

You Are Invited! Fall Benefit 2022 on Saturday, November 12 by Adam Hofer

As we look back at the last year, we are grateful for all the opportunities we had to invest in people. We not only shared with them the good news of Jesus; we also *showed* them the love of Jesus through our various ministries (Pastoral Ministry, Bike Ministry, Faith Community Nursing, Clothing Ministry, etc.). Being engaged in ministry has its challenges. We sure have had our ups and downs. No one would enter our work without a calling from God. Working with guests with addictions, traumas, and/or self-hatred is difficult. However, being there to offer encouragement, guidance, and our presence is also immensely rewarding. We are grateful for people like you who support us financially and lift us up in your prayers. **We invite you to join us on Saturday, November 12 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at Sioux Falls Christian for our annual Fall Benefit.** That evening, we will come together, enjoy a delicious meal, bid on silent auction items, and hear how God has been at work



through the Center of Hope this past year through guest testimonials. Like last year, we will be using ClickBid, which will allow you to bid on silent auction items in person or online. The silent auction will run the week leading to the Fall Benefit and will end the night of the event. Tickets for the Fall Benefit can be purchased on our ClickBid page. If you plan to participate online only, you will only need to register for the event and skip the buying ticket process. Registering will allow you to bid on silent auction items without leaving your table. However, people can bid at the silent auction tables as well through volunteers. You can register and buy tickets for the event TODAY

(<https://centerofhopesf.cbo.io>). Using ClickBid will speed up the check-in and check-out process, which will make the evening enjoyable for everyone. We were thrilled last year to hear such strong positive feedback about how we allowed people to participate in person and online. We would love to have you participate! **Our financial goal for the evening is to raise \$50,000.** Inflation has made ministry costs rise, and we have felt that weight upon us. With that said, your support would mean the world to us! If you are unable to participate in our Fall Benefit and want to help us reach our financial goal, please consider sending us a donation via mail (1905 E 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103) or submitting a donation online on our website (centerofhopesf.org). Together, we can SPREAD THE HOPE WE FIND IN CHRIST to Sioux Falls and beyond.





Sharing Christmas is around the corner!

Christmas is the time we reflect on and celebrate the birth of Christ. Out of His love for us, He came to dwell with His people. He came humbly as a helpless baby in the manger. Out of our gratitude for His love for us, we reflect His love to those around us through the act of

giving. You will have an opportunity to do just that this Christmas season through the Sharing Christmas program. We will be needing volunteers to help with data entry, receiving and sorting gifts, loading gift delivery vehicles for closed sponsorships, and manning the Sharing Christmas Store. The Sharing Christmas Store will be in the Community Room of Empower Campus this year to ensure our guests have access to our Care Center services (faith-based counseling, winter clothing, Faith Community Nursing, etc.). Guests who have used the traditional sponsorship program more than three times will be invited to the Sharing Christmas Store where they can buy gifts for their families at a tenth of the cost. If you are interested in volunteering in the Sharing Christmas program, please email me at adam@centerofhopesf.org.

Looking to volunteer?

We are currently in need of volunteers, especially those who are willing to come consistently every week. Our ministry is all about presence and telling people about Jesus as our Lord and Savior. With that said, we are looking for mission-minded individuals who are willing to learn and grow in community. Covid-19 resulted in us losing most of our volunteers. We are trying to rebuild our volunteer base so that we can continue to serve our guests effectively. We specifically are looking for volunteers in our Geared-To-Empower Bike Ministry, Care Center, and Sharing Christmas program. If you are interested in living into your purpose of loving God and people at the Center of Hope, please contact me via email at adam@centerofhopesf.org. I will then contact you to set up an initial volunteer meeting.

Newsletter Delivery Preference: Mail or Email?

We are in the process of updating how we send out our Newsletters every other month and need your help. Many of you receive both mail and email Newsletters. If that is how you want to receive them, that works for us! However, if you prefer receiving our Newsletters either in the mail or via email, please contact me via email at adam@centerofhopesf.org. I will then change your Newsletter delivery preference.

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

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Center of Hope appreciates the gifts In Memory of – Clarice Haan, Iva Elbers, Duane Vos, Roger Klinghagen, Grace Struiksma, Willis Vander Wal, Winnie Scholten, and Dr. Bruce Prouse In Honor of Chuck and Becky Hoelscher

Your Gifts Change Lives:

Stock or Commodity Gifts—Talk to your financial advisor about gifting stocks and commodities to the Center of Hope.

Make it Double—Check with your employer to see if they will match your charitable contributions to the Center of Hope.

Be a Sustainer of Hope—A **monthly gift** will bring stability to individuals and families. Give online at: www.centerofhopesf.org

Financial Update

Fiscal year runs from April to March, for the year 2021-2022

April—To Date. Income
\$102,518

2022-23 Budget Need
\$393,343

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