

Work that Endures

By George Dinkel

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life (John 6). It was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain. (John 15) The two things that really attracted me to the Center of Hope were that 100% of



the donations we receive are used directly for rent and utility assistance and the kindness and love that is given to all those we serve. I have always thought that the Center of Hope was a very special gift from God as I often see the many fruits it bears.

Some of those we serve are the result of some tragic event beyond their control such as a young lady we recently helped who was involved in a car accident in which her dad was killed. She survived the accident, but both of her legs were broken. She has had three surgeries and is currently in a wheelchair and has not been able to work. She is blessed as she still has a job and hopes to be able to return to work soon. Included in our prayer requests are many examples of our assistance to these types of cases that truly touch our hearts as we see the injustice of their situations. These would be some very apparent examples of the fruits of our ministry.

At times it does indeed feel overwhelming but in order to bear fruit even if it is not immediately apparent, we must trust in God and continue to treat everyone with kindness and love.

Many cases we assist in are much more difficult to discern as they are the result from making poor choices, the unwillingness to work, or mental/physical limitations that prevent them from working. These cases require much more work, concentration and discernment and

the fruits from these cases are typically much more difficult to see. Jesus commanded that we love Him as He loves us. (John 13) Not as the world understands love, but the love which in obedience to the Father endured the sufferings and humiliations Jesus did on the Cross for our salvation. These sufferings and humiliations are in essence the response of all us sinners to His

act of saving us. Many of those we help are difficult to work with and at times unappreciative or not honest, but still, we help them in their time of need. I think that most assuredly, this would be an example of the fruit Jesus asks from us, even if we are not able to immediately see or comprehend these fruits.

Many of those we help have a very strong faith, but many have little if any faith. They come from very broken families and have not had the benefit of the Church or the Sacraments. This is actually a much greater need, of which they typically are unaware of.

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Clearly there are many concerns for the future, the economy, the ever-increasing financial burdens of the poor, the seemingly ever-increasing number of homeless in our community, the ever-increasing and insurmountable demand for our service of rent and utility assistance. At times it does indeed feel overwhelming but in order to bear fruit even if it is not immediately apparent, we must trust in God and continue to treat everyone with kindness and love. "Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything

whatsoever. (St Francis de Sales)

At Fatima, the blessed Mary asked that we "Pray, pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice." Please pray and sacrifice for all those we serve with little or no faith and have no one to pray or sacrifice for them, for Mary's greatest desire is to help sinners. Please pray as in this way we can all work for the food that endures for eternal life. May God's Blessings and Peace be with you always!!!!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for C a 78 year old grandmother living with her 11 year old grandson. C is currently receiving treatment for lung cancer. Her grandson lives with her as her daughter is on drugs living with her boyfriend and not able to care for her son. Her daughter has physically abused C, but C has not reported her as she is afraid her grandson will be taken from her. He is the most important thing in her life.
- Please pray for C, a 49 year old mom who lives with her teenage daughter. C is on the list for a heart transplant. She does receive Social Security income but her monthly mortgage payment of \$746 takes most of her income.
- Please pray for J & A who live with their 6 children. The 12 year old daughter is receiving social security income related to her cancer. J lost his job at the first of the month and has only made \$75 at a temp service. They owe \$800 on their rent and have an eviction notice.
- Please pray for M, a 54 year old lady who cleans houses for a living. She was ill and not able to work the past 2 months. She owes \$730 on her rent and \$980 on her utilities.
- Please pray for S, a 36 year old man who has just been released from treatment for his drug addiction. He is moving into a recovery home.
- Please pray for T, a 34 year old mom with a 2 year old daughter. She has been on maternity leave and not able to work. She is especially grieving as her 2 month old son suddenly passed away. She owes over \$1000 on her Everygy bill.
- Please pray for I, a 35 year old mom with 3 young children. The home they are living in has mold and the children have been suffering with asthma attacks. She is trying to move into a new apartment.
- Please pray for D, a 60 year old man who lives by himself. D lost his job and was receiving unemployment benefits, but had 3 heart attacks this winter. He is unable to work due to the heart attacks and has now lost his unemployment benefits as he cannot apply for jobs due to his medical condition.
- Please pray for L, a 34 year old man who is homeless and living in the shelter. He does receive social security income of \$747 per month. We helped him move into an apartment.
- Please pray for J, a 68 year old man who lives with his 43 year old daughter. J has been in the hospital with cancer and his daughter is on oxygen and dialysis. They owe over \$3000 on their utility bills.



Save the Date!

The Center of Hope will host the Annual Benefit Dinner on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at the Newman University Dugan Library & Conference Center. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. with a private reception for those purchasing a table and 5:30 pm with a wine and beer reception for all guests.

We will be sending out formal invitations in September. If you would like to register early you can call 316-267-3999 or send an email to george@centerofhopeinc.org.

Hope to see you there to help our many poor neighbors living in our community.

Center of Hope Recognition Gifts

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The 5th week of Lent
All for the Glory of God

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*In the Spring 2025 newsletter we mistakenly listed a donation in memory of Kathleen Frasco. That was in error. Our apologies to Kathleen and for the confusion.



Alms

Alms deliver from all sin, and from death, and will not suffer the soul to go into darkness (Tob 4). The alms of a man are as a purse to him "and shall preserve the grace of a man" (Ecclus 17:18). Alms may be called 'a purse' because what is placed in it is afterward found in eternal life. (St Anthony)

If you are interested in giving alms, of creating an account for eternal life, the Center of Hope is a perfect instrument due to our most direct, simple and efficient ministry of helping the poor to keep their homes.

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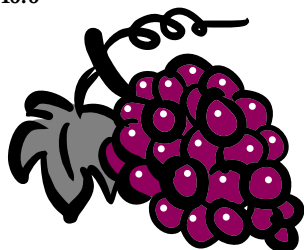
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I am the vine, you
are the branches.
Whoever abides in
me, and I in him, will
produce much fruit.

John 15:5



"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 9 months, the Center of Hope prevented 1,684 families from having to experience home-lessness. Included in those families were 4,297 persons. \$743,372 was dispersed for rent, utilities and emergency needs. Utility assistance for Project Deserve of \$204,662 was provided for 1,262 households across the state of Kansas.

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