



HEART OF HOPE
MINISTRIES

The Children are our Future!

"Look What the Lord Has Done!"

Hope's Promise Youth Program Grows from 2 to 25!

We are in awe of what God is doing through our **Hope's Promise Afterschool Youth Program!** What began with just two children — two Afghan refugee brothers walking through our doors in need of support — has now grown into a thriving program serving over 25 kids each week!

These incredible young people continue to amaze us with their **kindness, creativity, and eagerness to learn.** They are bright, teachable, and full of potential — a true reflection of the hope and future that God has promised them.

And the growth doesn't stop there! Our **Homework Help Initiative**, in partnership with students from **Augustana College**, is also expanding. What began with just a few children now provides academic support in reading, math, and general studies to a growing number of students every **Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.** The one-on-one attention and encouragement they receive is making a real difference in their academic confidence and success!



As these programs continue to grow, so does the need for **volunteers and supporters.** We are inviting **parents, college students, retired educators, and caring community members** to join us in helping these young minds thrive. Whether it's assisting with homework, engaging in activities, or simply offering a listening ear, your presence can have a lasting impact.

Program Details:

🕒 Hope's Promise Afterschool Youth Group

Wednesdays | 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

📍 Church of Peace – 1114 12th Street, Rock Island, IL

🕒 Homework Help Initiative

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

📍 Heart of Hope Main Office – 1740 9th Avenue, Rock Island, IL

Together, we are planting seeds of hope, love, and faith into the lives of these children — and we can't wait to see what the Lord will do next!

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Furnishing Hope: A New Beginning for a Local Family

At Heart of Hope, we believe in turning houses into homes—especially for families who need a fresh start. This past month, our Furnishing Hope Initiative made a powerful impact in the life of a single mother and her three beautiful children.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of donor **Helen Miner**, we were able to provide this resilient mother with essential home furnishings to support her new beginning. With Helen's help, the family received **two beds, a full set of kitchen appliances**, and a **gently used crib for the baby**, donated by a kind member of our community.

These items were more than just furniture—they were symbols of stability, comfort, and love. After facing many challenges, this family now has a safe

and welcoming space where they can rest, cook meals, and grow together.

Our Furnishing Hope Initiative continues to be a vital part of our mission to restore dignity and hope to families in need. We are grateful to Helen Miner and all of our donors whose compassion helps us make a difference—one home at a time.

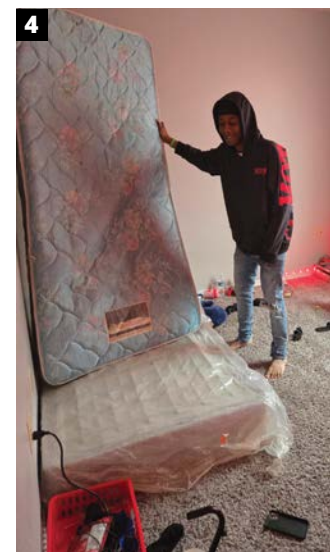
If you'd like to support a future family through our **Furnishing Hope Initiative**, please contact our office or visit our website. Together, we can continue to turn hope into action.

1 The children's bedroom. You can see their need for furniture.

2 Heart of Hope's team arrives.

3 The furniture has arrived!

4 The son joyously accepts bedding for his family.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF TRIVIA AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

We are thrilled to announce that our **10th Annual Trivia Night** was a smashing success, raising **nearly \$6,000** to support the mission and programs of Heart of Hope Ministries! What began a decade ago as a fun way to gather support has grown into one of our most anticipated events of the year—and this year was no exception.

A heartfelt **thank you** goes out to everyone who showed up to play, laugh, and compete for a great cause. Your energy and enthusiasm made the night unforgettable!

We are also incredibly grateful to our **generous donors and silent auction contributors**, who truly went above and beyond this year. Your support ensures that Heart of Hope can continue providing vital services and uplifting opportunities to our community.

And we can't forget the **amazing volunteers** who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all happen—your dedication, time, and cheerful spirits helped create a smooth and successful event from start to finish. We couldn't have done it without you!

It's not just about the trivia—it's about **coming together** to make a difference. Thank you for being a part of this special evening and for helping us celebrate **ten years of impact, fun, and hope**.

Here's to the next 10!



HONORING A HEART OF SERVICE

South Rock Island Township Recognizes Heart of Hope President

Heart of Hope Ministries is proud to celebrate a very special honor awarded to our Founder and President, Lynda Sargent. South Rock Island Township recently recognized Lynda with the Organization of the Year Award, honoring her outstanding dedication and years of service to those in need throughout our community.

For over a decade, Lynda has led Heart of Hope Ministries with compassion, vision, and an unwavering commitment to serving others. Under her leadership, Heart of Hope has become a beacon of hope — feeding the hungry, supporting at-risk youth, providing resources to struggling families, and offering a hand of compassion to thousands across the Quad Cities.

We are so grateful to South Rock Island Township for recognizing the heart behind Heart of Hope. This award is a beautiful reminder that one person's passion and obedience to serve can truly impact on an entire community.

Congratulations, Lynda! Your Heart of Hope family celebrates you and thanks God for your servant leadership.

