



October 2014

Center of Hope Newsletter

Sowing Seeds of God's Love...Physically and Spiritually

Changes, New Activities Planned for 2014 Fall Benefit

I want to personally invite you to the 2014 Center of Hope Fall Benefit on Saturday, November 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This year's event will be held at Sioux Falls Christian Schools, located at 6120 S. Charger Lane (quarter-mile east of 69th St. and Cliff Ave.).

Past Fall Benefits have proven to be fun nights for the entire family. We are certain that this year's event will be no exception.

We have made some changes this year to the Fall Benefit, changes that we feel will make the event more efficient, more entertaining and more appealing to people in attendance.

Perhaps the biggest change is that we have partnered with Larsen & Larsen Auction Co., a local company that specializes in non-profit fundraising events, to handle our live and silent auctions. In addition, we have added some fun new features to the event, including a Balloon Board, Heads or Tails and Fund A Mission.

Balloon Board: You will have the chance to purchase and pop a balloon. Inside each balloon will be gift cards from local businesses. The total value of the gift cards will be more than the cost of the balloon.

Heads or Tails: You will have the chance to buy a button to play this game of chance. Before we flip a coin, you will decide if it will land on heads or tails. If you're correct, you continue to stand. If you're wrong, you sit down. We will keep playing until we have one person left standing. That person will win \$200.

Fund a Mission: Center of Hope consists of 13 different ministry areas. During this activity, we will try and raise enough money to fund one of these areas for the next year.

In an effort to make the evening fast-paced and energetic, we have made a few adjustments to the auctions. We are reducing the number of items on each auction. At the same time, we realize that many of you have donated items to past auctions, which we have appreciated. We do not discourage anyone from getting involved in this way. Instead, we ask you to contact Brett, Nancy or myself at Center of Hope (605-334-9789) to see what we are looking for this year.

A final new feature is that we will have a sit-down family style dinner including grilled pork loin, rather than our normal buffet-style meal. We believe this also will make the evening more enjoyable.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2014 Fall Benefit on Saturday, November 8, from 5:30-9 p.m.

Sincerely,

Fred Wilgenburg

Center of Hope Fall Benefit Schedule of Events

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
5:30 p.m.	Doors Open
5:30-7 p.m.	Silent Auction Bidding Balloon Board Live Auction Viewing
6:45-7 p.m.	Silent Auction Tables Close
7 p.m.	Take Seats for Dinner
7:05 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions
7:15 p.m.	Dinner is Served
7:30-9 p.m.	Live Auction Begins Heads or Tails Fund A Mission

Center of Hope in Need of Winter Clothing Items



Recent weeks of cooler temperatures has resulted in an above average number of sales of winter clothing in August and September. As a result, Center of Hope is in need of more items in preparation for the winter months.

Clothing items that are needed include jackets, coats, snow pants, snow suits, overalls, coveralls, stocking caps, gloves, mittens, scarves, sweatshirts and boots. Items in all sizes for both adults and children are needed.

Center of Hope is committed to offering low cost winter clothing for all people. Most items are priced from free to \$20, depending on quality and branding. No proof of income or sign up required. All are welcome.

Center of Hope can also assist individuals, church groups or other organizations if they are interested in hosting a winter clothing drive. To learn more about a winter clothing drive, please contact Center of Hope at 605-334-9789 or visit the Winter Clothing Ministry program web site at:

<http://www.centerofhopesf.org/ministries/winter-clothing/>

Supporting Center of Hope Through Shopping

Now there are two easy ways to support Center of Hope while you are shopping. Again this fall, Center of Hope is participating in Younker's Community Days by selling coupon booklets. In addition, Center of Hope is now registered with the AmazonSmile program in which a portion of your online sales on Amazon.com will go to Center of Hope.

The Community Days coupon booklet costs \$5 and is loaded with fantastic offers that will be available at the Bon-Ton family of stores during the two-day event on Friday, **February 28** and Saturday, **March 1**. Each booklet includes a \$10 off coupon that can be used on an item priced at \$10 or more. For every booklet that is sold, Center of Hope will receive the entire \$5 cost of the booklet.

To purchase a coupon booklet, go to the Younker's web site at <http://bit.ly/KWECbm>, enter the number of coupon booklets you would like to order, add them to your shopping cart and proceed to check out.

AmazonSmile is a new program from Amazon.com designed to support non-profit organizations. Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You must have an Amazon.com and an AmazonSmile account in order to participate.

To create these accounts, go to the AmazonSmile web site at <http://smile.amazon.com>. In your account settings you can designate Center of Hope as the charity of your choice to receive the 0.5 percent reward.

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