



### ***“Why Doesn’t She Just Work Harder?” – Lydia’s Story***

*Lydia is a single mom doing everything right. She works **full-time**, shows up on time, and pours herself into raising her two kids. But when you’re living **paycheck to paycheck**, even small problems can spiral fast.*

*Her car was old but essential. When it broke down, she scraped together enough for a **quick fix** to get to work and back. Then the taillight went out. She couldn’t afford the repair, and when she got a ticket, she planned to pay it on payday. But that week, her **son got sick** and needed medicine. The ticket had to wait.*

*Soon, there were more tickets—for the **expired registration** she couldn’t renew because the car wouldn’t pass inspection. She*

*started taking back roads, hoping to avoid police. Friends helped with rides at first—one took her to work, another got her kids to school—but after weeks of scrambling, the offers **dried up**. People got tired. She understood.*

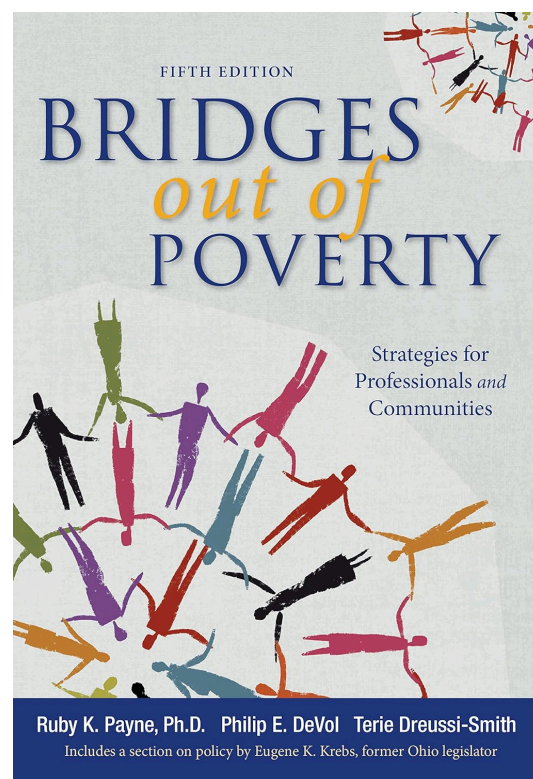
***Then came the warrant.***

*She still kept going, doing everything she could to **keep her job**. But when the car broke down for good, there was nothing left to do. She missed too many shifts and lost her job. A few months later, she lost her apartment. She and the kids **moved into the car**. When the landlord had it towed, they lost that too.*

***Lydia worked hard***. She never stopped. But hard work wasn't enough to outrun the setbacks that came one after another. She didn't need a lecture—she needed a **lifeline**.

**How can we help**  
**when hard work isn't**  
**enough?**

The *Bridges Out of Poverty* seminar is a powerful framework that helps our community understand the real barriers faced by families like Lydia's. It unpacks the hidden rules of the economic classes, reveals how poverty works, and gives practical tools for building bridges—not just handouts. Whether you're a business owner, teacher, pastor, employer, or neighbor, this seminar will challenge the way you think and equip you to make a meaningful difference. Change begins with understanding—and *Bridges* is where that begins.



**Join us on September 23 - 8:30-3:30**

**First Baptist Church Burleson**

**Free Registration**

**Includes Book and Lunch**

I want to learn how to make a difference!

>> To watch a video about Bridges Out of Poverty, click [HERE](#) <<

## Client Quote



“

I have  
food in my  
cupboard again.  
Most appreciative.  
Thank you. My  
medical bills are  
draining me.

”

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## **FREE ESL CLASSES – Open to the Community!**

Know someone who wants to improve their English? Help us spread the word!

Our ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are open to everyone—you do not have to be a Harvest House client.

Classes begin September 16, every Tuesday  
Children ages 4+ are welcome if well-behaved  
Taught by the amazing Stephanie Stroud

Beginner Class – 10:00–11:00 AM  
Intermediate Class – 11:00–12:00 PM  
Cost: Absolutely FREE!

Interested? Contact Niki Cary  
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Let's build stronger communication—and stronger community—together!

# Staff Spotlight!



## ***Serving with Heart Since 2011***

If you're looking for someone who quietly holds everything together with grace, kindness, and a little humor, look no further than Sue Coplin. Since 2011, Sue has been an anchor at Harvest House—faithfully serving behind the scenes with spreadsheets, phone calls, prayers, and compassion.

Sue first connected with Harvest House simply by driving down Renfro Street. She was looking for a place to volunteer that truly helped people. She started in the food pantry, moved into client aid and the storehouse, and eventually transitioned into a staff role. Today, she supports multiple departments—bookkeeping, leadership, and pantry operations—with a servant's heart and a steady hand.

But Sue's work goes far beyond her job description. Her favorite part of working at Harvest House? "Spreading the love of Jesus. I want people to know who He is and why we're here." She often prays with clients, and one moment that stands out was when a client asked if she could pray for Sue

in return. "It reminded me—it's not a one-way street. We're not just helping others; they're touching our lives too."

Sue's time at Harvest House has changed the way she sees the world. "I used to think food drives made a huge dent, but once I started working here, I realized how quickly the food goes. I've seen miracles happen in this building."

Through it all, Sue's guiding belief is simple: "Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity. We may be the only Bible someone sees." And it's this quiet, steadfast commitment to love and dignity that makes her such a vital part of our team.

Her favorite scripture comes from Matthew 25:40:  
*"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

Sue, thank you for showing up with kindness, creativity, and unwavering faith. You reflect the heart of Harvest House in everything you do.



## Pantry Needs

**Peanut Butter**

**Jelly**

**Soup**

**Canned Meats**

**Mac & Cheese**

**Prepared Foods (like**

**Hamburger Helper)**

**Shop at Walmart**

**Shop at Amazon**

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