

Message from the Executive Director



Happy New Year, and welcome to 2024! As we embark upon this new year together, I am excited to share with you some changes and growth we expect at Hope's Path this coming year.

First and foremost, I am excited to announce that we are getting ready to start construction on our first-ever expansion, the Triplex Project. With this project, we aim to create a much-needed step in guiding our interns toward successful independent living. You can read more about our triplex project further down in this newsletter.

Currently, our home is nearing capacity. We have eight incredible

young men who have shown tremendous resilience and dedication towards starting fresh and working toward betting their lives through our program. It is truly inspiring to witness their progress day by day. With the expansion of the Triplex Project, we are confident that we can provide life-changing support to even more young men who need hope and guidance.

As we move forward into the new year, I am reminded of the importance of our foundational verse at Hope's Path from Jeremiah 29:11, which says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This promise is a reminder that a new year brings hope, new beginnings, and new opportunities for the young men who call Hope's Path 'HOME".

I thank our community for your faithful support in our interns' journey. Without your generosity and commitment, none of this would be possible. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for standing by us and believing in our mission.

God Bless,

Brandon Anderchuk

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

The Importance of Mentorship

Our mentoring program at Hope's Path provides valuable support and guidance to our interns by helping them navigate the transition into adulthood with the understanding and assistance they may need.

Mentoring is not easy and is a long-term commitment; however, the relationship is worth the work. We encourage open communication, active participation, and resilience in both the mentor and the mentee. With our current increase in young men, we need good mentors. Together, we can work towards positive change and help these young men thrive in their journey beyond foster care.

If you want to be a mentor, please email our Program Director, Ted MacVaugh, at ted.macvaugh@hopespath.org.



Triplex Project

Construction is set to begin early in 2024 on our first expansion project at Hope's Path!

In our mission to provide even more support and opportunities for young men transitioning towards independent living, we will be building a threehome, small triplex unit on our existing two-acre property in Spring. This expansion will allow us to accommodate more residents and create a nurturing environment for their growth and success.



Currently, we are in the permitting process, and we're excited to share that we've hired an experienced and well-versed general contractor to bring this project to fruition. From the foundation to the finishing touches, we're committed to ensuring these new homes will be a safe and comfortable haven for our interns.

Each of the three units will be metered for their utilities . In addition to paying rent, each occupying intern will be responsible for their utility expenses, such as electricity and internet. This initiative encourages our interns to develop essential life skills, including managing bills, budgeting, and becoming responsible tenants. The goal is to empower them to transition smoothly toward successful independent living.

We are particularly excited to share that interns graduating from Hope's Path will be given the first chance to lease a triplex unit. This opportunity will help them establish a rental history and take that crucial next step toward achieving self-sufficiency and long-term stability.

Stay tuned for more exciting details about this expansion project and how YOU can help in our upcoming newsletters and on our website. We can't wait to share the progress, construction updates, and the official opening of these new triplex units!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEEDS

Hope's Path Charity Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 8, 2024, as we tee off at The Palmer in The Woodlands for an incredible day of golf, fun, and giving back!



This year's tournament promises to be bigger and better than ever before. With numerous opportunities for sponsorships and teams to play, you won't want to miss out on this fantastic event. And here's a little secret: there will be a chance to win \$1 million and even a brand-new car!

But it's not just about the prizes - it's about making a profound impact in the lives of young men at Hope's Path. This tournament serves as our single largest fundraiser, enabling us to continue offering essential programs and services that bring hope and transformation to those in need.

Throughout the day, you'll have the chance to engage in exciting games, feast on delicious food, win incredible prizes, and, most importantly, have a blast with fellow supporters of Hope's Path.

Registration information and sign-up details will be available very soon on our website, so keep an eye out for the upcoming announcement. This is an event you won't want to miss, so gather your friends, coworkers, and loved ones for a day of golfing for a cause!

Calling all Volunteer Drivers

At Hope's Path, we desperately need volunteer drivers to help us meet the transportation needs of our interns.



On average, we have around 15-20 rides per week, and with just three staff members, managing this alone can

be pretty challenging. While we occasionally rely on Uber and Lyft, the costs can quickly add up, making it difficult to allocate funds to other crucial aspects of our ministry. That's where your support can make a tremendous difference!

We would be incredibly grateful for your assistance if you have a valid driver's license, a reliable vehicle, and some spare time to give back to the community. By offering rides to our interns, you'll provide them with the essential transportation to access their work and/or appointment needs.

To lend a hand and become a volunteer driver, please get in touch with us by calling 281-465-8121 or emailing our Program Director, Ted MacVaugh, at <u>ted.macvaugh@hopespath.org</u>. Ted will guide you through the process and answer any questions.

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