



HEART OF HOPE
MINISTRIES

Celebrating Community Support!



Mrs. Bonnie Lastrapes, Mr. Joseph Lastrapes, Mrs. Detella McLeod-McCann, and her lovely daughter.

Heart of Hope Ministries held our First Annual Dinner Gala Fundraiser on November 3rd! What a great turnout of community supporters that included church, city, and civic leadership officials, and numerous Heart of Hope Ministries friends and cheerleaders. **We were able to raise around \$16,000! Thank you to everyone who attended, sent a donation, or contributed a Silent Auction Item!**

How exciting to see the Ballroom at the Rock Island Holiday Inn filled with all of you coming out to say, "We are holding your arms up"! It is because of YOU that as of October 31st of this year, we have **delivered to 1,505 elderly and disabled** throughout the Quad Cities area; and have provided **166,575** pounds of food and toiletry items to **3,132 visitors on Thursday evenings**; and distributed thousands of clothing items to men, women, and children in need within our neighborhoods! We are feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and we are seeking candidates for our Giving Hope House that will provide transformational opportunities to those who may have been in prison...in pursuit of the Lord's command in **Matthew 25:35-40**. Jesus told us that when we care for others in need, we are doing it for Him!



SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR 2nd
ANNUAL DINNER
GALA FUNDRAISER
on November 2nd, 2023!

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Help us help others!
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Supporter Showcase



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Heart of Hope Ministries has really been elevated! Bettendorf Christian Church sent some of their talented young men to do a Drone Survey of Heart of Hope Ministries Outreach Center to show how we aren't that far away from their wonderful church campus in Bettendorf! Pastor Barry Steiner, Missions and Care Pastor, graciously invited Heart of Hope Ministries Founder and President, Pastor Lynda Sargent, to share at their two Sunday services on November 20th. What a warm and welcoming church family they are!

1 Pastor Barry Steiner, Missions & Care Pastor, with Pastor Lynda on stage at their November 20th Sunday service.

2 The drone footage.

3 The two young men who captured the drone footage outside of the Heart of Hope Outreach Center



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Rock Island First Church of the Nazarene launched their "ROLL into Winter Toilet Paper Drive" for Heart of Hope Outreach during the month of November! They collected 1,131 rolls of toilet paper!!! Now, that's quite a DRIVE!!! A great BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Scott Casto for his servant heart, and to all those who donated to this drive. We will be distributing these to the elderly and disabled that we serve!

Pastor Scott Casto and family, from Rock Island First Church of the Nazarene ROLLING in the Toilet Paper!



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, March 10th, 2023!
Join us for our 7th Annual
Trivia Night Fundraiser!



These amazing young men from Modern Woodmen of America hosted a very successful Golf Outing Charity Fundraiser for Heart of Hope Ministries on September 9th! They raised \$6,482 for us to purchase a hydraulic lift for our 15-ft Ford Box Truck. This will make the lives of our volunteers who help unload the truck so much easier. We pick up 3,000 – 5,000 pounds of food each week!

Cassin Wolfe (right) and Lucas Dengler (left) are absolutely wonderful to work with. PLEASE consider them for any of your financial planning needs. Cassin can be reached at (309) 517-6317 and Lucas can be reached at (563) 523-4711.

Do you like to help with fundraising???

We are looking for Board Members or Committee Members who enjoy serving in this area.

We are also seeking Sponsorships and Donations of Silent Auction Items for our March 10th Trivia Night!

Please call us at (309) 428-4752 if you can help.

Heart of Hope Ministries is looking for a male who would be willing to live and be part of our growing ministry.

This position is compensated with free room and board, access to our food and hygiene pantry, and additional support as needed. They are allowed to have outside work or another form of income. Their duties are to live at the house for emergency situations, implement and carry out house rules such as curfew and attending classes to help individuals to become self-sufficient and empowered to live successful lives.

The applicant must be a Christian, knowing and seeking a daily walk with Jesus Christ. They will be a part of weekly Bible studies, and help with the Heart of Hope Ministries weekly Food Pantry. In addition, the applicant must have maintained sobriety for at least 1 year.



We are excited to welcome new team members at Heart of Hope!



Troy Scott is our Director of Programs.

He is in charge of getting our Giving Hope House Program in place, and developing new business opportunities to expand our work in the community! Troy worked for 29 years in Manufacturing and Management in the Production Industry. In August 2022, Troy, and his family began volunteering at the weekly Heart of Hope food pantry. He took a leap of faith as he felt a calling to pursue an opportunity that would allow him to serve in the community on a full-time basis, and accepted the position of Director of Programs at Heart of Hope, seeking to be actively involved as Heart of Hope seeks to develop and implement new endeavors and further serve the community. Troy grew up in and continues to live in the Quad City area with his wife, Heather, and one daughter. He has two adult children and one granddaughter.



Cellia Rodriguez joins us as Office Manager

Cellia was the program director for a faith-based residential program that reached, rescued, and restored women from lifestyles of addiction, homelessness, domestic violence, and human trafficking. Cellia has served in full-time ministry for the last 4½ years. She is originally from Chicago, IL and is a graduate of the Chicago Dream Center. Growing up on the streets of Chicago, Cellia has developed a burning desire to help the lost and the hurting whatever the cost.

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Have you got a Heart of Gold?

Here's how you can help Heart of Hope!



*This is why we do what we do!
Will you help us?*

- ◆ Our expenses continue to increase. The cost of purchasing food, and just plain old operating expenses have increased substantially this year!
- ◆ Will you consider us in your Year-End Giving? Or perhaps, have you considered Planned Giving for next year? We would be so grateful if you included Heart of Hope Ministries in your giving budget for 2023! Every amount from \$5 to \$5,000 counts!!!



POVERTY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ 19.8% of Rock Island residents live at or below the national poverty rate — that's 1 out of every 5!
- ◆ 38% are children under the age of 6.
- ◆ An additional 38% are over age 60!
- ◆ Rock Island has a rate of poverty 6.3% higher than the rest of the State of Illinois.
- ◆ Heart of Hope has provided food and toiletry items to over 71,000 individuals since opening our food pantry on May 1st, 2014!
- ◆ We have distributed 180,000 pounds of food so far this year, and delivered to 1,505 elderly and disabled neighbors-in-need.

Special Thanks

- ◆ Royal Neighbors of America for a \$1,000 matching Dinner Gala Grant
- ◆ Doris & Victor Day Foundation \$1,000 Discretionary funding for warm clothing, blankets and bus tickets
- ◆ K & K Hardware in Bettendorf for \$500 Dinner Gala Sponsorship
- ◆ Bill & Tootsie Dean for \$500 Dinner Gala Sponsorship
- ◆ Hiland Toyota for \$300 Dinner Gala Sponsorship
- ◆ Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home for \$250 Dinner Gala Sponsorship
- ◆ All the donors who made our Dinner Gala Silent Auction so successful
- ◆ Grace City Church for donating over 50 pairs of jeans
- ◆ The Lady Azzphalt Riders for donation of a Thanksgiving dinner
- ◆ And all the other donors that give so freely to help our neighbors-in-need!



Special Heart of Hope Friend and Financial supporter, Mr. Dave Dellitt attended our Giving Hope House Open House in August. He is such a blessing to our work!

These wonderful Community Foundation Grantors held our arms up in 2022:

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| ◆ UnityPoint Health - Trinity Rock Island | ◆ Regional Development Association | ◆ Greg & Joann Conroy | ◆ QC Community Foundation |
| ◆ Wal-Mart | ◆ Greg & Joann Conroy | ◆ Rock Island Community Foundation | ◆ Rauch Family Foundation 1 |
| ◆ Kiwanis | ◆ Black Hawk Bank | ◆ Bechtel Charitable Trust | ◆ Foundant Charitable |
| ◆ Rock Island Township | ◆ United Way | ◆ Doris & Victor Day Foundation | ◆ Hubbell Waterman Family Foundation |
| ◆ The Moline Foundation | ◆ Genesis Philanthropy | | |

Special Partners:

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| ◆ Little Caesar's | ◆ Midwest Food Bank | ◆ River City Church |
| ◆ Hy-Vee Food Stores | ◆ Riverbend Food Bank | ◆ Royal Neighbors of America |

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