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WOW! EXCITING!! AMAZING!!! GET READY!!!!



Mission of Hope
Annual Celebration & Fundraiser

PICNIC FOR THE HOPE

SUNDAY, November 10, 2019

12:30 PM

Rothchild Conference Center
8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

Bring the whole family after Church to enjoy some good down-home cooking and learn how you can join our Mission to help over 18,000 Children and their Families in Rural Appalachia experience the True HOPE of Christmas!

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Gospel Music by InsideOut
Bluegrass Music by Norris Freeway

COST: \$15 each

Children 10 and under eat FREE

Buy multiples to hand out at Church!

Payable in Advance by Cash, Check or Credit Card
(VISA, MC or Discover)

Online Registration Available at:

www.missionofhope.org/celebration

Reservation and Payment Deadline – **November 1, 2019**

Dear Mission of Hope Friends,

We have an All new format for our Celebration & Fundraiser and we can't wait to tell you about it. We are going back to our Mission of Hope roots and having a Picnic For The HOPE on Sunday after church at Rothchild's. Downhome Food...Gospel and Blue Grass Music...Fellowship...Friendship...Fun.

We'd be so honored if you joined us for a Celebration of All The Many Blessings that God has Bestowed on us this year and of all the Volunteers and Donors who help us Extend HOPE into Appalachia.

Why the change in format? Many of our MOH Faithful Friends couldn't make it to our evening banquet and we don't want to miss a chance to celebrate them for All They Do For The HOPE. Many of our MOH Faithful with young children couldn't make it due to school and childcare. Many of our Ministry Partners couldn't make it down on a weeknight.

We HOPE that this change will make it easier for not only our MOH Faithful to come, but also for Many New MOH Friends to have a chance to see who we serve and how they can join our Mission! Tickets are available on our website or by calling our office (865) 584-7571.

Sincerest Regards,
Emmette Thompson, Executive Director

BACK TO SCHOOL



These dedicated and enthusiastic MOH Volunteers helped to pack backpacks for 28 Elementary Schools we serve in Rural Appalachia! School supplies and hygiene bags were combined with these backpacks and then delivered to the schools by our incredible Delivery Teams.

Executive Director, Emmette Thompson stated: “We have heard from Principals and Teachers over the years how important it is to help each of their students begin the new school year on an equal playing field. Because of the wonderful Backpacks and School Supplies we bring to their Children, no one gets left out and this is a blessing for these deserving Students.”



These are just some of our amazing HYGIENE VOLUNTEERS who have helped pack over 12,000 bags in just 2 weeks! These bags go to Rural Appalachia through our Back To School program and through Mountain Ministry Centers. Thank you to all who helped make this possible!! A special thanks to our Volunteer Coordinator, Johnnie Barry.

PACK THE BUS AT TURKEY CREEK

Pack The Bus was a HUGE success thanks to the incredible generosity of all who came out to donate and volunteer!! We collected enough Backpacks and School Supplies to fill 2 buses—5 pallets when we unloaded it all at the warehouse.

We cannot tell you how much these supplies will mean to our students at the 28 Elementary Schools we serve in Rural Appalachia. Having our students start the school year with the necessary supplies prepares them for a successful year.

MOH wishes to thank the following: all the media outlets that helped spread the word; Turkey Creek and Office Max for being amazing hosts; Blaze Pizza and Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt for giving away treats; The Little Bus Company for providing the buses and delivering them to the MOH warehouse; all of our MOH Volunteers; everyone who deemed MOH worthy of their time and donations; and Kiley Niles for creating and serving this event every year!



Kiley Niles oversees the loading of the school supplies collected at Turkey Creek

INTRODUCING OUR 2019 SCHOLARS

The MOH Staff, Scholarship Committee, Mentors, and the Scholars' families all gathered at the Cumberland Inn on July 19th to celebrate these Students and their amazing accomplishments. After dinner, Emmette called all of the Scholars up to the front of the room and presented them with brand new laptops and printers from MOH to start their year off right!

One of the Scholars, Emily Green wrote: "I am so thankful and blessed to be a MOH scholar! Everyone who is part of the program has already done so much for me and more. Everyone is so nice and sweet. It's so good to know there are people like them that will be helping me get through college. I'm so so so blessed to have Jara Gillett as my mentor. We get along so well and I can already tell she's going to be a big part of my life. I can't wait! I also would like to add that God always provides! I was just stressing about getting a new laptop for school and sure enough, God provided and gave me a little something extra too that I'll definitely need for school!! Thank you so much to everyone who's a part of the MOH program. Y'all are already like a second family!"



Scholar Emily Green and her MOH Mentor Jara Gillett

To our Scholars: May your college days be filled with Blessings and Success!

MOH TRUCK DONATION TO CEDAR RIDGE MINISTRIES

When our Warehouse Manager, Tim Hall, and I arrived at Cedar Ridge Ministries in Williamsburg, KY, we pulled in our new Box Truck and their Volunteers unloaded it. Then I pulled up our older truck and had Keith and Joyce Decker and other Cedar Ridge Friends come outside and stand beside the truck.

They had written me over a year ago about their urgent need for a 16' delivery truck. I actually keep all of those humble appeals for assistance in a file that I call the "MOH Wish List File." After sharing that with them, I then looked at them and said, "There's no rush to unload this truck because we're giving y'all the truck." I handed them the keys, and we all cried tears of joy and hugged each other.

Today we were HOPE Fulfillers. We had hoped for a new delivery truck, and God provided every penny for us to purchase it. We then felt the right thing to do was to help someone who had been hoping that others would step up to help them. To complete this special story, as we prepared to leave, we learned from the visiting Mission Team's Pastor that their team had prayed all week that someone would donate to this special Ministry a much-needed delivery truck.

Friday, July 12th was a truly special and sweet day for The Mission of Hope.

"Thank you Heavenly Father for allowing us to be a vessel for your people of true hope."



DAY IN THE PARK

I don't even know where to begin to express the gratitude that I feel in my heart for Mission of Hope, First Baptist Concord, and all of the many volunteers that contribute to the success of the annual Day in the Park for the citizens of Scott County. Once again, this day (June 1, 2019) was a huge success. I don't have a head-count, but I would imagine there were roughly 500 folks that enjoyed the events of the day. Those events included hot dogs, cookies, popcorn, snow cones, balloons, face painting, Bibles and tracts, music, door prizes, games, and of course, bounce houses! The children (and adults) were provided a fantastic day to enjoy family and friends and to have some fun – all at absolutely no cost to anyone. I spoke with numerous kids and adults who had nothing but wonderful, positive remarks about the day!

Kathy West, ALQI

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The Chick-fil-A & MOH Golf Classic is one of our favorite days of the year. Many players deem us worthy of coming back every year, and they are all so much fun while they are here! So many volunteers give their entire day to help make it all happen. Willow Creek Golf Course is the perfect host and runs a flawless tournament. Chick-fil-A provides meals all day long. Our sponsors give so much. The list goes on and on.

Thank you seems inadequate but we are grateful from the bottom of our hearts!! All proceeds go to our Back To School Program.



A very special day for Mission of Hope's Back To School Program!

MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES 2019

September 21	Repair Fair Event – Williamsburg, KY
September 26 - 27	Outreach & Give Away Event – Hazard, KY
October 24 - 25	Outreach & Give Away Event – Sneedville, TN
October 31	Construction & Handicap Ramp Building Ends
November 10	Picnic for THE HOPE Sunday Family Friendly Celebration & Fundraiser at Rothchild's
November 10 thru December 18	Cyber Blue Barrel Campaign – Introducing an All New Way to Shop for The Hope
November 14	LMU Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting (Toy Collection for MOH)
November ?	Zoo for The Hope Food Drive @ Knoxville Zoo
November 22 thru December 10	24 th Annual Christmas Program and Barrel Collection Drives in Knoxville & Lexington
December 1	6 th Annual Keyboards at Christmas @ Civic Auditorium

(Dates & Locations will be confirmed for upcoming events on the Mission of Hope Website)

MOH would like to thank the following for compiling, preparing and mailing our newsletters: Editor Mary Sue Miller; MOH Staff members Diane Webster, Lesa Medley and Laura Peck; Coleman's Printing and Awards, and Direct Mail Services. You can keep up with all of our activities at the following: our website (www.missionofhope.org), Facebook (Mission of Hope Knox), Instagram (Mission of Hope Knox), and Twitter (@MissionofHope). To request to be added to our distribution list, e-mail us at (dpeck@missionofhope.org).

CYBER BLUE BARREL CAMPAIGN A New Way to Extend The Hope!

WHAT: Online registries filled with Mission of Hope Christmas needs
WHEN: Sunday, November 10 through Wednesday, December 18, 2019
WHERE: Registries will be set up online at Amazon, Walmart and Target. After November 10, check our Website or Facebook page for direct links to the registries.
HOW: You select item(s) for purchase from the online registry. The items ship directly to the Mission of Hope warehouse where they are packed to deliver to the students we serve in Rural Appalachia.
WHY: A convenient way for online shoppers to participate in the Blue Barrel Campaign and help those we serve experience the True Hope of Christmas!

SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO THE MISSION OF HOPE!

Credit/Debit Card

We accept VISA/MC/Discover

- Visit our website at www.missionofhope.org/donate OR
- Call our office at (865) 584-7571 OR
- Complete the enclosed donation envelope and mail it in

Recurring Donations

You decide the amount and frequency

- Call our office at (865) 584-7571 to set up using your debit or credit card OR
- Complete the enclosed donation envelope and mail it in

Check

Mail to: Mission of Hope, P.O. Box 51824, Knoxville, TN 37950 (Donation Envelope Enclosed)

Qualified Charitable IRA Distribution

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to an eligible charity, like the Mission of Hope, without paying income tax on the transaction. Contact our office for more information.

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