



CENTER OF HOPE

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Center of Hope Newsletter

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

Spreading Hope TOGETHER by Adam Hofer

Jesus coming to this broken world as a baby baffles me. Why does God love us so much? When Isaiah gazed upon God's presence in Isaiah 6, he crumbled and yelled, "Woe is me!" Before a holy God, we experience the full reality of our depravity. Yet, He came in flesh as a vulnerable baby. When God asked whom He would send, Isaiah volunteered himself (6:8). He could not speak for others. However, he could speak for himself. In the same way, each staff member/volunteer at the Center of Hope has had a similar "Send me!" moment before God. We recognize that our only hope is found in that vulnerable baby in the manger, Jesus Christ. The world around us is often discouraging. How can something so broken be restored? Is there any hope? Yes! In Christ alone, we have a hope that sustains us and empowers us to live a generous life full of service and radical love.

This past year has been a challenge, to say the least. Ministry is hard enough without a global pandemic. Racial tensions, political differences, and social belittlement in society added a whole new layer to overcome in ministry. If we are honest with ourselves, each of us had a hard time dealing with life this past year. Now think of many of our guests. Add financial difficulties, mental illness, and addiction on top of all the challenges we have



faced as a society. This year was tough for many of our guests. Yet, each day we say "Send me!" because we have a hope that needs to be shared!

We can be radical in our faiths as an organization because of your prayer and financial support. Ministry work is emotionally draining, yet rewarding in many ways. Your prayers are deeply appreciated! We also need your continued financial support to allow us to focus on ministry with little concern for financial matters. The reality is we rely on you to keep our doors open to people who are struggling. We feel deeply honored to be commissioned by God to do what

we do. We spread hope through pastoral visits, providing transportation, providing healthcare advice, street ministry, keeping people warm in the winter months, Bible studies, and so much more. Each ministry we offer to the public costs us financial resources. Consider joining us as PARTNERS of TRANSFORMATION so that we can **SPREAD HOPE** together. Since Jesus came in flesh, our past is forgiven, our futures are secure, and we are in His hands. Join us as we spread this message to the struggling in Sioux Falls. Let's end this calendar year strong!

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us a HOPE that can be shared each day!



Fall Benefit 2021— UPDATE

Our annual Fall Benefit on November 13 at Sioux Falls Christian was a success! Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we raised \$31,089. Even though we did not reach our \$40,000 goal, we were incredibly grateful for the funds we raised in just a week. Before Covid-19, we had an average of 190

attendees at our Fall Benefits. Last year, we had our Fall Benefit completely online and 50 people participated. This year, we wanted to transition from online to in-person again. We had 88 people attend in person and more online. Yet, we raised a similar amount of money as pre-Covid years. Praise God! Our guests loved our new bidding process through ClickBid! As a Church-supported ministry, we feel the weight of being effective stewards of every dollar donated to the Center of Hope to give Him glory. Knowing there are people backing our ministry work gives us encouragement and a sense of boldness as we move forward each day. We thank God for you and your prayer and financial support!

Donation Needs

- Men's Jeans (36 and below)
- All Sizes of Work Boots (Steel-toed preferred)
- Men's Insulated Coveralls
- Children's Boots and Snow Pants
- Gloves and Mittens
- Financial giving to contribute to the \$40,000 Fall Benefit financial goal (\$8,911 yet to be raised). Donations can be made on our website or via mail (1905 E 8th St. Sioux Falls, SD 57103). If your donations are specifically for the Fall Benefit, please put "Fall Benefit" in check memos!

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 — Patricia Gildemeister, John Lundin, Curtis Floyd, Dan Hacking

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

In-Kind Gifts—Winter clothing for all ages, adult and kids bikes.

Financial Update

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

April—December. Income

\$239,461.43

2021-22 Budget Need

\$393,343

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