



CENTER OF HOPE

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Center of Hope Newsletter

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

Change in Leadership by Brett Rockvam and Adam Hofer



A Message from Brett - Brett Rockvam

Hello friends of the Center of Hope. I wanted to let you know about some staff changes happening April 1, 2024. I will start the slow process of moving toward retirement. The hope is I will be at the Center of Hope for a couple more years, but Adam Hofer will be taking the leadership role of Executive Director on April 1 of this year. I want to thank everyone for supporting and walking alongside me during the last 18 years. I grew in leadership and loved the opportunity to be a part of the Center of Hope. I hope to see all of you around the Center of Hope for a couple more years. I support Adam in this role, and I will always have the Center of Hope close to my heart no matter what. Thank you and I hope you have a blessed 2024.

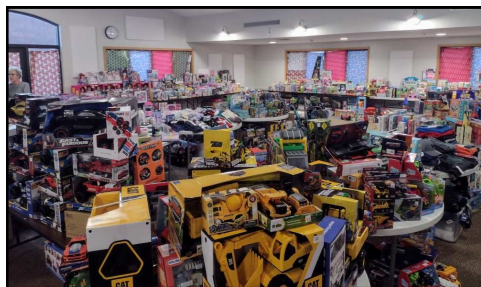
New Chapter - Adam Hofer

The Center of Hope is a place where many go for healing, encouragement, and spiritual guidance. Our mission is to walk alongside people to promote physical and spiritual health,

and ultimately to change our community one life at a time. We did this faithfully when Fred Wilgenberg was our Executive Director and faithfully under the leadership of Brett Rockvam as well. As I shift into the Executive Director role in the months to come, I too will be faithful to our mission to walk alongside people to promote physical and spiritual health. We exist to share the message of hope we find *only* in Christ with the hopeless in Sioux Falls and beyond. This will not change. In fact, we will explore new, radical ways of living into our mission in the days to come. As the world around us changes, we at the Center of Hope will unapologetically proclaim, "The center of Hope is JESUS!"

As I look back at the journey that led me to this position, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. I am thankful for the professors at Dordt University and Sioux Falls Seminary who taught me effective

ways to communicate the Gospel message and the best ways to care for people that dignify and empower them. I am thankful for the volunteers who have served alongside me for the last seven years in the Bike Ministry, Care Center, Clothing Ministry, Sharing Christmas, and now at the Center of Hope Free Evening Clinic. I am thankful for my fellow staff members. Each member of our staff has been a blessing to me in their own way and are truly gifts from God to our community. We are all gifted in different ways. Yet, together, we make a good team. Lastly, I am thankful for Brett Rockvam's mentorship. He has been helping me develop as a leader for years now. Under his leadership, I had the freedom to expand programs such as the Bike Ministry, create programs such as the Earn-Your-Way program, engage in pastoral counseling in our Care Center, become a leader of the Sharing Christmas program, coordinate volunteer endeavors in our various ministries, lead Center of Hope fundraising and marketing efforts (e.g. fundraising events, Newsletters, social media), and so much more. My experience in all the areas of the ministry at the Center of Hope has equipped me for my new role. I can move forward in confidence because of his mentorship and all the people who have taught me life lessons along the way. I am excited to move the Center of Hope into a new chapter.



Sharing Christmas UPDATE

The Sharing Christmas program was a success this year thanks to the generosity of our gift donors and volunteers. Because of you, **1,837 children** received gifts for Christmas (640 families). A special thank you goes to Nate Ryke from The Community Outreach for all the work he did this year! We appreciated his leadership

and enjoyed partnering with him this year to ensure children in struggling families received gifts for Christmas.

Let's Connect—Mission Moments, Pulpit Supplies, and MORE!

Out of our gratitude, we want you to know that we value our partnership in ministry. If you are a pastor, elder, or deacon of a church, do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need pulpit supply help or if you want us to update your congregation on what God has been doing at the Center of Hope. We would love to join you for worship! All for HIS glory and honor.



Join our Volunteer Family

We are needing volunteer help! We specifically are needing...

- ⇒ Registered Nurse Volunteers at our free clinic for the uninsured on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:30pm (**DESPERATE NEED!**).
- ⇒ Prayer Team volunteers to offer prayer and encouragement during clinic hours.
- ⇒ Bike Ministry volunteers to repair bicycles (training included) on a weekly basis (Tuesday-Friday).
- ⇒ Encouragement Card volunteers to make encouragement cards for our guests (this can be done at your church or business).
- ⇒ Care Center volunteers to help guests at the Front Desk and sort clothing items for the Care Center.

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 — Roger Hindbjorgen, Sid Phelps (Brett Rockvam's stepdad), Steve Johnson, Berdell Langerock, Winora Hallstrom, Ken Klinger, and Gloria Weber (Center of Hope Faith Community Nurse)

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 2023-24

April—To Date. Income
\$328,257.17

2023-24 Budget Need
\$381,265

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