

# HOPE Happenings

## Greetings from the Executive Director

Greetings valued supporters! Good news to report as we come to the finish of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of our fiscal year at HOPE. With your support, we have cut our projected deficit to under \$9,000. Thank you!! While this is not the zero balance we were hoping for, it definitely beats the \$35,000 hole we



were looking at six months ago. Some more good news is that the

Office of Justice Programs (OJP), which funds Haven of Hope and Kids Count, is utilizing stimulus dollars to make up the cutbacks in the state budget and funding will not be reduced for the new fiscal year. Also, we were informed by the Department of Human Services (DHS), that we will not be receiving cuts for the next biennium from them for our Transitional Housing Program. Despite not getting an increase in funding from the State, I am confident as we move into the 2009-2010 budget year. The fact that our funding remained static when other programs across the state are being cut speaks to the service we provide and the number of people we serve.

Your support for the programming continues to be critical. To account for the static funding levels, we are tightening our belts and have been doing so since last January. Some of the measures we have taken are reduction in hours for all staff, myself included, and pay freezes. My goal is to get staff back up to their normal hours and to reinstitute pay raises. This is where you come in. Starting in October, which is when our new fiscal year starts, if everyone commits to giving \$20.00 each month through next September to HOPE Coalition, our budget will be balanced. To start us off, I am personally committing to \$40.00/month to get us towards our goal of a zero balance budget.

We continue to see more people each month with the current unemployment rate at 8.1% here in Minnesota. Your support is what allows us to keep these folks in their houses or apartments, gives them a safe space from abuse and degradation, and most importantly, gives them HOPE. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the United Way, the Jones Family Foundation and all the churches, individuals and businesses that continue to support us each year. You are the glue that not only holds us together, but the communities we live in as well. Thank you.

Last, but certainly not least, HOPE is looking for new Board Members. As part of the normal cycle, there will be four

positions opening up on our Board of Directors and we are looking for motivated individuals who are passionate about ending homelessness, domestic violence and child abuse in our community. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me at [cevans@hope-coalition.org](mailto:cevans@hope-coalition.org) or (651) 388-9360 x11.

Respectfully,

*Carl Evans*

President  
HOPE Coalition

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## Get ready...to Get Hypnotized!

**November 5, 2009**

**6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**

**St. James Hotel Summit  
Red Wing, MN**

6:00-6:30: Social and Silent Auction  
6:30-7:30: Dinner and Celebrity Server  
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7:30-9:00: Hypnotist Show

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## Kids Count—Program Update

I can hardly believe the summer is coming to an end. The kids have been busy going to the park, playing outside, swimming and learning new ways to stay calm, be non-violent and still have FUN. I would like to thank the Red Wing Police Department for taking the kids out on the Mississippi River last month.



**Susan Albarado-Grand  
Kids Count ACP  
Program Director**

We had been struggling with one of our older kids on ways to reach him. We finally figured it out, he loved the

police, loved being on the water and can't stop talking about how he got to "drive" the boat. Once we are out on the water, one of the things we ask the kids is to tell us what they see that is "peaceful". It always tugs at my heart when I hear even the youngest ones say things like "the birds" or "the bluff" then after each of them give their idea of peace we remind them that in hard times they can go outside and look for the birds, look at the bluff or even find more things that bring peace to their hearts. (For many of us peace surrounds our day, but for the kids we work with it doesn't come easy.) After taking our boat ride, we went back to the park and ate pizza with the police. We let the kids eat until they were FULL. (Or possibly a little too full, which resulted in one of the kids vomiting...twice, then

looking at one of our advocates, smiling and saying "I'm okay.") The advocates that work with our kids are very special people. They have an understanding and a love for abused children with the hopes that they are making a difference with each of the children they work with. I would also like to say thank you to all of the people who helped us over the summer. Some people made food for the kids, some bought candy, passes to go swimming, suits and towels, snacks and more. We are very lucky to have such a great community of people who care about ending child abuse. Last but not least, if you would like to know ways that you could help, please give me at call at 380-0380. We could use school supplies, new clothes, volunteers, snacks and more. **Together, we CAN end child abuse!**

## Haven of Hope Safe Home—One Woman’s Story

In these difficult times, it is harder than ever for our families to see light at the end of the tunnel. Once families are safe, keeping their hope alive becomes our chief motivator. We continue to build bridges with other agencies to ensure victims are receiving dignified and respectful services. Our Domestic Violence Council has representatives from many of these agencies who share this commitment. We also have local businesses and dedicated individuals

offering help and hope in their own ways.

I am humbled by the compassion and generosity in this community. Because of this, Haven of Hope families have been able to “get away from it all” if only for a few hours, by enjoying some R& R at the YMCA, Colvill Water Park, and friendly neighborhood events. Our involvement in National “Night to Unite” continues to grow. For the 3<sup>rd</sup>

year in a row, the dunk tank was a big hit! It’s been a great ice breaker for us. Again, this was made possible by the help of volunteers and a donor who allowed us use of the very popular dunk tank.

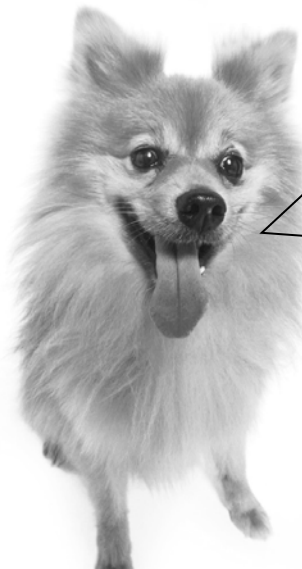


**Sheila Meyer,  
Program Director  
Haven of Hope**

## Haven’s Pet Foster Program makes its first placement!

### -Jenny, Family Advocate

A few months ago a woman called seeking safety for herself and her children...and the family dog. Fortunately, our pet Foster Program had just been launched! Thanks to those of you who made yourself available to foster a pet, we were able to provide a safe haven for both this family and their dog! The kids are adjusting well, mom has already secured a full time job and they will soon have a “visit” with their dog. We would like to give a big thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and services to this program.



*Thanks for keeping me safe!*

## Transitional Housing Program Update



**JoAnn McNamara,  
Transitional Housing  
Program Director**

This year we are once again participating in Project Community Connect. The purpose of this event is to connect individuals struggling with homelessness to

local service providers from Goodhue County in a one-stop place where they can get some of their needs met. We are expecting service providers from Social Services, Maple Hills, Goodhue County Mental Health, Public Health, Red Wing HRA, Planned Parenthood, American Red Cross, Hispanic Outreach, Faith In Action, Southern MN Regional Legal Services, Red Wing Schools, Workforce Center, Police Department and many more.

There will be a meal served, bags of food to take home, vouchers for winter coats and flu shots available. People who qualify to take our homeless survey will receive \$5 in cash..

Project Community Connect will take place on October 22, 2009 from 11am to 3pm in the Holy Family Hall at St. Joseph’s Church on Seventh and N. Park St. Red Wing, MN 55066. If you have any questions you can call Staci @651-388-9360x19.

**Have an old cell phone collecting dust in a drawer?**

**Donate it to HOPE Coalition!**

**We turn them in to be refurbished into 9-1-1 phones. Drop off at the Friendship House, 480 W. 8th Street in Red Wing. Call 651-388-9360, ext 19 for more information.**

# Daylight is coming!

## Remedy Drive is coming to Red Wing!

Thanks to the efforts and generosity of Tom and Teresa Gorman, Remedy Drive will be playing a benefit concert for HOPE Coalition in Red Wing on **September 29, 2009!** Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door—visit [hope-coalition.org](http://hope-coalition.org) for more information.

“With a message of hope for the searching and a desire to reach beyond a static life for something bigger, Remedy Drive combines a heart-on-a-sleeve sensibilities with their one-of-a-kind live show - the Midwest has never felt like this before!” (Source, [remedydrive.com](http://remedydrive.com))



## Did you know...

*Volunteers for HOPE Coalition logged over 3,000 hours in 2008—saving HOPE Coalition over \$65,000 in operational costs.*

(The federally determined value of one volunteer hour in 2008 was \$20.25. Source, [http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer\\_time.html](http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html).)



(Above) The Travelin' Shoes Gospel Choir performed on August 23rd at Cornerstone Community Church in Red Wing. A freewill offering was collected to benefit the Kids Count Program. Over \$1700 was raised and will be used to fund activities like picnics in the park, zoo trips, movies and more!

(Below) Katherine, a Family Advocate at Haven for Hope, tends to our garden plot at the East Side Community Garden. Thanks to a generous gift of a double plot and plants from Koryl Magnuson, the Haven staff members and residents have been able to harvest fresh veggies and flowers all summer long!



(Right) Hanna, one of HOPE's many dedicated volunteers, shares a hug with Sparky the police dog at the "Night to Unite."



(Above) Haven of Hope Safe Home hosted a dunk-tank (courtesy of Ripley's Rental and Sales) at the 2009 "Night to Unite" on the East End. It was a huge hit!



## HELP WANTED!

Looking for motivated, creative people to join the HOPE COALITION Board of Directors! Must be willing to have fun and have a desire to make a difference in the lives of families and children. Responsibilities include: participating in committee meetings once per month (1 hour), attending board meetings every other month (2 hours) and the desire to help HOPE grow and serve our community in the best possible way. To apply, contact Carl Evans at 651-388-9360, ext 11 or email at [cevas@hope-coalition.org](mailto:cevas@hope-coalition.org).

## A BIG THANKS to our supporters for their generous contributions!

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Concordia Lutheran Church	Johnson, Diane M	Schuck, Sarah
Copp, Muriel	Johnson, Dick and Laura	Schueller, Glenda
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### Consider creating a living legacy for a loved-one.

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.



HOPE Coalition is supported by the United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha and Pierce Counties

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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