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Dear Mission of HOPE Supporters,

As we bid farewell to another incredible year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your steadfast support. Your commitment to our mission has brought HOPE to countless lives, and we are truly grateful for the impact we've achieved together.

This year has been marked by remarkable achievements, all made possible by your generous support. From our Back-to-School program, Christmas program, Bridges of HOPE, and MOH Scholarship, we've made a positive impact on individuals and communities alike. Your contributions have turned challenges into opportunities, and we're proud of what we've accomplished together.

We can't emphasize enough how critical your support has been. Whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading awareness, each action has played a vital role in our success. Your belief in our mission has been the driving force behind our ability to make a difference.

As we reflect on the past year, we're filled with HOPE for the future. With your continued support, we're confident in our ability to create lasting change. Our mission remains steadfast, and together, we can build a world where HOPE prevails and every person has the opportunity to thrive.

As we close this chapter, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your belief in the mission. Your support has made a tangible difference, and we're excited about the possibilities the future holds. Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful and Happy New Year! Thank you for extending the HOPE.

Warm regards,
David Heatherly
Executive Director Mission of Hope

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STORIES OF THE HOPE

I'm 28 years old. I used to go to Winfield Elementary, in Winfield Tennessee. I live out of state now and was reminiscing with my husband and kids about childhood Christmases. I was telling my kids how my family never had much money for Christmas, and one thing I always looked forward to was Mission of Hope coming to our school. Getting to pick a toy or two for Christmas was a big deal for me. And getting new school supplies was honestly life-changing. We hardly ever had money for essential school supplies.

That being said, I wanted to reach out and thank you. This program helped me have a brighter childhood. And has left me with happy memories to look back on and share. As an adult, it has made me inspired to help similar programs during the holiday season. What you do is amazing. I hope other children will grow up and look back on the help given and feel the same way. Keep up the wonderful work and have a wonderful Christmas.

---Anonymous

MOH SCHOLARS



We were joyful as we welcomed thirteen new high-school graduates into the Mission of Hope Scholarship Program. After enjoying a delicious meal, and talking and connecting with each of these new scholars, we presented them with the essential tools for their educational journey. These gifts included brand-new computers, printers, and backpacks.

Most importantly, however, we sent them off with a prayer that God would lead them through their educational experience and help them fulfill their dreams of a better future. We now have forty-seven students attending college or technical schools on Mission of Hope scholarships. That is HOPE fulfilled!



ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC A HUGE SUCCESS

The Chick-fil-A and Mission of Hope Golf Classic is one of our favorite days of the year. This past year's event marked its 20th anniversary! We were blessed with incredible weather, 214 players, and fantastic sponsors and volunteers.

The proceeds from our Golf Classic support our Back-to-School Program, benefiting over 10,000 students in 29 schools located throughout the rural Appalachian communities that we serve. Save the date for our 21st Golf Classic in September 2024.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM



Our 2023 Back-to-School Program was a huge success, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who generously donated, volunteered, and contributed to this program. The supplies received made a significant impact on students across the 29 elementary schools we serve by providing a strong foundation for a successful start to the school year.



THANK YOU

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AND SUPPORTING THE BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

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CHICK-FIL-A
GOLF CLASSIC



This past Christmas season marked the return of a truly special event, Keyboards at Christmas. This annual event was the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season, all the while benefiting Mission of Hope with the proceeds. Special thanks to Donna McNeilly and Tim Conner, Anne Allen, Sabra Wright Burehheit, Sheree Beeler, and Daniel Owens for all the hard work, time, and commitment they put into this concert.

CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES



Every Christmas delivery is special! We love hearing the heartwarming stories and seeing the pictures of smiling students, volunteers, and school administrators that our delivery teams share with us. One story we wanted to share with you was from one of our current MOH Scholars, Josie Tucker, who is completing her degree in elementary education. She greeted our delivery team when they arrived at the school to share that she is now doing her student teaching at Burchfield Elementary—the same school she attended as an elementary school student. Thank you, Josie, for sharing your Mission of Hope story with us. You are an amazing example of how to show HOPE to those around you.



BUCKY'S BIKES

WOW! A heartfelt thank you to Bucky's Bikes of Knoxville for blessing us again with another incredible donation-- 401 bikes and over 100 helmets in honor of Bucky Jones! Bucky believed every child should have a bike on Christmas. A special thanks goes to Bucky's family and the management and staff of Holston Hills Country Club who have kept Bucky's dream alive by continuing this wonderful Christmas tradition for 11 years.



THANKS TO JC PENNEY IN TURKEY CREEK

We had such an incredible time December 1-2 from 10 am-6 pm collecting new toys and coats at JCPenney in Turkey Creek! So many people braved the cold, rainy weather to donate! These gifts were very special to so many children at Christmas! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped us with the collection--we could not do this ministry without you, and we appreciate all of you immensely! Thank you to JCPenney and Turkey Creek for being wonderful hosts! And, a hearty thank you WBIR Channel 10 for coming out and covering our event!



THANKS, MOH VOLUNTEERS

We are incredibly grateful to each one of our wonderful volunteers! We love your volunteer spirit and your faithfulness to all our volunteer needs. We especially appreciate your help in spreading Christmas joy to those we minister to in Appalachia. Thank you to everyone who came and helped by giving many hours to packing boxes of toys, clothing, hygiene, and food items that were then delivered to the 29 schools that we serve in Appalachia!

Planned Giving

HELP BRIGHTEN THE FUTURE FOR
APPALACHIAN COMMUNITIES

We Welcome:

- Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA. This donation can help you meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
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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

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