



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

It breaks my heart when I hear how some of the men who come to Hope Awaits speak about themselves. I have heard men call themselves stupid, say that they are worthless, and that they don't matter.

Often these are things that they have been told many times in their past, or that they believe after the way they have been treated.

I recently listened to one man share about the looks that people give him for being homeless and how this affects him. You could tell how this hurt him, and he voiced that he tries to avoid being around people because of this.

I have been working with the homeless for many years, and I am still grateful to God that He has placed me in a position where I can speak life and truth into people's lives. When clients come to our door we see their potential, and then speak into that. We get the privilege of telling men that they are smart, that they have potential, that they have worth, and that they do matter.

How do we know that? Because God said so.

Genesis 1:27 says "So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."

Each man who comes to our door was created in the image of God. Out of everything that God

created, humans are the only ones that were created in His image, and therefore each and every person has value and is of great worth!

As the famous John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God not only created us in His image, but He loved us so much that He gave His Son so that we might have eternal life with Him – that's how much we matter to God. This is the great truth that we get to share with the men who come to our door. This is the truth we get to tell that combats all the lies that the men believe about themselves when they arrive.

Let us all speak words of truth, life, encouragement and hope to those around us.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building other up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Ephesians 4:29)

Nicole Millage, Executive Director



Glory be to God!

Our Vision

To see men filled with hope and transformed by the love, grace, and power of God.

Highlights

Clients

In July we had six men reside at the shelter. One of the men was only with us for a short time while he searched for an apartment. The other five were still residing at Hope Awaits at the end of July.

One of our clients has been eagerly searching for work since he arrived, and in July he was able to find some work and is saving for the things that he needs to get back on his feet!

Homeless Night Challenge

Hope Awaits Ministries is once again inviting people to compete in an overnight challenge aimed at raising money and awareness for the cause. The 2021 Homeless Night Challenge will run from 4pm on Friday, September 10 to 9am on Saturday, September 11.

Throughout the night teams will participate in activities where they can earn points and learn more about homelessness and the struggles that come along with being homeless.

For more information, to register a team or to donate visit:

<https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/homeless-night-challenge.html>



How You Can Help

1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Olive Oil
- Pancake Mix
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Corn
- Backpacks

All donations can be dropped off at 390 First Ave E. daily between 6pm and 9pm.

2. Become a Missionary

Be a part of a team that is reaching out to those in need with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ! We are currently seeking applications for a full-time shelter care worker. For more information on the position visit our website here: <https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/shelter-care-worker.html>

3. Become a Perishable Food Drive Partner

Our perishable food drive partners help us provide our clients with fresh foods by donating a week's worth of perishable food approximately once every other month. We are currently looking for groups to fill:

- The first week of every other month
- One week in the months that have 5 weeks

To sign up visit our website here:

<https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/perishable-food-drive.html>

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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