

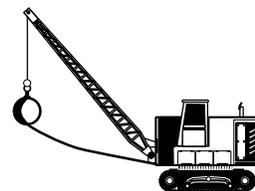


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# CHANGE

# WITH LOVE



*George Dinkel, Executive Director*

I have to admit that, especially as I get older, I don't really care much for change. It seems like everything is always changing. The tax laws change every year, computer programs seem to change every six months, our cell phones seem to be updated and changed every other week. Even our culture has experienced major changes over the last five to twenty years. I realize that all change is not necessarily bad. I do like the change in seasons as it adds a little variety to life, but so many things in this world just seem to be changing constantly; some good and some not so good. Truly, the world is changing and is passing away as St. Paul tells us (1 Corin 7:31).

As a result of COVID, we have seen many necessary changes. Although some of the changes brought about by the pandemic will revert back to as they were before, many will become permanent. As we move into post pandemic time, we are discerning the many facets of our little ministry to the poor to determine what changes will be best for all those we serve.

Although change is uncertain and most always challenging, I gain some comfort in knowing that Jesus is always the same, yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13:7-8). And although the world will change

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and eventually pass away, His Words shall not pass away (Matt 24:35).

With change being continually around and among us, I have come to realize that change is inevitable and is something I cannot control. The only thing I can control is my response to change; to see the new opportunities it offers. If I truly see everything as a gift from God, and through faith, I remain patient and open to God's will, I shall come to see how He has blessed me in so many ways I would never have imagined or considered.

The Word of God will stand forever (Isaiah 40:8) and in His words I have hoped exceedingly (Psalm 119:44). We know that for those who *love God*, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His Purpose (Romans 8:28).

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# MORE CHANGE



I am very sad to report that Sr. Becky has decided to retire from the Center of Hope. She has been with our little ministry of homeless prevention for the past 20 years and has made a life changing impact on so many of her case management clients. She truly has been a blessing to them and to all of us that have had the opportunity to work with her and learn from her. We wish her well in her future endeavors and are so grateful for all the blessings she has brought to our little ministry of homeless prevention and all those we serve.

## Please pray for our clients

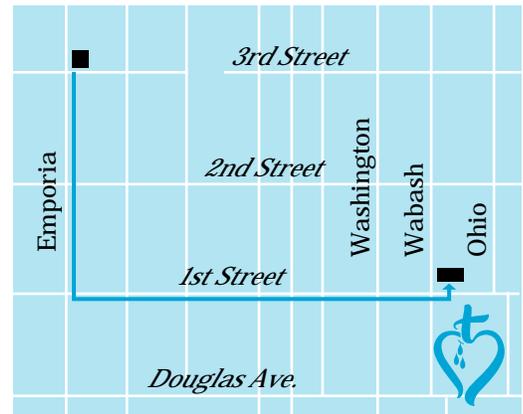


*Each facing many challenges!*

- B, a 45-year-old man who lives by himself. B currently is on medical leave and may not be able to return to work as he is experiencing mini strokes and seizures. He is not able to drive. His wife and daughter recently moved out of the home. He owes two month's rent totaling \$1325.
- J a 56-year-old grandmother living with her 14-year-old grandson. She is currently unable to work as she broke her leg. She owes \$700 on her rent and \$2,872 on her utilities.
- A young couple with two young children. The dad works as a janitor and made \$1,335 this past month, but their car keeps breaking down and is in need of repairs. They owe two month's rent totaling \$1300 and \$1,695 on their utilities.
- Q, a 32-year-old mom with 3 children. Q currently has no income and owes \$2,100 on rent and \$1,977 on utilities.
- L, a 27-year-old mom who lives with her daughter. L makes money cleaning houses, but only made \$675 this past month which is not enough to even cover her rent. She currently owes \$1,373 on her utility bills.
- Jon, a 60-year-old man who had been unemployed but just started a job where he made \$645 this past month. He owes two month's rent totaling \$1,114 and \$2,275 on his utilities.
- E, a 57-year-old man who is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack. He does work but only made \$709 the past month and owes \$2,080 on his utilities.
- C who lives with her husband and 3 children. C has kidney cancer and is filing for Social Security disability. They have had no income in the past month and owe \$6,873 on their utilities.
- J who lives with her husband. Their only source of income is J's Social Security retirement income of \$689 per month. They owe over \$1,000 on their electricity bill and it has been disconnected.
- C, a 32-year-old mom with 2 children. C is recovering from a domestic abuse situation. Her only income this past month was child support payments of \$29. Her water is off, for which she owes \$921 and she owes \$630 on her electricity bill.

# STILL MORE CHANGE

I am also sad to report that our Center of Hope office has moved to a new location at 1100 E 1st Street. We have been leasing our office on Emporia for the past 39 years and were notified this past fall that our office building will be sold and we would need to find a new location. By God's grace, we were able to secure the office building at 1100 E 1st street to continue our little ministry of homeless prevention. This new office building will allow us to provide some new and unique services. The location of the new office is just around the corner from Indiana street where the Center of Hope was originally started by Sr. Stella, Sr. Josephine and Sr. Ida who rented a house to take in homeless women and their children. Please stop by sometime and I would be happy to take you for a tour of our new building.



*Our address has changed!*

*At each and every mass, by the Grace of God, common bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. By the grace of God, we too can be changed from sinners to Saints.*

## COH Recognition Gifts

*IN HONOR OF*

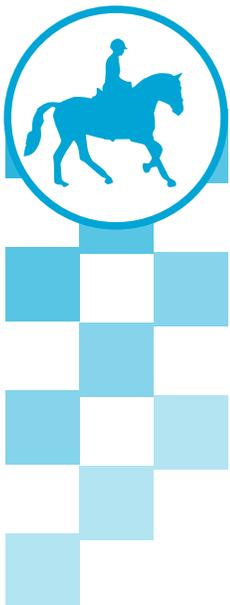
Sr. Becky Balthazor, ASC  
Jerry McDonald's 85th birthday  
Joe Warren & the Warren Family

*IN MEMORY OF*

Pauline Bertha  
Jim Daniels  
Patrick Halloran  
Jeannie Rosenhamer

## POST REPORT

# Center of Hope Dinner



The Center of Hope Annual Dinner was held on April 21, 2022 at the Newman University Dugan Library Conference Center. Our auctioneer, Megan McCurdy of McCurdy Auction Services did an outstanding job as did our MC, Stephanie Bergman. Our theme for the evening was the Kentucky Derby. The event was attended by a near capacity crowd. Many of those attending the Dinner were sporting their Kentucky Derby hats. Three horse races were held during the evening and a final grand finale race was won by "Take Home the Emprise" which was the horse spon-

sored by Emprise Bank. The food and drinks were excellent, the evening moved along quickly and there were many outstanding silent and live auction items. Make plans to attend the next Annual Dinner tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2023. We had such a great response to our Kentucky Derby theme we have decided to use the same theme next year, so you might be looking for that special Kentucky Derby hat now and if you are interested in sponsoring a horse for the races, you might call early as they go quickly and we only have a limited number of horses available.

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## 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 38 years of service to  
the Wichita community

# Because You Cared

For the past nine months, the Center of Hope prevented 2,858 families from having to experience homelessness. Included in those families were 6,777 persons.

\$1,457,613 was dispersed for rent, utilities and emergency needs. Utility assistance for Project Deserve of \$168,078 was provided for 941 households.

We would like to recognize St. Cecilia Parish for their continuing contributions of food.



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