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## **October Newsletter**



#### Message from the Executive Director

Happy October, and welcome to FALL! In the spirit of celebrating our interns, we are delighted to share some of the success stories that have unfolded in recent months. Our residents have displayed incredible resilience and determination as they continue their journey towards independence. We have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of hope in their lives. Through the guidance of our dedicated staff and volunteers, these young men have made remarkable progress in overcoming personal challenges and building a brighter future.

At Hope's Path, we believe in equipping our young men with the necessary tools to thrive independently. Our life skills classes have been a resounding success, empowering our residents to develop essential skills

that will help them succeed in their daily lives and foster a sense of confidence and self-sufficiency. From financial literacy to job readiness and beyond, our curriculum is designed to address the diverse needs of our residents holistically.

As we navigate the challenges and rewards of the upcoming months, we find solace in the comforting words of scripture. In Isaiah 40:31, we are reminded that *"those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."* This verse serves as a reminder that hope is an anchor in times of change and uncertainty, uplifting and renewing us with strength beyond our own.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our organization. Together, we are making a difference in transforming lives and providing hope to those in need. May this season of change bring blessings and renewed

hope to all of you.

God Bless, Brandon Anderchuk

# **Program Highlight**

### **Congratulations Angel**

We want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the fantastic progress that Angel has made at Hope's Path! Over the past few months, Angel has shown tremendous growth in multiple areas, and we couldn't be prouder of him!

First and foremost, Angel has made remarkable strides in his time management skills. He has developed a structured routine and ensures his tasks are completed efficiently. Angel's dedication and commitment to improving in this area are truly commendable.



Furthermore, Angel has also made significant improvements in his communication skills. He has become an active listener and effectively conveys his thoughts and ideas. Angel can now express himself confidently, a testament to his hard work and determination.

But it doesn't stop there! Angel's overall life skills have also seen an impressive transformation. He has acquired valuable skills that will undoubtedly pave the way for future success. Through his dedication and perseverance, Angel has shown that with the right mindset, anything is possible.

Let's give a big round of applause to Angel! His achievements are well-deserved, and we can't wait to see what his future holds. Keep shining bright!



# Volunteer Highlights

### **Kim Butcher**

Kim is one of our incredible volunteers at Hope's Path. We asked her to share her experience; this is her story...

"If you had told 29-year-old me that moved to the Houston area in 2004, homeless, jobless, carless, and with a two 1/2-month-old baby fleeing a domestic violence situation (where my partner was heavily addicted to methamphetamines) scared to death, that I would be in the position I am today with the ability to share and give back, I don't know that I would have believed you. The only thing I can say is Because of GOD and the love and support of family and friends who prayed over me and poured

into me at a time when I so desperately needed it. Also, the support and counseling services of the NAM Family Violence Center helped immensely.

I enjoy speaking with the young men, learning their stories as I prepare meals for them, and just showing up. Time is so simple but is priceless and can also mean so much to someone who has had struggles that none of us may even know about. I know I probably don't even know half of what some have experienced. Still, my hope is I can provide some consistency and pour some love over them through my cooking and conversations, which not only is hopefully a blessing for them but a huge blessing for me, as I earn their trust, earn a hug, etc. as I get to know them and learn what they feel comfortable sharing with me. Again, all of this is possible Because of GOD and his many blessings.

I began cooking at Hope's Path right after it first opened in 2017 with the make-a-meal program for a couple

of years, and now I have been blessed with the opportunity again. I am so thankful for receiving that newsletter earlier this year and reaching out. I am grateful that Barbara contacted me and coordinated a meeting with Brandon. I am thankful for the fellowship that has ensued since I started volunteering at Hope's Path again with the interns, staff, and other volunteers I have been blessed to meet through this experience. Furthermore, Because of GOD! I do not doubt that HIS hand orchestrated this opportunity for me in 2017 and now."

#### **Young Men's Service League**

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated moms and sons of the Young Men's Service League (Oaks Chapter) for their incredible volunteer work this month at Hopes Path. Their selfless efforts have made a significant impact on our organization!



Their hard work and commitment to our mission have genuinely shone through as they helped us clean and organize our Christmas decorations and deep-cleaned our house. Through their service, they have provided practical support and created a warm and welcoming environment for all who come through our doors.

The Young Men's Service League is an inspiration! Their mission is to assist, serve, and support those in need in our community, all while developing leadership skills among their members and promoting mother-son relationships.

On behalf of everyone at Hopes Path, we extend our sincerest thanks to everyone for your time, energy, and enthusiasm. Your willingness to lend a helping hand has made a difference in the lives of many, and we are grateful for your partnership.

# **Upcoming Holiday Season**

At Hope's Path, we eagerly preparing for a time of joy, togetherness, and giving back. We want to invite all of you to join us in making this holiday season memorable for our residents.

We have planned various volunteer opportunities for you to participate in our celebrations. From cooking delicious meals to decorating our home, your involvement will help us create a warm and joyful environment for all. We believe that coming together as a community during the holiday season can bring much-needed cheer and hope to our guys.

For Christmas gifts this year, we will be collecting gift cards to local restaurants and stores, which will be presented as gifts to our hardworking interns. These gift cards under the tree will not only bring joy to our interns but will also provide them with the opportunity to explore their local community.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need more information on how you can help this season. We genuinely appreciate your interest and support in brightening the lives of our residents during this special time of the year.



#### **Giving Tuesday**

As we approach the month of November, we wanted to take a moment to remind you about an important date that holds tremendous significance for our ministry: *Giving Tuesday*. On November 28th, individuals and organizations worldwide will join together to make a difference through acts of generosity, and we invite you to be a part of this powerful movement.

At Hope's Path, Giving Tuesday represents an opportunity to

further our mission of transforming the lives of the young men we serve. Your generosity on this special day supports our critical programs and services and brings hope and renewed purpose to those in need.

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