



The Center of Hope, Inc. is a homelessness prevention program and 100% of your contribution is used in direct service to the poor.

God is With Us

A Child is born for us, a Son is given to us. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, God is with us. (Isaiah 9 & Matt 1).

Truly what a Blessed time of year we celebrate, our Savior Jesus Christ is born. Every year at the time of Christmas, I sense such a comforting, almost mystical presence of Peace. Jesus came as a sojourner to be with us. He was only here for a short time. Now, He truly reigns in Heaven which is a majesty beyond our imagination or expectation.

He came to do the will of His Father and was a Teacher who taught us to love God and our neighbor and to more clearly understand His commandments. Jesus came to free us from our slavery to sin and to pay the price for our salvation through His suffering.

We too are sojourners on this earth! We are here only for a temporary stay, but Jesus is still with us, deep within our hearts in a spiritual way and in the Eucharist where He truly is the Bread of Life. Since Jesus came as a teacher, it would seem proper that we would strive to learn, to understand and hide His words within our hearts that we may not sin. (Psalm 119) We need to firmly and continuously nurture the love of God and our neighbor. It is true we most likely will also need to suffer in our lives, but knowing He suffered for our salvation, we can look forward to the joy and peace of being with Him in Heaven.

In our little ministry of homeless prevention, we try to discern the extent of the need of those seeking our assistance and try to provide for those with the greatest needs. During this process we review their income and any unusual expenses they might have incurred. We talk to their landlords and the utility companies to help

substantiate the information they provide. During this process we at times find that they are not being totally honest with us as they often are afraid that they will not receive assistance. This can be frustrating as honesty

is one of the virtues we truly aspire for and hope to see in all those we meet. In addition, we use this information in determining how much we can help and to be fair with everyone else seeking our assistance.

We are all called to love God and our Neighbor. Through our little ministry we try to help meet the material needs of our neighbor just as Jesus fed the hungry when He multiplied the loaves, but at the same time we also hope for the salvation of the souls of all those we serve. We do not judge but try to plant some seeds that will help them in both a material way and a spiritual way.

It is always a struggle to keep this spirituality in our dealings with the sheer volume of calls we receive and oftentimes the anger, anxiety, and aggressiveness we see in those seeking assistance. This is what truly makes this little ministry a ministry, and not just a business, for the definition of a ministry is the act of serving. We truly serve, and unlike a business, we seek nothing in return.

Our journey on this earth is for a short time. May we make the very best of this time and persevere until the end. There is much work to be done. May we never tire of seeking to serve God's will and always keep His love at the root of our heart, our thoughts, and our deeds. At Christmas, Jesus came to be with us, and He still remains with us. May we have the Spirit of Christmas, the Spirit Jesus Emmanuel always in our hearts, our minds, and our souls.

May God's Peace be with you always!!!!
Merry Christmas!!!!!!



HE CAME TO DO THE WILL OF HIS FATHER AND WAS A TEACHER WHO TAUGHT US TO LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR AND TO MORE CLEARLY UNDERSTAND HIS COMMANDMENTS.

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

A prayer in the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary states “O Holy Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the world, who never forsakes nor despises anyone, look upon us with an eye of pity and beg of your beloved Son the pardon of all our sins that we who now devoutly celebrate your Immaculate Conception

may receive the reward of eternal joy.”

As we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary may we take Her Heart into our hearts and never forsake nor despise anyone.

Holy Mary, Gate of Heaven, Pray for us.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for T, a 7 year old that lives with his parents. T has liver cancer and has been in the hospital several times over the past few months. His mom works at a local retail store but only made \$848 in the past month. They have to make multiple trips to Kansas City for their son’s medical condition. (3238)

Please pray for S, a 36 mom with 3 children. She has been unemployed as she has broken her hand. She has no income and owes \$1364 on her Everygy bill and \$506 on her water bill. (3302)

Please pray for C, a 48 year old lady who lives by herself. C was involved in a car accident and currently is unable to work. She has no income and owes \$900 on her rent and over \$800 on her utilities. (2775)

Please pray for K, a 37 year old mom who lives with her 2 young children. K has had several medical issues including having surgery for cancer. She lost her job and is now working for Door Dash but only made \$399 in the past 4 weeks. She currently owes \$1400 on her rent and over \$600 on her utilities. (2841)

Please pray for S, a 41 year old mom with two children. S cleans houses for a living and barely makes enough to cover her rent payment. She owes \$2333 on her Everygy bill. (2847)

Please pray for N who is taking care of her husband who has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. They have four children ranging from 6 to 16 years old. They currently owe over \$2000 on their utility bills. (2871)

Please pray for M, a 39 year old mom with four young children. Her 9 month old daughter was born prematurely and is on a breathing machine. Her only source of income is the \$910 of social security income her 8 year old son gets as he is autistic. She currently owes over \$1000 on her everygy bill. (2870)

Please pray for B, a 30 year old mom with five young children. B has not worked for the past month and she owes \$630 on her water bill which has been disconnected. She has had no income in the past 30 days. (2895)


Please pray for J, a 45 year old lady who has been in treatment to overcome her addiction. She currently has no income and needed help to get into an Oxford House. (2913)

Please pray for Z, a 34 year old mom with eight children. Z had to stop working as her one month old daughter was born prematurely. She currently owes \$1774 on her rent payment. (2922)

Please pray for Y, a 70 year old lady who was just diagnosed with lung cancer and is receiving radiation treatments. She gets social security income of \$927 but also works part time at a local retail store to help make ends meet. Her rent alone is \$696 per month. She currently owes over \$500 on her utility bills. (3017)

Please pray for B, a 40 year old mom with 3 children. B had brain surgery in May and is unable to work at this time. She in on Section 8 so she does not have to pay rent but currently owes \$751 on her Everygy bill, \$358 on her gas bill and \$895 on her water bill. (3199)

Our Mission



Our mission statement states that we help those who come to us in need regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or gender. The application process by phone clearly makes our service equally available to all those in need. We have set up our program to give special accessibility to all veterans, those who are homeless and suffering from mental illness and those who are living in homes with utilities currently disconnected. We feel these are the most vulnerable and try to attend to these as quickly as we can.

We allow social workers from the VA to submit an application directly via email and try to contact the veteran as soon as we can to provide assistance. In addition we accept applications directly from the Mental Health Association, Comcare and the Wichita Police Department HOT Team

who are working with clients who suffer from mental illness and are currently homeless to help them to move into an apartment which is a much safer environment than being out on the streets. We allow those with utilities that have been disconnected to submit an application by email and we try to assist these as quickly as we can to restore their service. We believe these steps help to ensure the most vulnerable in our community receive timely and meaningful assistance.



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A Letter from a Family We Helped

Thank you! My power just came back on. I cannot thank Center of Hope enough for this assistance! This whole ordeal has been very difficult – the financial abuse that my estranged spouse continues to inflict is so disheartening – every day, I feel so discouraged because it's been such an uphill battle. Yesterday, for the first time, I feel like I was given hope that the situation will get better and things will look up. Despite the poverty that is my and my daughter's new norm, at least we feel safe in our home now and get to live in peace without wondering when the next violent outburst will be and there's an environment of easy silence we've never known. Center of Hope helped ensure we get to keep our little sanctuary & that means more than words could possibly express!

With Deepest Gratitude,
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“...Incarnation is the fact that God is here in every moment, in every place.”

– H. Brokering

From COH 1986 Christmas Newsletter

“Life is a gift that God gives to the universe and to humanity.” *Acts of the Adorers’ 18th General Assembly*

CENTER OF HOPE, INC. MISSION STATEMENT

The Center of Hope listens to the cries of the poor with compassion and love, and without judgment, seeing all who present themselves as Children of God. A loving presence to those in need and advocates for the powerless, we offer hope to families, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or gender, as they deal with life’s daily challenges. We help them with emergency financial support for rent and utilities, provide case management toward resolutions of on-going difficulties, and assure the dignity and self-respect of each individual.

VISION STATEMENT

Offering hope for tomorrow through assistance today

CENTER OF HOPE, INC.
Celebrating 41 years of service to the Wichita community

Because You Cared

For the past 3 months, the Center of Hope prevented 600 families from having to experience homelessness. Included in those families were 1,703 persons. \$293,263 was dispersed for rent, utilities and emergency needs. Utility assistance for Project Deserve of \$97,067 was provided for 606 households across the state of Kansas. We would like to recognize Chris Sims, Susan Sloan, and St Cecilia Parish for their continuing contributions of food and supplies.



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