



HEART OF HOPE
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Celebrating Your Support through 2023!

**Heart of Hope Ministries
Board and Staff wish you
a Merry Christmas and
a truly blessed New Year!**



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A Powerful Partnership: Heart of Hope Teams Up with Leaders of Tomorrow for Youth Enrichment

Dear Heart of Hope Community,

Exciting news is brewing at Heart of Hope as we embark on a dynamic partnership with Leaders of Tomorrow. This collaboration is set to bring even more enrichment to our youth program, offering engaging activities and valuable learning experiences for the young minds under our care.

Starting this month, Heart of Hope will host Leaders of Tomorrow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, infusing our youth program with their unique blend of inspiration and educational activities.

Our collaboration with Leaders of Tomorrow has already yielded some fantastic results. From delightful movie nights that spark imagination to the heartwarming project where our kids crafted 16 veteran memorial wreaths for Beacon of Hope Hospice in Davenport, IA, there's no shortage of impactful initiatives in store.

The partnership not only enhances the variety of activities available to our youth but also introduces fresh perspectives and mentorship opportunities.

Be on the lookout for upcoming events and activities. and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or ideas to contribute. This partnership is a testament to our commitment to fostering a supportive and inspiring space for the *leaders of tomorrow*.

Thank you for being a crucial part of the Heart of Hope family!



In the spirit of the season of giving, we are delighted to share a heartwarming story that embodies the true essence of generosity and community support. Earlier this year, Heart of Hope had the

privilege of donating our van to Kevin Asbell and the team at Incredible Kids in Morris, IL, and the impact has been nothing short of inspiring.

Kevin Asbell, the driving force behind Incredible Kids, has dedicated his life to making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children. Through his unwavering

commitment and tireless efforts, he has created a youth ministry at his church for these incredible kids.

As we reflect on the impact of this donation, it's evident that the ripple effects extend far beyond the physical vehicle itself. The increased mobility allows Incredible Kids to organize more outings, events, and educational excursions, fostering a sense of community and belonging for these children.

This holiday season, let us celebrate the gift that keeps on giving – a van that not only transports children physically but also transports them to a world of possibilities, empowerment, and joy. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey with us.

Wishing you all a season filled with warmth, kindness, and the joy that comes from making a difference.

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THANK YOU FOR OUR SUCCESSFUL 2023 DINNER GALA!



We are so grateful to everyone who supported our 2nd Dinner Gala Event on November 2nd! Your support allowed us to raise almost \$15,000! Special guest tables included Riverside Foursquare Church, the Rock Island County NAACP, Rock Island Economic Development Department, and Augustana College professors! It was wonderful having other area pastors and ministry leaders present, and Alderwoman Judith Gilbert!

Every guest is special to us, so THANK YOU from our hearts to yours for coming and supporting us!

SPECIAL THANK YOU's to Silver Sponsor: Sue Kaiser Fritz, and Bronze Sponsors, Bill & Tootsie Dean, and Ricky & Maria Maddox! Additional Special Sponsorships included Hiland Toyota, Lynn Craig, and Mark & Kim Mayeski. There were others that gave generous donations as well, and we are MOST GRATEFUL for them!

We are always so appreciative of **Royal Neighbors of America for their \$1,000 Matching Grant!!!**

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CHRISTMAS COAT & TOY GIVEAWAY

December 16th
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Or while supplies last!

Please bring donations to Heart of Hope by Thursday, December 14th.

We're collecting **new and like-new** toys for distribution to families in our community.

Bring your **new or gently used** donations of all sizes, men, women, and children, to Heart of Hope!
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Coats, Jackets, Gloves, Mittens, Socks, and Hats are needed!
We also accept in-season clothing items!

- 1** Heart of Hope Founder & President, Lynda Sargent welcoming guests
- 2** Celia Rodriguez was our Mistress of Ceremonies and Speaker
- 3** Samantha Iron Shield with her beautiful family
- 4** Troy Scott, waiting to welcome guests
- 5** Heather Scott & Marsha Jones, two faithful volunteers
- 6** Board Secretary, Rosalind Burns, came all the way from Maryland to decorate and work the check-in table
- 7** Silent Auction baskets were a fun way to raise money!



Have you got a Heart of Gold?



Here's how you can help Heart of Hope!



We invite you and your children to join us for a special **Community Christmas Giveaway!**

We are honored to partner with **United Way's Emerging Leaders Group**. They will be donating new toys, coats, hats, gloves, and bringing Santa Claus. We may also have a fire truck or ambulance for tours! We have been blessed with many donations of winter clothing, new underwear from 'Underwear Because We Care', purses from 'Love Like Loraine', toiletry items, and blankets from the Bettendorf Rotary Club!!!

DID YOU KNOW THAT FROM JANUARY 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30TH OF THIS YEAR:

- ◆ We have had 4,045 visits to our Thursday Evening Drive-Through Food Pantry?
- ◆ These individuals represent 16,281 individuals within that family receiving food?
- ◆ 50% of those receiving food are children under the age of 18?
- ◆ We have delivered food and toiletry items to 1,771 elderly and disabled within the Illinois Quad Cities, with 3 to 4 teams delivering every Friday morning?
- ◆ Over 200,000 pounds of food has been distributed from our food pantry?
- ◆ Thousands of clothing items have been distributed to many families in need, including many refugee families that live in our area?
- ◆ Our first Giving Hope House resident, David Staples, will be graduating from Augustana College in May 2024, with his Bachelor's Degree?
- ◆ We are getting ready to launch new programs in 2024 to launch our vision further?

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Your donation of \$56.70 will purchase food for 100 elderly and disabled neighbors?
- ◆ Your donation of \$114.00 will purchase food for 100 individuals suffering from food insecurity in our community?

Those Who Help Us Keep Our Doors Open:

- ◆ UnityPoint Health – Trinity Rock Island
- ◆ Alfred Street Baptist Church
- ◆ Rock Island Township
- ◆ Tazewell County Health Dept
- ◆ Junior Board of Rock Island
- ◆ Rock Island Rotary Club
- ◆ Walmart Stores – Moline
- ◆ United Way QC
- ◆ Black Hawk State Bank
- ◆ Doris & Victor Day Foundation
- ◆ Rock Island Community Foundation
- ◆ QC Community Foundation
- ◆ Rauch Family Foundation 1
- ◆ Hubbell-Waterman Family Foundation
- ◆ Bechtel Charitable Trust
- ◆ Moline Regional Community Foundation

Special Partners:

- ◆ Bridge Cities Church
- ◆ River City Church
- ◆ Royal Neighbors of America
- ◆ Little Caesar's RI
- ◆ Hy-Vee Food Stores
- ◆ Midwest Food Bank
- ◆ Riverbend Food Bank
- ◆ Blessings Boutique

Special Thanks

- ◆ **Rock Island Rotary Club** District Grant for helping us purchase a new shed!
- ◆ **Moline Regional Foundation** for a grant to replace our 10 year old computers and printers!
- ◆ **Bethel Charitable Trust** for their grant to provide transportation for our new youth programs!
- ◆ **United Way's Emergency Leaders Group** for their partnership with our Christmas Giveaway!
- ◆ **Scott Kelty**, our amazing Marketing Volunteer who creates this masterpiece!



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