



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

UNITED IN PRAYER

By George Dinkel,
Executive Director

Please pray. Prayer is nothing else but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, they experience a very special and lasting serenity and sweetness. (from St. John Vianney).

Every newsletter I include prayer requests for a few of the many families and individuals we help with emergency rent and utility assistance. I continue to ask for your prayers for their many and often very critical needs. I also ask for your prayers for the Center of Hope. We are in great need of funding to continue to provide assistance to many of the 63,000 people in our community living in poverty and the ever-increasing number being added each and every day.

In scripture we hear of how when Abraham was climbing the mountain to sacrifice his son, Isaac asked where the animal for the sacrifice was. Abraham responded that God Himself would provide the victim for the sacrifice (Gen. 22).

When Jesus had preached to the multitude on the mount and they did not have sufficient food to feed the people, Jesus performed a miracle by multiplying the loaves to feed all those present and they gathered 12 baskets of food that were left over (Matt. 14).

Truly it is God that provides, and we pray that God will continue to pro-

vide for our little ministry to the poor. We ask for your prayers also that we will be granted the much-needed funding to continue to help our dear neighbors living in poverty who are struggling to provide the bare necessities of life for their families. Love of God cannot be separated from love of neighbor and it follows that union with God cannot be separated from union with neighbor.

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“Prayer and love is where our happiness lies.” (St. John Vianney)

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” (Matt. 5:7) St. Caesarius of Arles said that if we make mercy our patroness now, she will free us in the world to come. There is mercy in heaven, but the road to it is paved by our merciful acts on earth. There is an earthly as well as heavenly mercy, that is to say, a human and a divine mercy. Human mercy has compassion on the miseries of the poor. Divine

mercy grants forgiveness of sins. Whatever human mercy bestows here on earth, divine mercy will return to us in our homeland. Do not neglect to improve the unhappy conditions of the poor, if you wish to ensure that your own sins be forgiven you. Christ hungers and thirsts in the persons of the poor. And what He will return in heaven tomorrow is what He receives here on earth today. (From Liturgy of the Hours, Monday, 17th week)

One of our volunteers recently took a call from someone wanting to make a donation to the Center of Hope. She shared her story of how sometime back she was in an abusive relationship and was kicked out of her home by her abuser with no shoes in the winter. She was walking around in the freezing cold with no place to go and a homeless person came up to her and gave her his shoes. Our volunteer told her that it was really Jesus who gave her His shoes. Truly God is present in the world, in places we often would not expect.

The needs of our poor neighbors in our community are indeed critical at this time. By your most kind and merciful prayers and donations you will truly be helping many of the poor living among us and will be assured that you will be granted mercy in heaven.

May God's Peace and Blessings be with you!!!!

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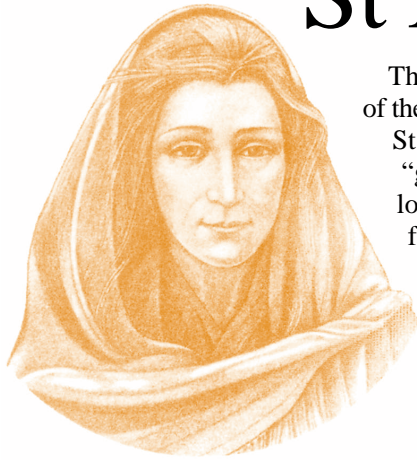
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St Maria de Mattias



The Center of Hope was founded by the Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ which was founded by St. Maria de Mattias. St. Maria as a young girl prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary to “give her light” and God let her experience the beauty of His love in a “mystical” way. This experience was the source, the force, and the motivation that brought her to make known to everyone the tender love of the Heavenly Father. She was convinced that the reformation of society begins in the heart of the person, and that person becomes transformed when they come to understand how precious each one is in God’s eyes, how much each person is loved...

Jesus gave all His Blood to save the human race.

(from Catholic Online)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember our clients in your prayers



Please pray for A, a 20-year-old mom who lives with her 4-year-old son. A was a victim of human trafficking. She just started a job but only made \$248 the past 30 days and is two months behind on her rent payment and now owes \$714.

Please pray for A, a 44-year-old mom who lives with her husband and her son. A had to have her leg amputated several months ago after multiple surgeries due to blood clots that were forming in her leg. She had to quit her job in health care. Her husband is working but does not make sufficient income to cover all their expenses. They owe over \$1000 on their gas bill and it has been off for over 3 months.

Please pray for D, a veteran who has not been able to work for the past 5 months due to mental health issues. He has been released to go back to work and is currently looking for a job.

Please pray for C, a 27-year-old mom with two young children. C has not been able to work as she is recovering from injuries from domestic violence. She currently owes \$788 on her rent and \$812 on her Evergy bill.

Please for H, a 60-year-old homeless man we helped to get into an apartment. He is a veteran and just started working at a job which gives him 15 hours per week. He made \$550 in the past month.

Please pray for B, a 32-year-old mom with 3 children who is currently going through a divorce. She has no income at this time.

Please pray for C, a 41-year-old man who lives with his 13-year-old son. C has been off work for the past 5 weeks due to health issues and his vehicle stopped working. He owes \$950 on his Evergy bill.

Please pray for M, a 38-year-old mom with 3 children and is expecting another child. One of her children is disabled and she currently is on bed rest. She hopes to be able to return to work when school starts. She owes over \$2000 on her utility bills.

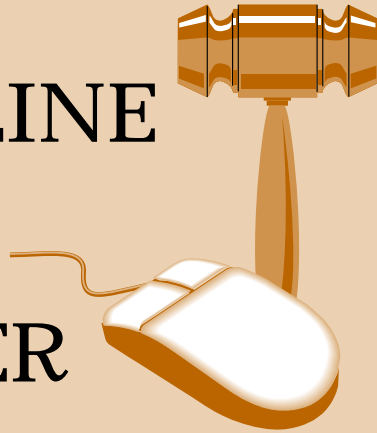
Please pray for B, a 29-year-old lady who is recovering from her addiction. We were able to help her get into a recovery home. She currently has no income.

Please pray for M, a 51-year-old homeless lady we were able to help get into an apartment. She had just been recently separated from her husband and was assaulted while living out on the streets.

Please pray for K, a 50-year-old lady who only made \$800 on her job this past month. Her electric and gas service are both turned off at this time and she owes \$2800 on her utilities but is current on her rent.

Please pray for J, a 31-year-old mom with 4 children who works for the school district but due to being off for the Summer has had very limited income and could only make \$281 this past month. She owes \$660 on her rent and has an eviction notice and owes \$615 on her utilities.

COH FALL SILENT ONLINE AUCTION BIDDING FUNDRAISER



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Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Jones
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Dear Friends and Patrons,

As promised at the Annual Dinner in April, we are hosting the Center of Hope Fall Silent Auction online bidding fundraiser. In order to register for online bidding simply type the following link into your web browser:

centerofhope.cbo.io

Then follow a few quick instructions and presto, you're up and running. The Silent Auction will officially open for bidding at 5pm on Thursday, October 12th with all items closing Saturday, October 14th at 7pm.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

MARRIAGE

I find it interesting that the first miracle Jesus performed was at the Wedding Feast at Cana where He turned water into wine. The divorce rate in America is around 50% and the vast majority of those we help at the Center of Hope are either divorced situations or situations where they were living together but broke up. Probably less than 5% of those we serve come from families with married spouses.

Marriage is a sacrament, a small church, and is a source of grace. Without doubt families today need Jesus to give the new wine that is so needed to keep marriages together. Please pray to the Blessed Mary, Mother of God, that she may intercede to Jesus as she did at the time of His first miracle to bring new wine into marriages to keep them together in love.



Some Notes of Gratitude Made Possible by You - Our Donors

Thank you Center of Hope. May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit wrap His Arms around you all. I'm a grandmother and I still need help but God will provide! Thank you all so much for keeping me from being homeless.

Thank you so much! I truly appreciate your response and help at this time. Thank you again for allowing my participation in your program. It has truly been a peaceful experience for me to work with you all. The circumstances of needing help is already enduring enough, so the ease of process has been such a blessing to me.

I just wanted to thank you so much for helping me. For going over and beyond to make sure I get the most help that I can, and you truly are an angel. I really appreciate all that you have done for me and my son, and again just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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“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 40 years of service to
the Wichita community



Because You Cared

For the past twelve months, the Center of Hope prevented 2,547 families from having to experience homelessness. Included in those families were 6,350 persons. \$1,461,668 was dispersed for rent, utilities and emergency needs. Utility assistance for Project Deserve of \$331,851 was provided for 2,088 households.

We would like to recognize St. Cecilia Parish for contributions of food and supplies.



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