



HOPE LINES

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HOPE OUTREACH CENTER, INC.

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A TIME FOR GROWTH

*Message from Donna Kinney
President, Board of Directors.*

What an honor it is to have been elected President of the Board of Directors of HOPE Outreach! I have served on the board for eight years and I'm looking forward to continuing my service to this great organization. My passion for HOPE began when I first volunteered to adopt a family by assisting them financially through rough times. I witnessed the outpouring of love, care, empathy and support given to each person who entered the door...I was hooked! My professional background is in Healthcare, and I hold a degree in Dietetics and Nutrition. I currently work for Gordon Food Service as Healthcare Segment Leader, where I provide strategic direction and support to our Healthcare sales team and our customers.

I have watched this organization grow from a small group of caring people with a simple mission "to help other people everyday". HOPE is now a cornerstone of this community helping people to become proud independent citizens again. As President, I am committed to building on our successes by continuing to work with the dedicated staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to serve the community.

This year is shaping up to be another challenging one for HOPE. We need to increase our capacity to respond to the growing needs of the community. This will require the continued support and commitment of hundreds of donors,

volunteers and community partners who have worked hard to accomplish our goals thus far. As organizations mature, new partnerships emerge. With our stellar track record, we have the opportunity to not only respond to emergencies but to become engaged in developing longer-term solutions to end poverty. To this end, HOPE has applied for a grant from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to implement programs that educate people about the nutrition benefits of food stamps and how to apply for them.

Food Stamps are the cornerstone of federal nutrition assistance programs providing vital support to the working poor and households in need. According to the USDA, the program currently reaches only 56% of those who are eligible to receive benefits. If HOPE is awarded this grant, it will enable us to assist those who are eligible, increase the amount of assistance families receive, and stretch emergency resources much further.

These are very exciting times for HOPE and we remain passionate about making a difference in this community. I ask each of you for your continued support. I ask you to spread that passion, by telling one more person every day about this wonderful organization called HOPE. I look forward to working with you to improve the lives of the marginalized in our community.



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11 years

**Mission: "To develop and provide services that impact quality,
of life for individuals and families in our community"**

11 years

Ambassadors of HOPE

What happens when one volunteer wants to give children a chance to blossom? Just ask Pat, one of our After School Enrichment Program volunteers. Pat brought Sr. Germana the idea of preparing the children to participate in the Town of Davie's Annual Orange Blossom Parade. With the help of the volunteers the children made t-shirts, created a beautiful HOPE banner, learned cheerleading and how to march in a parade. On February 25, 2006 HOPE had the honor of being represented by the most terrific ambassadors ever. You should have seen them working the pompoms, twirling batons and blowing lots of bubbles! Our thanks to all the volunteers and the children for bringing HOPE to the town of Davie. Get ready for next year!



Drawing by: Berenice Lares

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God equips the called!

By Sr. Germana Sala

Recently I read a quote from the late Pope John Paul II when he asked, “How can it be that even today there are people dying of hunger? Condemned to illiteracy? Lacking the most basic medical care? Without a roof over their heads?”

I could not finish the reading then came three thoughts. First, I know that what I read was absolutely true. I can see and touch the face of hunger, poverty and homelessness every day. As if I was watching a movie, I saw all the familiar faces that I have come to know and love through **HOPE** pass through the screen in my mind. My second thought was to question “Why is this happening? Who is responsible? Why doesn’t someone **DO** something?” At first I tried to blame the “authorities” Then I realized that change had to start with me. That brought me to my third

thoughtGod does not call me to do great things, but he calls me to do small things with great love. The truth is that God doesn’t call the equipped. He equips the called!

He equips each and every one of us to care for those on the margins of society, through works of charity **AND** social justice. He urges us not to ignore those who are suffering but rather, to reach out to them with love and to help. This is what we do at **HOPE**. We feed the hungry, we listen to the needs of the oppressed, we take time to let them know someone cares and that they are not alone, and then we act. Working together we find solutions to their most pressing problems one step at a time.

We can all do this. Visit your neighbors. Offer them true friendship, with respect and dignity and without judgment.

Then **DO** something to meet their needs in whatever way, whenever possible.

The most challenging virtue of our time may be solidarity which calls us to regard all people as our brothers and sisters regardless of their ethnicity, religion, economic status or where they live. We are all God’s children!

In our programs and outreach, we must break through the boundaries of charity to recognize that the web of life connects us all. We are responsible for each other. We need to get involved and find solutions that will lead to a more just world.

In closing, I am reminded of the lyrics of one of my favorite hymns...

*Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me!*



The Gift of Hope

Add Spirituality to your Easter Season and become an Angel of HOPE

Why not honor them with a charitable contribution to HOPE?

Your gift can make a meaningful difference in a family’s life!

Be An Angel of HOPE



In Honor of _____ Living Deceased

Honoree Address _____ (for notification purposes)

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Amount \$ _____

God Bless You!

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Together for the Long Haul

Many of us are still dealing with the aftermath of the 2005 hurricane season, facing challenges that test our patience. Yet, the process brings new relationships that often mean the world.

Brad, a senior living in the Park City Mobile Home Community was severely shaken by Hurricane Wilma as she caused the roof of his bedroom to cave in on him leaving a trail of destruction in her wake. He was so scared, lonely and traumatized that he did not know where to turn. Sr. Germana and a team of volunteers came in to clean up his home, help him get estimates for repairs, advocate for him with FEMA and the SBA and give him the encouragement he needed to press on. Today, Brad's bedroom is still a moldy mess that has been sealed off. However, Brad is hopeful because with the help of HOPE volunteers, he is very close to securing a low-interest loan from the SBA to purchase a new home. HOPE has new furniture waiting for him when he is settled. The highlight of the experience

for Brad was being invited to Fr. O'Reilly's Christmas Dinner. He said, "I could not believe that people really care for me, people I didn't even know." Joan, one of Brad's angels of HOPE says, "I love talking with Brad every day. We have a great rapport. We tease each other and he is starting to do surprising things. He used to be a recluse but now he likes taking walks and socializing with others because he feels good and knows that people care." HOPE has given Brad a new lease on life. Yes, the trials are difficult but he has lots of friends to support him on the journey and they are in it for the long haul!



The price of *Motherhood*

Another of Wilma's victims was Tiffany, a young single mother who cares for her two children Amy (14) and Lauren (3). Tiffany worked full time as a veterinary technician. After Wilma, she almost lost her home because her office was closed for several weeks and she was left without pay. HOPE assisted Tiffany by paying the lot rent for her modest mobile home and she became more optimistic that her situation would improve. Unfortunately, the family soon became ill with upper respiratory infections, due to the mold growing in the walls and floors of her home. The entire home had to be decontaminated and repaired. Tiffany lost her job because she missed too many workdays by having to stay home and care for her daughters who were too sick to attend school. HOPE brought a little joy to this gloomy situation over the holidays. Tiffany and her children benefited from our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. Today, the family is still recovering from the devastation but they are optimistic about the future. They were able to have the comfort and security of staying in their home and receive much needed help to repair the damage inflicted by Hurricane Wilma.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The After School Enrichment Program needs volunteers!
At present, the program operates
Monday-Thursday
from 2-5pm.

We would like to expand the program to include Fridays.
Can you spare 3 hours one afternoon per week?

Contact Sr. Germana at (954) 321-0909 to volunteer.

The Emergency Assistance Program needs a bi-lingual (English-Spanish) volunteer to assist with Case Management / Social Work two afternoons per week.

Contact Helen at (954) 321-0909 if you can help.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS and Support our Fundraiser



SECOND ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT

FOR

HOPE Outreach Center, Inc.



Friday, April 21, 2006 • 8:00 pm

POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION HALL
4500 SW 13 Street • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33317
(one block south of Davie Blvd. • 1/2 mile west of St. Rd. 7)

This show will feature two NEW comics

Melvin George & Mike McDonald

\$25 per Comedy Show Ticket

(Buy your tickets early as seating
is limited to 299 people)
Tables of 10 can be reserved

Corporate Sponsorships available for \$250

(Sponsorship applications must be
received by April 14 for inclusion
in the Comedy Night program)

Please make checks payable to: **HOPE Outreach, Inc.** — or use your credit card.

PERSON CONTACTED: _____

NAME OF SPONSOR OR ADDRESSEE: _____

PLEASE CHECK: TICKETS * DONATION

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

ADDRESS: _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

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* Please send us the names of the individuals attending this event.

Proceeds go to benefit **HOPE Outreach Center, Inc.** • 4700 S.W. 6th Ave., Suite A • Davie, Florida
HOPE Outreach Center of Davie is a not-for-profit organization that assists disadvantaged residents of Broward County.

"Helping Other People Everyday "Where there's HOPE, there's Help!"

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The Annual Frank D'Andrea Golf Classic and Dinner Auction



Friday, October 27, 2006
Bonaventure Country Club

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Planned Giving, The Ultimate Gift

You may not be “rich” but you can still help to bring HOPE to others by including a bequest to HOPE Outreach Center, Inc. in your will. Planned giving allows you to make a lasting gift to the poor and vulnerable in our community. There are many ways to donate including bequests of cash, property, real estate, life insurance, securities and residual estates. Sound complicated? You’d be surprised how easy it is to give the ultimate gift. If you would like more information on how you can include HOPE Outreach Center, Inc. in your estate planning, call Adrienne Kelly, Treasurer, Board of Directors at 954-610-1112.



**Only 8% of HOPE’s annual budget goes toward administrative and operative expenses.
That means 92% of every dollar donated goes right back to our communities in the
form of program and services.**

HOPE Lines, our newsletter is published twice per year but we have exciting news all year long.

Want to keep up with the latest news?

Join our electronic mailing list to receive our quarterly updates.

Email: hschope@bellsouth.net to be added to the list.

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