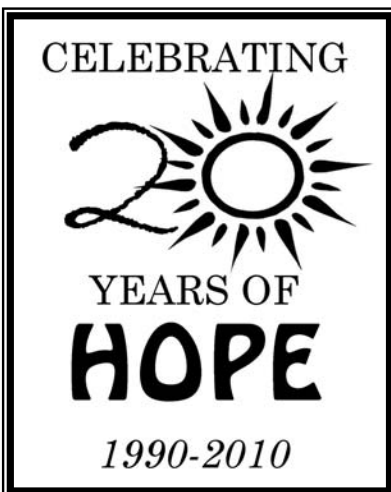


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Celebrating 20 years of HOPE!

Dear HOPE Coalition friends,

During 2010, HOPE Coalition is celebrating its **20th year** of providing safety, emergency shelter, and advocacy services to our community. HOPE Coalition, known then as the Red Wing Area Coalition for Transitional Housing, began in 1990 as a grass-roots operative to address the growing homeless population in Red Wing. During its first year, it served 74 women and 127 children. Much has changed over the past twenty years, but not HOPE's commitment to providing quality, comprehensive services to people in crisis. HOPE has grown to meet the changing needs of our community, and now serves over 1,200 local people each year through its domestic violence, child abuse, and supportive housing services programs.

Our 20th anniversary inspires us to reflect on our accomplishments and achievements of the past twenty years, and will also provide a catalyst for determining what the future of HOPE will look like. This much is certain: 2010 will be an exciting year for HOPE Coalition!

On that note, I am pleased to announce that Kris Kvols will join us mid-march as the new HOPE Coalition President! Kris is currently serving as the Executive Director of Goodhue Wabasha Sexual Assault Services and comes to us with many years of experience in the non-profit sector. She

has worked extensively with domestic violence and sexual assault survivors and will bring with her an atmosphere of expertise, professionalism, and commitment to HOPE Coalition. Kris and her husband, Doug, are natives of Red Wing and may be a familiar face for many of you. Kris will be a great fit for our team and we are very excited for her to join us. Welcome Kris!



I would like to take this time again to sincerely thank each and every one of you for supporting the efforts of HOPE Coalition. *Because of you*, our community is *safer*, our families are *healthier*, and our hearts are *bigger*. As I return to my previous position as Development Coordinator, I count my blessings. I am honored and lucky to work in a field in which I come into contact with so many wonderful people each day – thank you for making what we do possible...and thank you for **celebrating HOPE!**

Best Wishes,
Emily Nelson
President Interim

Upcoming Events

For more information on these events visit www.hope-coalition.org or call 651-388-9360, ext. 30.

Daddy-Daughter-Dance!

- April 11—Cannon Falls
- April 18—Ellsworth
- April 25—Red Wing
- May 2—Goodhue



Dads, uncles and grandfather too – don your fanciest attire and escort your little sweetheart down the red carpet at this year’s Daddy-Daughter Dance! Don’t miss out on treating her to a special day she’ll always remember!

10th Annual Child Abuse Candlelight Vigil

April 15, 2010
6:30-8:30 pm

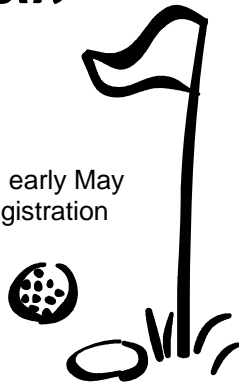


Join us at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Red Wing for a night of remembrance and inspiration. Hear stories from local children and the Soul of Red Wing singers. Help spread the word that we CAN end child abuse!

2010 Golf Tournament

May 8, 2010
Lake City Golf

Spring is just around the corner! Join us in early May for our fourth annual Golf Tournament! Registration forms are available online.



Volunteer Corner – Welcome Hanna Hill!

We have more exciting news to share—Hanna Hill has officially been hired as the HOPE Coalition Volunteer Coordinator! Hanna will be responsible for managing and growing the HOPE Coalition volunteer base.

Hanna lives in Red Wing with her family. She has been a volunteer at HOPE Coalition for four years. She has experience coordinating volunteers at her church, has attended the MAVA volunteer

training program, and has shown great commitment to HOPE as our volunteer logging the most hours in 2009.

“We look forward to working with Hanna and are confident that our volunteer program is in capable hands. Hanna has been an asset to HOPE for many years, and we are excited to have her officially on our staff,” said Emily Nelson, Interim President for HOPE Coalition.

When asked why she wanted this position Hanna replied: “I want to provide more organization for our volunteer program and help our volunteers feel comfortable and needed.”



Welcome Hanna!

Housing Support Services Program Update

HOPE has received a federal grant to assist people that have been affected by the economic down turn. The grant, called Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing (HPRP), will be used to house people who have lost their job or had their hours reduced due to the economic recession.

One such family that we are currently assisting with these funds received an eviction notice after one parent had her hours dramatically reduced at work. They were struggling to make ends meet were at-risk of becoming homeless. Thanks to this HPRP funding we were able to assist this family and prevent them from losing

their housing.

Through this new program we have really seen our community come together to support families in need. The HOPE Coalition is able to assist these households with housing while other local agencies help with other basic needs.

Annadee’s Closet has provided us with gift certificates for clothing, the Connecting Connection has supplied furniture and welcome baskets that contain cleaning products and other household items, local churches have given beautiful handmade quilts and blankets, Faith in Action has helped with transportation to medical appointments,

and we have been able to use St. Joseph’s C.R.I.B. fund to help with diapers, formula and baby food.

Thank you to all of our partnering agencies that help to prevent these families from slipping through the cracks—your dedication to helping those less fortunate truly makes a difference in our community!



JoAnn McNamara,
Housing Support Svcs.
Program Director

Calmoseptine Donates \$1,000 to Haven

Thanks to the determination of a Red Wing resident, HOPE Coalition received a \$1,000 credit toward their January energy bill and 1,000 free samples from the Calmoseptine Ointment company. Dorthy Jones (Red Wing), a retired nurse, has been a long-time fan of Calmoseptine ointment. Calmoseptine Ointment was originally developed over 70 years ago for use as a diaper rash cream for infants. The small California-based company offers a holiday program entitled: “Help Us Help Others” in which they will pay electric or gas bills for responsibly run shelters that serve women and children. When Dorthy learned of the program she began asking around about the local domestic violence shelter. A friend referred her to HOPE Coalition. “I knew there was a shelter here in town, and I wanted to do whatever I could to help them.” Dorthy contacted staff at HOPE Coalition and applied for the grant on behalf of Haven of Hope, which was approved and awarded in January of 2010. Thank you Dorthy, and thank you Calmoseptine, for making our holidays a little brighter!



Kids Count—Program Update

“You are only as happy as your most unhappy child.”
Author Unknown



Susan Albarado-Grand
Kids Count
Program Director

I work with a lot of moms and dads and a common complaint I hear is “My kids just don’t listen! If they would listen, I

wouldn’t have to yell.” As parents, most people want what is best for their children.

However, at times parenting can be a challenge. For some people, yelling becomes a form of discipline which may or may not turn into spanking or hitting. When you get frustrated with your child, take a step back, think about how old your child is...then ask yourself if this is “normal” behavior for this age or stage of your child’s life? Is my child tired, hungry or sick? Most of the time kids react negatively when one or more of these things are going on. Or wait! Maybe **you** are the one that is tired, hungry or sick. Keep yourself in check as well as being educated about what to expect developmentally from your

children. And remember, everyone has a bad day now and then, even kids. Challenge: Start EVERYDAY with a smile. Chances are you and your children will have a better day!

Christmas update from Kids Count- Thank you all who donated toys, clothes, gift cards etc for our families this past Christmas. I have heard so many positive stories about how wonderful Christmas was because of YOU!

Haven of Hope Program Update

We had a really successful “Adopt-A-Family” program this year. Even in the midst of tough economic times, our donors came through with enough money and gifts for us to meet the needs of 22 families! Think of the memories and smiles you helped make happen! On behalf of all of the families involved, I thank you.

The Red Wing Lions Club has been very generous in helping us meet everyday needs that we cannot always meet. They’ve produced household items within a day of our request. Now they’re coming to give a much needed facelift to one of our apartments. Thank you, Lions!

We are doing some spring cleaning in hopes that it will encourage the sun to come and stay. Until then, happy winter!



Sheila Meyer,
Program Director
Haven of Hope

HOPE Welcomes Five New Board Members

Kim Chalmers (HRA Liaison), Einar Hanson, Stacy Hartmann, Nancy Nord, and Renee Roper have joined our Board of Directors! Two new members will be highlighted each newsletter in the “Getting to know you” section (below), so be sure to check it out!

“Getting to know you”



EINAR HANSON, a resident of Red Wing since 1992, lives here with his wife and two daughters. Einar is an attorney at Strobel & Hanson, P.A., and enthusiastically participates in basketball, soccer, Red Wing Singers, and other local musical groups.

Einar has a strong history of community leadership and involvement, including serving on the Board of Directors for the Red Wing YMCA (7 years), the First Lutheran Church counsel (10 years), and is a ten-year member of Noon-time Kiwanis. Einar served as President and Vice-President of Kiwanis and as Chairman of Board for First Lutheran Church.

When asked why he chose to become a HOPE Board Member, Einar responded: “The mission of Hope to assist those in need appealed to me. I had heard for years of the good work being done by its programs in transitional housing and through the Haven of Hope, and when asked, wanted to help.”



NANCY NORD and her husband Donald, live on WillAndy Farm northwest of Goodhue, MN. Nancy has lived in this community for 38 years and Donald was born in the farmhouse they now live in. Nancy and Donald’s children have all been actively involved in volunteer activities including the Peace Corps, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, and the American Refugee Committee in Zaire. They have all spent time volunteering at women’s shelters and working with the homeless and mentally ill. Nancy is an avid book-reader and belongs to two book clubs. She and her husband enjoy traveling, but “are happiest at the end of the day, sitting on (our) porch, visiting and watching the birds.”

Nancy has over 35 years of volunteer experience at local non-profits including Faith in Action, the Goodhue School District, as the organist, choir director and Director of Music at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Goodhue, MN. Nancy has served on many non-profit committees and was a founding member of Arts and Academic Banquet and Awards Program at the Goodhue High School.

When asked why she chose to become a HOPE Board Member, Nancy responded: “Since I had retired from my church position I had been looking for some volunteer work that matched my interests and that I could feel passionate about. HOPE just seemed like a good match.”

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Christ Church Of Old Frontenac	Kenyon Literary Guild	Stergios, Catherine F.
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Cornerstone Community Church	KWNG	Treasure Island Resort and Casino
Cox, Clare	Lands Lutheran Church	Trinity WELCA
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If HOPE Coalition has enriched your life or the life of someone close to you, please consider remembering us in your Will or through another form of planned giving.

Your generosity in leaving a legacy will enable HOPE Coalition to carry on its mission for generations to come.



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Is everything correct? As hard as we try to get the spelling correct and all of our donor names listed, mistakes do happen. If a mistake was made, we sincerely apologize, and ask that you contact Emily at 651-388-9360, ext. 30 so it can be corrected. Thank you!



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