network brought together the leading eviction prevention providers in the county to coordinate services and advocate for funding. We stand together as one voice for those who have none.

We successfully won \$200,000 in county funding for eviction prevention in 2007 and 2008. When the administration changed we engaged in a hard fought battle for the funding each year which we finally won in 2012.

The Network is now operating as part of the CoC and is looking at multiple systemic approaches to preventing homelessness throughout the county.

I have been on the board of the CoC since 2011 and hope to continue the work I have begun there.