

"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." - Jeremiah 29:11

Note from the Executive Director

This last month at Hope's Path has been incredible! First off, a new church has partnered with us! Vibrant Church led by Pastor Michael Scobey has joined Hope's Path and is committed to supporting our mission. Thank you, Vibrant Church, for your prayers and support of the young men at Hope's Path. Another exciting thing that happened this month is that our Program Director, Ted MacVaugh, and I got to take a tour of the Lincoln Lumber Mill in Conroe to scout future employment opportunities for our young men. The President and CFO of Lincoln Lumber, Jim Kelly, is excited to partner with us and help to provide employment in the future for our young men. Also, our tiny home project, led by Board Director, Roman Walley, has reached another major milestone; the design concept has been chosen and we are even closer to conception. Thank you to Donna at the University of Houston and Mike with Work Texas and several other leaders who are putting in tons of hours to help grow Hope's Path with the addition of three tiny homes in the near future.



God has been so good to us. June has been full of favor and blessings. Our interns continue to become more independent each day. They continue to engage and grow in the life skills classes, help each other out around the house by fixing things and keeping it clean, and are engaging with the staff and volunteers with respect and gratitude. July will be busy at Hope's Path with new volunteers signed up to come to serve, BBQ cookouts on the weekends, and (hopefully) the addition of more young men needing Hope's Path.

Thank you for your continued support of our organization. If you would like more information or want to get involved by volunteering and/or donating, please visit our website at <u>www.hopespath.org</u> for more information,

God Bless, Brandon Anderchuk

Volunteer Spotlight

One of the many meaningful things within Hope's Path organization is the exceptional dedication of others to serve our young men. The Williams family has been volunteering in the home since September 2021. They became involved as attendants of Northside Christian Church, one of our exceptional partners. God created us to live in community and Mark, Katherine, and Leah provide that sense of community among our interns. As a family, they create and maintain connections with them as they transition out of foster care and into independent living situations. They actively provide each intern an opportunity to thrive, not just survive. They are praying with them, attending and coordinating fun activities, and have provided respite for staff 3 to 4 times a week for several months. On the weekends, you will find Mark giving Zack cooking lessons as he is grilling burgers or giving pointers on the meal they are preparing. When Blue was scheduled for a job interview at a law firm, they took him shopping to purchase his first business suit. They have not only made it a point to attend birthday celebrations but brought homemade cakes as well. Leah walked with Jaysen to Starbucks during a fundraising event. And the family was present for Jacob's recent baptism. Their hearts are genuine and authentic and the staff and residents at Hope's Path are truly blessed each time they are in our company. It is a true gift for the interns to experience their compassion and examples of their commitment and love for God .--



Program Update



It's so important to Hope's Path leadership that we are curious regarding program elements designed to assist young adults that have aged out of foster care. This curiosity begins with staff asking what we could do differently to help interns feel empowered. We are mindful that preparing young adults to participate in an independent living program can be challenging. At the same time, we see interns putting into practice the skills learned every Thursday night during life skills, taking the initiative to visit with Haley regarding financial goals, leaning toward healthy adult relationships with our mentors, volunteers, each other, and most importantly, having a personal relationship with God. We are excited every day by the individual success of our interns. Several of the interns have secured a vehicle through our vehicle program. Home culture and positive peer support are essential to establishing a sense of belonging and safety. We are collaborating with other organizations to bridge the gap in services to vulnerable young adults. At Hope's Path, we join them where they are, listen to follow their concerns, and lead them to insight.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who was able to join our Hope's Path Fundraiser event at Raising Cane's last week. We had a great time networking within the community to spread the word about "who we are," "what we do," and love it!!

If you would like to help us reach our fundraiser goal you can do so by clicking on the donate button below.

With your support, Hope's Path can continue to provide a place of healing within a Christ-Centered environment, where young adults are **SUPPORTED**, EQUIPPED, and EMPOWERED to grow in their potential to lead successful independent lives.

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