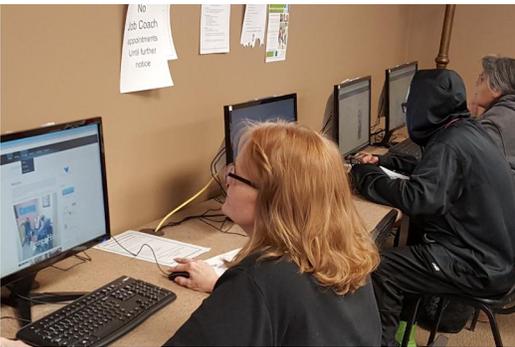


Center of Hope Newsletter

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

From Guest to Volunteer - By Calvin Ver Mulm

It was a difficult time in Suzanne's life. She had lost a long time job and was not



Suzanne came to use our computers

having any luck finding another one when she came to the Center of Hope. She was depressed and as time went on moved in with her mom. She was overwhelmed and the depression was really getting her down. She felt like she had lost her dignity and her worth.

When she came to the Center of Hope she was really only looking to use the computers to continue her job search. But while here using the computer, she felt the peace of God and felt safe. She attended church as an adult, but really appreciated the time

at the Center of Hope to talk and to pray with staff. Being at the Center helped her to

focus on Christ and what needed to be done. The Center became a place of refuge for Suzanne. A place where she was accepted and not judged; rejuvenated and not drained. And then life took another turn for the

worse. Suzanne wound up needing back surgery, which again added to the depression and confusion about what was going on with her life. She



Suzanne is a regular volunteer

needed the refuge the Center of Hope provided even more. The Christian atmosphere and

the ability to talk and to pray with staff who loved her as Christ did helped give her hope



She appreciated the prayer & encouragement

for the future.

God has carried Suzanne through some very difficult times, which are common to so many of our guests. We praise God for what He has done in Suzanne's life. He gave her peace and let her know she is loved and now He is using her. She now volunteers here at the Center. She serves as one of our front desk hosts, a position which allows her to share the love of Christ that she experienced here with others who come through our doors.

You can be a Kingdom Builder

I often hear the question; How many people work at the Center of Hope? The answer to that is two fold. On the one hand, there are 8 paid staff. On the other hand there are about 70 people who have volunteered during the past year. These volunteers serve from three to thirty hours per week.

It is these volunteers who make the ministry happen here at the Center of Hope. They work in the Care Center meeting people, helping them find resources, and praying with guests. Some work in the bike shop repairing bikes, or prepping them to go out to guests. Others sort and get clothing ready for the Care Center. Still others do administrative tasks or serve as nurses for our guests.

There are lots of opportunities to get involved and you can make an ongoing difference in the lives of those who struggle. We are searching for people who want to share the hope and love of Christ with others. To see more of our opportunities to volunteer visit our website, centerofhopesf.org or request a volunteer application by calling 605-334-9789.



Some of our Bike Ministry Volunteers

Mission:

The Center of Hope exists to walk alongside people, to bring spiritual and physical health, and ultimately to change the community one life at a time.

Vision:

The Center of Hope encourages and mentors people with the hope of redemption through Jesus Christ. Our focus is holistically addressing physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of individual that can only come through creating relationship and accountability. We work in partnership with community organizations to engage in a consistent and positive interaction with guests.

Principles:

1. All people are created in God's image.
2. Self sufficiency
3. Holistic Ministry
4. Reconciliation
5. Partnering to Serve

Let's Make a Difference Together

You are making a difference in our world. By partnering together you make it possible to meet the needs of those who struggle. Needs that often take someone walking along side to encourage, support and hold accountable when necessary.

Would you consider giving a gift today that helps change someone's life?

For some options, see our insert.

Thank you.

Financial Update

Fiscal year runs from April to March

April - Jan Actual Inc. \$342,285

2018-19 Budget Need \$385,473

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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