

HOPE 101 MINISTRY INC.

Working to Reduce Homelessness in Newaygo County

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT HOPE 101?



101 DAYS FOR HOPE

Maybe you've seen our yard signs around Newaygo County or our little house banks in local businesses. Hope 101 Ministry is currently running a "101 Days for Hope" Campaign to raise awareness of the ministry.

Family of God Community Church in Newaygo, Michigan, gave birth to the

dream of a ministry—to walk with homeless persons in their journey to self-sufficiency—by purchasing the three apartment home across the street from the church at 101 Quarterline in 2015. A second home at 42 Washington was donated by the Mercer family of Newaygo in 2017. In 2018 Hope 101 Ministry Inc. became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The first Hope 101 participant entered the program in June of 2016. Since then, Anchor home at 101 Quarterline has been home to eleven family units including 15 adults and 9 children.

Program participants live in the home for up to six months and are required to follow program rules and expectations. They must be employed while they work on goals to achieve self-sufficiency. Failure to do this results in removal from the program.



Connie Johnson, Household Operations chair, and Rick Boss, Renovation chair, wield the scissors as River Valley Chamber of Commerce members and Hope 101 volunteers celebrate the completion of renovation of Mercer Home with a ribbon cutting, dedication, and open house on September 27, 2018.

OUR STORIES

Referrals to the Hope 101 program are welcome from individuals, agencies, churches, schools, and even from jail. One of the Hope 101 Ministry participants spent some time in the Newaygo County Jail while she was part of the program. We really felt she had potential, even though a misdemeanor while on probation led to jail time. While in jail she made friends with two other women who eventually became Hope 101 participants after hearing about the program from her.



One of those women had been living with a man for 19 years, and they had a 20 year old daughter. Both the man and woman were in jail at the same time. Having learned about the program from his partner in letters, he inquired about Hope 101 when he was released. Although there were no openings at the time, he called every week for six weeks, always sharing how many days he had been drug free, and always expressing hope that he and his "wife" could enter our program. Both of them were recovering addicts and seemed like a high risk. Because he was persistent and always kept us up to date on his addiction, employment and housing situation, we interviewed them and accepted them into the program when an apartment became available. During their 7 months in the program they both were employed full time. They reestablished relationships with family members, stayed off drugs, paid off fines, got their driver's licenses back, got married, purchased two vehicles, and found an apartment to rent in Newaygo. Now that gentleman is serving as a mentor in the Hope 101 program.



A single mom entered the Hope 101 program with a dream of owning a home where her son could play in his own back yard. When she left the program 7 months later, she moved into a home she was purchasing on a land contract. She sent us this picture of the sunrise from her back deck with a letter giving thanks:



"...Gratitude is a difficult emotion for me to express and I have an over abundance of it for everyone that is involved in this amazing program.... I can imagine it takes so much.... You always gave me room to do whatever I needed to, even if I made you nervous a few times lol. There was always a hand to hold, a word of encouragement, a loving push in the right direction. You all bring something different to the program, and for me, something needed right when I needed it. Your prayers, generosity, and kindness have just been overwhelming. Honestly, Hope 101 is everything you have aimed for.... There isn't anything I would change."



HOPE 101 IS A WINNER!

In September of 2017, Hope 101 entered phase 3 of the Independent Bank Investing in Communities statewide Facebook contest, which focused on housing organizations. The four organizations that received the most votes each won \$5,000. Hope 101 was off to a slow start and one of our "friends" was concerned we wouldn't win, so she donated \$5000 to the ministry. At the end of the two week contest, the Newaygo community came together in an amazing way and Hope 101 Ministry was one of the four finalists, adding an additional \$5000 to our contributions. See the Investing in Communities video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj6Bd9oiACU>

Independent Bank Vice-President of Community Banking Colleen Michels (left) and Newaygo Branch Manager Rhonda Buter presented a check for \$5000 to members of Hope 101 Ministry Board in front of Anchor Home.



HOPE 101 MINISTRY INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance July 1, 2017 \$ 39,394.30

Hope 101 Ministry Income 2017-2018

Donations	\$ 25,285.67
Sponsors	\$ 3,325.00
Program Fees	\$ 4,130.00
TFACF grant	\$ 20,000.00
Fundraisers	\$ 848.00
Misc. income	\$ 741.10
FOGCC	\$ 3,750.00
Total income	\$ 58,079.77

Hope 101 Ministry Program Expenses 2017-2018

Case management	\$ 9,781.85
Program	\$ 1,926.55
Development	\$ 2,198.15
House operations	\$ 1,146.79
Maintenance	\$ 908.33
Property Taxes	\$ 2,393.73
Utilities	\$ 6,692.56
Insurance	\$ 2,849.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,836.98
Total Program	\$ 31,733.94
Mercer Home renovations	\$ 31,109.66
Total expenses	\$ 62,843.60
Balance June 30, 2018	\$ 34,630.47

2018-19 BUDGET: \$48,000



FESTIVAL OF THE WREATHS

NOVEMBER 30 and DECEMBER 1, 2018

OPEN HOUSE—FRIDAY 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

**AT FAMILY OF GOD COMMUNITY CHURCH (BASEMENT)
90 QUARTERLINE, NEWAYGO**

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS TO WIN YOUR FAVORITE WREATH

OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY

9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

**9:00 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
(FREE WILL OFFERING).**

3:00 P.M. WREATH RAFFLE DRAWING

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

**Raffle Tickets—\$10.00 for 25 chances to win wreaths and other
raffle items**

**All proceeds benefit Hope 101 Ministries Inc.,
a transitional housing ministry serving the homeless of
Newaygo County.**

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The mission of Hope 101 Ministry Inc., with the help of God, is to provide safe, loving homes offering Christian support, friendship and direction to empower participants to reach beyond their circumstances to a place of stability and self-sufficiency.

IT'S A BLESSING!

ing in homelessness. Since June of 2016 when our actual program began, the traumas have included broken relationships, job loss, addiction to drugs or alcohol, domestic abuse, pregnancy, prison time, a combination of these, and more. Each person has made the commitment to us and to themselves to do the work necessary to overcome the obstacles they face and become self-sufficient. We have had varying degrees of success, but for those who feel they have begun to achieve their goals there is a common theme at their exit interview.

Over and over again they say of the Hope 101 program, "It's a blessing." And then they go on to describe how it has been a blessing to them. "It helps you get on your feet." "God put me where I needed to be." "I didn't have to stress over money." "It gave me time to focus on my child." "It motivated me to deal with stuff."

What is a blessing? What does it mean to be blessed? It's more than having a nice home, loving relationships, a comfortable bank account, lots of possessions or personal security. For me, to talk about being blessed takes me back to a Bethel Bible Series class I took decades ago. Bethel teaches Biblical concepts through illustrations. As I remember it, the image for the concept in Genesis 12:1-3 is a prism in the sky with a beam of light shining through the prism, creating a ray of rainbow that washes over a kneeling figure and spreads to the earth around him. This represents the promise of a Savior to Abraham and the people of God. Briefly, the concept is: **I will bless you, so that you will be a blessing, and all nations of the world will be blessed through you.**

Hope 101 Ministry exists because we are blessed by God and called to be a blessing. Working with folks who have been through tough times isn't always easy, but those of us who have been involved have been blessed to be part of this program and see the hope in their eyes as they see self-sufficiency as a reality in their future. Those who have been through the program say they have been blessed. If you have an interest in being part of this blessing, give us a call, email, or message.

We give thanks for our many donors who make being a blessing possible. You are a blessing and others are blessed because of your generosity!

Peace and blessings,

Karen Nottelmann

Hope 101 Ministry Board President

Anchor Home at 101 Quarterline was the home of a bank president at one time. It has two one bedroom apartments (up and down) and an efficiency (former maid quarters) in the rear.



GET INVOLVED IN HOPE 101! THIS IS A COMMUNITY MINISTRY!

- Pray for the ministry and program participants
- Join one of our teams:
 - Program
 - Development
 - Maintenance
 - Household Operations
 - Finance
- Ask about serving on the Hope 101 Board of Directors
- Serve as a mentor
- Become a financial sponsor, pledging a specific amount each year
- Support us financially as you are able
- Donate a wreath or raffle prize to our Festival of Wreaths
- Bring a friend to the Festival of the Wreaths November 30 or December 1 and win a wreath
- Help with landscaping at our homes



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