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MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2023

April 1	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Begin
April 11	Alice Lloyd College Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April	Lincoln Memorial University Scholars Recognition
May 6	Outreach Event & Food Giveaway – Claiborne County
May	New Scholarship Awards at High Schools
June 3	Day in The Park Outreach Event – Oneida, TN
July	Outreach & Distribution Event
July & August	26 th Annual Back to School Program
August	Pack the Bus Back to School Collection – Turkey Creek
August 12	Cruisin' For Kids Car Show
September 14	20 th Annual Mission of Hope Golf Classic @ Willow Creek Golf Club
September	Outreach & Distribution Event
October 31	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds End
November -	28 th Annual Christmas Program and Cyber Barrel
December	Drive -- Knoxville and Lexington
December	LMU Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting (Toy Collection for MOH)

Note: Dates and Locations will be confirmed for upcoming events as they are set.

For More Details: 865-584-7571 or Email info@missionofhope.org

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This time of the year we are looking forward to the Hope of new beginnings. The hills and valleys start to come alive with different colors and warmth bringing life and activity. We see this same Hope in two of our branches—Scholarship and Outreach Events.

The Mission of HOPE scholarship is in full bloom. Over the next few months, our scholars will receive news of a helping hand to reach their dreams. It is an honor to grow with them as they strive toward their dreams. We are starting to see the cycle of poverty breaking one child at a time.

We are excited to begin our outreach events providing both HOPE and an opportunity to serve in the most impoverished areas of rural Appalachia. Each outreach event provides a chance to not only meet the physical needs of others but to also encourage each person by providing the HOPE of Jesus Christ.

As we continue to grow these two branches of the Mission of HOPE, we welcome you to be a part of what we are doing.

David Heatherly, Executive Director

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HELP BRIGHTEN THE FUTURE FOR RURAL APPALACHIAN COMMUNITIES WITH PLANNED GIVING

As you review your financial plan in the coming months, please consider blessing the Mission of Hope with a planned gift. We welcome:

- Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA. This donation can help you meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- Stocks or Mutual Funds
- Estate Gifts

By making planned gifts to the Mission of Hope, you are helping to:

- Meet human basic needs
- Invest in educational opportunities
- Invest in economic opportunities
- Share the love of Christ
- Create a bright future for rural Appalachian communities

If you have questions or need more information, please contact us at the office.



Scholarship Program

HELPING OTHERS TAKE THE JOURNEY TO A COLLEGE DEGREE AND A BETTER FUTURE



Through financial donations, we provide 13 Scholarships to our High Schools as well as one Scholarship to Alice Lloyd College, and one to Lincoln Memorial University

In 2009, the Mission of Hope began awarding scholarships at each of the 13 high schools in the rural Appalachian areas where we serve. Students who receive these scholarships may pursue an education at a 2-year, 4-year, trade or vocational school. The scholarships are renewable as long as they continue to meet the Mission of Hope criteria. Each student also receives a MOH mentor. The mentors provide guidance, encouragement, and support throughout the students' educational journey.

We are so proud of our more than 80 graduates! Many have faced incredible odds just to stay in school. They have endured hardships, personal challenges, family tragedies and other matters that could have easily stopped their pursuit of a diploma. But they have persevered, determined that they were going to finish their education and get their degree. We feel that getting an education is the greatest tool we can use to help break the cycle of poverty; and believe... it's important for them to dream big and never let anyone steal their dreams.

CHANGING LIVES...ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Well, I was born a coal miner's daughter. I am not Loretta Lynn who made a song famous by that name, but my life's beginning does parallel hers – somewhat. No, I was not born in Butcher Hollow as the song so aptly states, but I was born smack-dab in the middle of Appalachia in Harlan County, and more specifically in the town of Cumberland, KY. My father worked in the coal mines in Benham and Lynch, just up the mountain from Cumberland. Life was hard! I can remember my mother standing in line to receive a ration coupon for flour, milk, bread, or meat. The coupons only gave her permission to receive the items at the company store – not pay for them with coins. The items were then deducted from the salary my father had earned. Extra money was non-existent. I knew the poverty of the area then. I know it now! In many ways it is worse now than then; however, through the years it may be noted that a social stratification remains unchanging; unemployment is inherent; a lack of educational opportunities abounds; and a poorly developed infrastructure never changes. None of these factors can accommodate life as we know it elsewhere.

In describing Appalachia, it is important to know the people. When that happens one can understand how extremely rich the area is. I know several families in the area. Additionally, through Mission of Hope (MOH), I have been honored to meet many students and their families through the Hope's Scholarship Committee. In each instance I have found the students to be intelligent people who have an inherent wisdom that they use in unique ways. This has been especially true in Miranda, Deric, Abigail, Billy, and Lacey. As I have coached each of them in their advanced educational opportunities, they have exhibited a distinct pride in their heritage regardless of their financial status, exhibited a hunger for learning, and seized all opportunities that have been provided them. These characteristics, in tandem with their hard work and ongoing assistance from Mission of Hope's scholarship component, are successfully propelling them through the rigors of a good education at a quality institution of extended learning where they will achieve their dreams and goals. Mission of Hope and its Scholarship Program is making that possible.

I am inviting you to join me and other sponsors in the ongoing support of the Scholarship Fund. There are several ways to be involved:

- Say a daily prayer for the area and the people - and more specifically, focus on one individual student daily.
- Become a coach or mentor for one of the scholars.
- Encourage your fellow Sunday School class members or church members to become coaches and mentors for an individual student.
- Make an annual donation to MOH. Specify on your check MOH Scholarship Fund.
- Name MOH Scholarship Fund as a targeted memorial or honorary gift.
- Gift the MOH Scholarship Fund in your will.

Please donate! There is no organization better equipped to address and change both the culture and the lives of people in Appalachia than MOH. Through its scholarship program, your meaningful act of generosity for a student can change the life of that individual (and a resulting change in their family) for the rest of their earthly lives. The donation will help to plant a seed that will ultimately grow into a new "flower" in Appalachia's field of poverty and change the landscape of the area. As a coal miner's daughter, I received this kind of assistance in my education. I speak from experience. It changed my life. I, therefore, am inviting you to you join me and participate in the MOH Scholarship Fund. Respond today! Together we can change the lives of others in a positive way.

Blessings, Marti

Stories of the HOPE

Share with us a Mission of Hope story that you have experienced that left an impact on you.

SEND YOUR STORIES OF THE HOPE TO
MEDIA@MISSIONOFHOPE.ORG

Mission is Hope is filled with incredible stories. Stories of how God is working through His people to be a blessing to others. These stories happen all the time . . . on ministry and school deliveries, during outreach events, and even day-to-day in our warehouse. These Stories of the Hope can be funny stories or heartwarming stories or sometimes a little bit of both.

We need your help in collecting these incredible stories to share with others. Do you have a story that has impacted you? Email your Stories of the Hope to media@missionofhope.org. You can write it out or even send us a quick video of yourself sharing the story.

We can't wait to hear from you. And thank you for helping extend the HOPE.

CONCORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THE MISSION OF HOPE WAREHOUSE

We recently had students from Concord Christian School visit our Mission of Hope warehouse. During this time, the students worked with our volunteers and learned about the different programs of Mission of Hope – such as Back to School, Christmas, Scholarships, and ministry outreach. The students even had the opportunity to take part in a few hands-on activities!

Thank you to our always amazing volunteers for helping us out and sharing their MOH Stories of the Hope and to all students and staff who came out to see us. It was a special day and a wonderful and fun experience for everyone!



DELIVERING HOPE

Throughout the year, our trucks are on the road, delivering much-needed food, furniture, clothing, toys, books, Bibles, household goods, and new mattresses to our mountain ministry center friends and the schools we serve.

It is a blessing to know that items donated to MOH can be shared and delivered to those in need. We are so grateful to our frontline foot soldiers who make this possible. They are true Heroes of the Hope! We are so thankful for the many dedicated folks who make this delivery ministry possible. They are a blessing to the families we serve.

We extend a huge “Thank You” to ALL of our dedicated VOLUNTEERS for all the devotion and time they share with us.





VOLUNTEERS PACK FIRST-AID KITS

Recently, a group of students from CAK came to our warehouse and packed First-Aid kits. Many of us take for granted the ability to purchase basic first aid items like bandages, antiseptic, ibuprofen, and antacid. For many of the families we serve, these are luxury items. With the help of these volunteers and our MOH supporters, we are giving these families the ability to address those day-to-day bumps, bruises, and headaches... just another simple way to bring hope!



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Have you signed up for our MOH Email Updates?

You will be the first to find out about what is happening with our ministry and ways you can get involved. Please join us and help bring HOPE to the families in Appalachia.

Go to <http://missionofhope.org/contact-us/>

A TRULY BLESSED DAY IN JAMESTOWN, TN

Our first Outreach Event – Food Giveaway for 2023 was on March 25 in Jamestown, TN. We served over 525 families.

We were blessed with beautiful weather, a wonderful harvest to give out, many incredible volunteers, and the privilege to help and serve others and share the Love of JESUS -- which is so desperately needed.

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers that came out and also to all who prayed for the event. Working with Compassion Ministries and all of our combined volunteers was a great example of how God can bring His servants together...to be His vessels of Love and HOPE.

These Drive-Thru events have been a wonderful way for us to serve those in need. We look forward to doing more events this year. Our next outreach event will be in Claiborne County on May 6. Please mark your calendars. We would love for you to join us in serving this community. For more information on volunteering, email us at volunteer@missionofhope.org.

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