



HEART OF HOPE
MINISTRIES

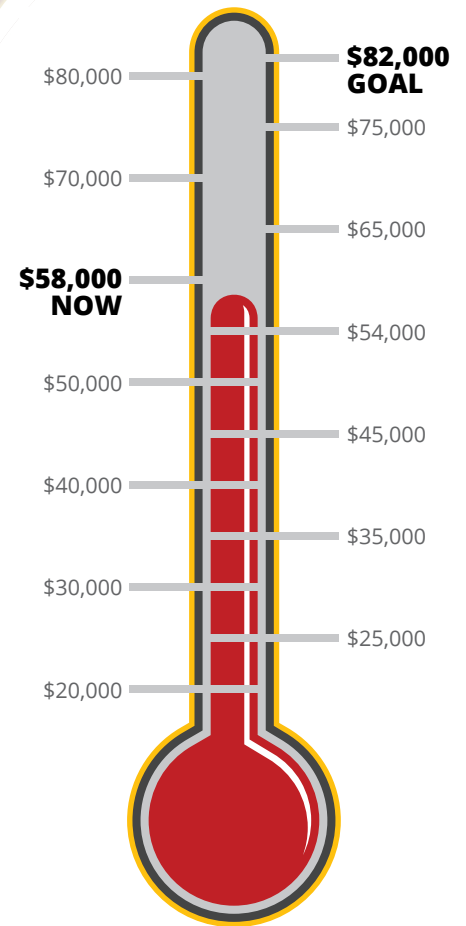
Exciting things are happening at Heart of Hope!

Update on our Giving Hope House

Our Giving Hope House inside renovations are looking great! Heart of Hope Ministries is extremely grateful to all of YOU for your financial support that has allowed us to complete the interior renovations! We are now on to the exterior renovations needed before we can open our home for occupancy. **We are still in need of \$24,000 to pay remaining electrical work and exterior renovations. Will you help us reach this goal that allows the lives of men to be empowered to become self-sufficient and able to impact future generations for success?**



Before and after of the Giving Hope House kitchen.



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Heart of Hope Ministries has contracted with **Rusty Boruff**, former Executive Director of One Eighty Group, to help get our Giving Hope House completed, develop programming, and establish new enterprise opportunities.

Community Events



PCs for People traveled all the way from Oak Park, Illinois, to Heart of Hope in April 2022 to deliver computers to people living at or below the federal poverty level. They worked tirelessly for over two hours, distributing over 100 computers! **This event was mainly because of individual donors who GIVE so we can GIVE!**

A special THANK YOU to Heart of Hope's Community Engagement and Grant Specialist, Mason Boyer for coordinating the event with PCs for People!

NOTES OF THANKS



"It's a lot of you that showed me love as I shared my success passing all my tests for welding. I really wanna thank all of you from the bottom of my heart! This truly means a lot to me personally. I have proven over and over that when faith and grind come together there's

nothing that I cannot do and I say that as a humbled person. I also say this because if you know me then you know my story. In the last 2½ years I learned to install pools, install chain link fences, privacy fences, refinishing hardwood floors, Epoxy floors, VCT floors, etc., and my work speaks for itself. I've also had my lows mentally but tried to shield how I was feeling. **I have to and always will be forever thankful for Heart of Hope Ministries Pastor Lynda Sargent** for welcoming me to help give back to the community through the food pantry and bible study and the talks reassuring me that God has me. I say this a lot when your Mother, my Queen, was born May 5th and God brought her home on May 5th. RIH Mom. I say this to say to all, that if you put your faith first, there is nothing in this world that you cannot accomplish but you have to put the work in. I hope everyone takes something from a part of my story as I continue to walk in faith. Have a blessed day."



"I wanted to give a huge praise and thank you to you all for seeing my elderly, disabled mother through such a trying storm the last few years. God's love has been poured out to her by His faithful servants, especially Breon. After my dad passed in 2020,

Breon and his team began delivery of groceries to home bound, disabled mother. Recently she told me God has provided an amazing opportunity for him. I wanted to just personally thank him for his service to my mom. She's very lonely and housebound. Breon has personally ministered to her through my dad's death, the pandemic, step-family abandonment and health issues. She is a strong and proud woman who doesn't want to leave her home and while my family and I live in Seattle she still wants to live in her home near her sister, neighbors and community. You have given her provisions and helped to somehow make it possible. I praise God for the work you do. For each and every one of you I pray an abundant blessing for your lives and the work you do serving the Lord our Savior. Please pass my immense gratitude to Breon and to the others whose names I wish I knew so I could personally pray for and thank you for the selfless service they bring to the elder community. It's such a worthy mission. May God bless you abundantly!"

Kelly Powers for her mother Barbara McCleary



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*FIRST ANNUAL
Dinner Gala*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2022 • 6 PM
ROCK ISLAND HOLIDAY INN

**COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
GOOD FOOD AND LOTS OF FUN!**

We are seeking event sponsors and silent auction donations to help make this a very successful fundraiser to help support our Food Pantry, Food Delivery to the elderly and disabled, Clothing Ministry, and program expense for our transitional housing for men!

CALL (309) 428-4752 FOR DETAILS!



SAVE THE DATE!

Heart of Hope will be hosting our **First Annual Dinner Gala** on November 3rd, 2022, at 6 PM. Come join us for an evening of good food and great fun!

We are also seeking:

- ◆ Sponsorships
- ◆ Donations of Silent Auction items

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

Please help us make this event a success, and a night to remember!

HELP WANTED

Heart of Hope is looking for a (10 hr per week) part-time Pickup & Delivery driver for our 15 ft Giving Hope Van on Thursdays and Fridays. Experience preferred.

Interested? Contact Pastor Lynda at lynda_sargent@heartofhopeqc.org.

Please Welcome New Staff and Board Member

Welcome Mason Boyer, our new Community Engagement and Grant Specialist

Mason has always had a strong desire to stand out for marginalized people. He was a litigation Paralegal prior to joining the Heart of Hope team. He was inspired by the work done at Heart of Hope and decided that he wanted to be a part of the team. His desire is to help Heart of Hope carry out their vision of revitalizing the community. He enjoys reading, philosophy, and exercise in his free time. Welcome, Mason!



Heart of Hope welcomes new board member Andrea Flannery



Andrea is Project NOW's new Head Start Director. She has her bachelor's degree in Childhood Development and her master's in Special Education. That education will serve her well as she oversees 7 Head Start center-based programs throughout Rock Island, Henry & Mercer Counties. Andrea has spent the last eight years at the Rock Island Arsenal's Child Development Center and The School-Aged Center. She has served in a variety of positions there from program specialist to assistant director to her most recent job as Training & Curriculum Specialist and Interim Director of the Child Development Center. Her efforts leading and guiding the staff and families during COVID resulted in two civilian awards for her "leadership and innovative thinking" during the pandemic. We are excited to have her creative leadership in action as a new board member for Heart of Hope. We are especially excited that she enjoys fundraising! Welcome, Andrea!



Welcome Carl Jones as our new Food Pantry Coordinator

Carl is already doing a fantastic job, especially in his deliveries to the elderly and disabled. He delivers more than food and toiletry items; he also delivers Love, Hope, and Healing to their doors every Friday. Welcome, Carl!

Stay Connected with Heart of Hope Ministries on Facebook! @Facebook/HOHQC

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Have you got a Heart of Gold?

Here's how you can help Heart of Hope!

Here are a few ways you can help H.O.H. continue to serve our community....

- ◆ **Financial Donations** (which can be made on our website HeartOfHopeQC.org by selecting the DONATE button. Checks and money orders can also be sent by mail, or we welcome you to stop by in person!
- ◆ **Become a Monthly Partner** and help us keep our doors open to continue providing food, clothing, and adult/youth outreach services to those in need!
- ◆ **Interested in volunteering?** We're looking for help with yard work, building cleaning (window washing), Office Administrative help with answering phones, and help with mailings. If you'd like to help, please **contact our Executive Director, Lynda Sargent at (309) 428-7452.**

Special Thanks

- 1** Scott Kelty, Marketing Volunteer
- 2** Aetna Insurance for our new BlueAir Refrigerated Unit
- 3** Royal Neighbors of America
- 4** One Eighty Group for their above and beyond help in getting our Giving Hope House interior renovated!
- 5** Bettendorf Christian Church



HEART OF HOPE
NEEDS THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- ◆ **Donations of:**
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Toilet Paper
 - Cleaning Supplies
 - Personal Hygiene Items

Please feel free to drop off any donations during office hours. Thank you!

- Grants Received 2022 to date:**
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| ◆ United Way Strategic Investment Grant | ◆ Walmart Community Foundation |
| ◆ Bettendorf Rotary | ◆ Rock Island Township |
| ◆ UnityPoint Health – Rock Island | ◆ Rock Island Kiwanis Club |
| ◆ Greg & Joanne Conroy Family Foundation | ◆ Bettendorf Rotary Club |
| ◆ QC Plus 60 Club | ◆ Hubbell Waterman Foundation |

- Church Monthly Mission Supporters:**
- ◆ River City Church, Pastor Scott Reece

- Special Partners:**
- ◆ Little Caesar's
 - ◆ Christian Care
 - ◆ HyVee
 - ◆ Midwest Food Bank
 - ◆ Riverbend Food Bank
 - ◆ Royal Neighbors of America

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 60,000 individuals since opening our food pantry on May 1st, 2014!
- ◆ We have distributed over 200,000 pounds of food so far this year, and delivered to 1,246 elderly and disabled neighbors-in-need.