

# Stories of the Hope

MISSION OF HOPE NEWSLETTER

## Dear Mission of Hope Friends,

As the world awakens to the gentle embrace of spring, Mission of Hope welcomes this season of renewal by fostering hope for aspiring scholars. We understand the challenges students face in accessing higher education, particularly the financial obstacles that can seem insurmountable.

At Mission of Hope, our mission is clear: to empower students to break the cycle to poverty. Through our college scholarship programs, we aim to provide the support and resources needed for students to pursue their academic dreams and achieve their full potential.

Your support, whether through spreading awareness or volunteering, is invaluable in helping us reach our goals. By joining hands with us, you become a part of a community dedicated to nurturing academic aspirations and fostering a brighter future for generations to come.

As the flowers bloom and the world bursts into color, let us also nurture the dreams of aspiring scholars. Together, we can sow the seeds of opportunity and cultivate a future where education knows no boundaries.

Visit our website to learn more about our initiatives and how you can get involved in making a difference. Thank you for being a part of our journey and for helping us create a world where every student has the chance to thrive.

Warm regards,

David Heatherly  
Executive Director Mission of Hope



### 2024 KEY DATES & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

March 23	Outreach Event - Bean Station, TN
May 4	Outreach Event - Claiborne County, TN
May	New College Scholarship Awards at High Schools
May 17	1st Annual MOH Sporting Clay Tournament
July 13	Outreach Event - Scott County, TN
July & August	27th Annual Back to School Program
September 13	21st Annual Golf Classic
September 21	Outreach Event - Campbell County, TN
October 31	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Build Ends
November - December	29th Annual Christmas Program & Cyber Barrel Drive



# THANK YOU HEROES OF THE HOPE

## EXTENDING HOPE... ONE TRUCKLOAD AT A TIME

At MOH, we're on a mission to extend HOPE into the heart of rural Appalachia and our recent journey to Knott County, KY with Team Alma was nothing short of incredible.

Team Alma, led by the amazing Alma Eversole and her dedicated team of 13 volunteers, embodies compassion and community hope. Together, we delivered essential supplies to the resilient families of "Tater Branch."

Despite the challenges faced by these families, many of them are still recovering from the devastating floods of nearly two years ago, hope shines bright (just look at that precious smile). Some are still without homes, living in tents, but your donations and support are making a real difference in their lives.

Our time spent with Team Alma was not only deeply moving but also eye-opening. These frontline foot soldiers in ministry are true Heroes of the HOPE, ensuring that every item reaches those who need it most.

AT MISSION OF HOPE, WE BELIEVE GETTING AN  
EDUCATION IS THE GREATEST TOOL TO HELP  
**BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY**



**Friday, May 17, 2024**  
Iron Mountain Sporting Clays

Join us for a day of clay shooting in the Smokies, and support our college scholarship students as they reach for their dreams and break the cycle of poverty by pursuing a higher education.

**REGISTER NOW**



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### 1ST ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

The MOH Sporting Clays Tournament promises a day of camaraderie and fun against the picturesque backdrop of the Smoky Mountains. All proceeds will directly benefit the Mission of Hope Scholarship Program. Register today to play and/or become one of our sponsors at [missionofhope.org](http://missionofhope.org) or call 865-584-7571.



### MOH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Did you know that the Mission of Hope Scholarship Program is helping to support Appalachian students in pursuing higher education?

For over 15 years, MOH has awarded scholarships to students in Tennessee and Kentucky, providing financial assistance, mentorship, and support throughout their college experience. Many of the program's recipients are the first in their families to attend college, and the scholarship provides them with the resources they need to succeed.

If you're interested in supporting this important initiative, there are several ways you can get involved. You can donate to the Mission of Hope Scholarship Program, volunteer your time as a scholar mentor, or spread the word about the program to your friends and family. And we ask for your prayer. Please pray for our students as they continue their education and pursue their dreams. Together, we can help provide hope and opportunity to the next generation of Appalachian students.

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## MY TIME AS A MOH VOLUNTEER

BY JOHNNIE BARRY

I am so thankful for the opportunity to volunteer at Mission of Hope (MOH) for the past 17 years. My first introduction to MOH was when my Sunday School class volunteered to pack hygiene bags for students in the Appalachian area where MOH delivered Christmas gifts, food boxes, clothing bags, and these much-needed hygiene products. The satisfaction I personally felt plus the enthusiasm of the MOH leadership convinced me that this was a ministry in which I wanted to be involved.

Due to some physical restraints from injuries, the volunteer coordinator at that time asked if I would be willing to answer phones. While working in the office, I observed the genuine love and compassion for people in distressed situations.

Both year-round and seasonal volunteers shared this same passion... the same heart and mind to help others! It has truly been a pleasure to work with these lifelong friends and committed volunteers.

Because I had worked alongside the volunteer coordinator for some time before she suddenly passed away, I was asked to “fill in” until someone else could take over – that lasted until just recently when God sent the perfect lady to graciously take the reins of coordinator since I was needing to cut back on activities due to family circumstances.

It has truly been a great privilege to serve in this wonderful ministry. We have become a family, sharing in joys and heartaches, good and bad life situations. What I appreciated the most was being able to fill schedules quickly with just a few phone calls. Our volunteers would leave with a positive attitude because they were appreciated and asked to be called back again; they were eager to help! Mission of Hope definitely has been blessed with the BEST volunteers!



### Drive Thru Outreach Event and Food Giveaway

This year, we are planning four Drive Thru Food Giveaway Outreach Events. The first will be on March 23 in Grainger County. This is an especially exciting event for Mission of Hope as we venture into a new location and community to extend hope through our outreach efforts. We're thrilled about the opportunity to make a difference in Grainger County!

We would love for you to join us throughout the year during these events. Check out our calendar for dates and let us know if you can volunteer!

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MISSION OF HOPE



## PLANNED GIVING

HELP BRIGHTEN THE FUTURE FOR  
APPALACHIAN COMMUNITIES



### We Welcome:

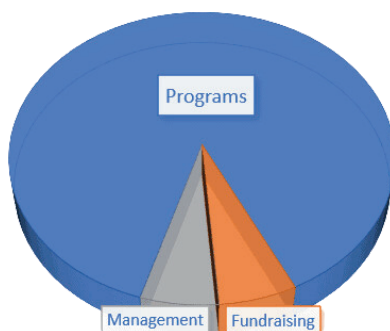
- Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA. This donation can help you meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- Stock or Mutual Funds
- Estate Gifts

### By making planned gifts, 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.

## Your Donations Bring Hope to Rural Appalachian Communities



We work hard to make your donation count: **\$.88** of every dollar we spend goes directly to our program, delivering hope to the families in rural Appalachia.

### Ways to Give:

- Online at [missionofhope.org/donate](http://missionofhope.org/donate)
- Mail to PO Box 51824, Knoxville, TN 37950 (Donation Envelope Enclosed)
- Phone us at 865-584-7571
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