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# Stories of the Hope

MISSION OF HOPE NEWSLETTER

## Dear Mission of Hope Friends,

As we head into the fall, we at Mission of Hope are filled with gratitude for your continued support. Your generosity has enabled us to bring hope and tangible assistance to schools and communities throughout rural Appalachia.

This season, our commitment to transforming lives through education remains steadfast. With your help, we are enhancing the educational experience for 10,000 students by providing essential resources to start the school year off right.

Beyond the classroom, our ministries are making a significant impact in the broader community. We are addressing critical needs by delivering food, clothing, and hygiene items to families who are struggling. Our food programs are providing regional food banks critical supplies during this time of rising prices.

Our outreach efforts extend to engaging with local leaders and parents, fostering a sense of community and collaboration. By involving the entire community, we are building a foundation of support that ensures lasting change and a brighter future for all.

Your unwavering support is the cornerstone of our mission. As we move forward this fall, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of children and families, bringing hope and opportunity to those who need it most.

Warm regards,

David Heatherly  
Executive Director Mission of Hope



The poster features a green and yellow color scheme. At the top is a rainbow over a mountain range with the text "MISSION of HOPE" and "Serving Rural Appalachia". Below this is the "GOLF CLASSIC" title in red, followed by "PRESENTED BY Chick-fil-E Knoxville" in red script. A QR code is on the left with the text "SCAN HERE TO REGISTER" below it. To the right of the QR code is the text "HELP US GIVE STUDENTS IN APPALACHIA A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR". At the bottom, it says "THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024" and "Willow Creek Golf Club". The bottom section of the poster shows a golf club and a golf ball on a green field. At the very bottom, there is a paragraph about the Back to School Program and a thank you message.

**MISSION of HOPE**  
Serving Rural Appalachia

**GOLF CLASSIC**  
PRESENTED BY *Chick-fil-E* Knoxville

HELP US GIVE STUDENTS IN APPALACHIA A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**  
Willow Creek Golf Club

The MOH Golf Classic supports our Back to School Program, providing 10,000 students in 29 schools in Appalachia with backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene items. Register to play or become a sponsor. Go to [missionofhope.org/golf-classic](https://missionofhope.org/golf-classic) or call our office at 865-584-7571.

**Thanks FORE Helping The HOPE!**

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# Mission of Hope Scholarship Program

## ***Celebrating a Mission of Hope Scholarship Success Story***

When I began college in 2020, I was nervous, but excited, for this new journey. My dream was to be a nurse, but the self-doubt quickly took over. Through prayer, God relieved this doubt, and I felt confident in my ability to become a nurse. Though the years were challenging, I knew God's purpose for me would triumph any obstacles. Additionally, with the Mission of Hope scholarship, I had the privilege to have a mentor that would walk by my side. My mentor is a nurse, and she knew the hardships of nursing school. We would talk every week about my struggles and victories, and she encouraged me that all the hard work would be worth it in the end. Having this strong support system was a pivotal part in me graduating college and becoming the nurse I am today. The Mission of Hope scholarship was by far the best scholarship that I could have ever received, and I am thankful that God allowed you all to be a part of my life. For anyone that is experiencing self-doubt, please know that you can accomplish any of your dreams and that you must believe in yourself. I know the journey can be difficult, but through each semester, the light at the end of the tunnel will become brighter and your dreams will finally come to fruition.

~Hannah



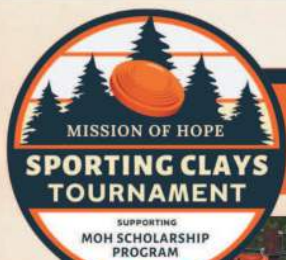
## **WE NEED MENTORS FOR OUR NEW SCHOLARS**

The MOH Scholarship Program offers students from Appalachia the chance to attend college and receive guidance from dedicated mentors during their transition. Many of these students are the first in their families to pursue higher education, making mentorship crucial for their success.

As a mentor, your role includes monthly contact with your scholar, offering support and encouragement, reminding them of important deadlines, and being a good listener.

We need women or couples to mentor our female scholars. If you're interested, contact our office at (865) 584-7571 or email [info@missionofhope.org](mailto:info@missionofhope.org).

***Thank you for helping us change lives, one student at a time!***



## **CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF OUR SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT**



We are delighted to announce that our recent Sporting Clay Tournament was an outstanding success! This event united participants, sponsors, and volunteers, all dedicated to supporting our scholarship recipients.

The Mission of Hope Scholarship Program plays a crucial role in providing deserving students with support that they need to pursue their educational dreams and achieve their goals.

This spring and summer, we celebrated the graduation of five more scholars, bringing our total number of college graduates to an impressive 96. Several more are set to graduate in December, marking yet another milestone. These graduates have earned degrees in various fields, including business administration, nursing, education, welding, mechanics, engineering, social work, technology, therapy, agriculture, and finance. We are proud to report our scholar graduation rate is higher than the national average.



**Save the Date!**

**Next year's tournament will be on May 15, 2025.**



## Mary Sue Miller A Life Well Lived



A longtime friend and passionate supporter of Mission of Hope, Mary Sue Miller, has recently passed away. Mary Sue epitomized a true servant and a devout Christian woman. She was deeply involved in her church, Central Baptist Fountain City, as well as various other organizations. From the inception of Mission of Hope in 1996, she was immersed in its activities. She volunteered, donated, and served in numerous capacities, always embodying a sweet, kind, and compassionate spirit.

Mary Sue played a key role in creating and producing every Mission of Hope newsletter until earlier this year. She remained a dedicated supporter and mentor to Mission of Hope until her illness prevented her from continuing.

Mary Sue said it best in her own words in a previous newsletter... as always, with eloquence.

*It has been a joy and privilege to be a Mission of Hope volunteer since the late 1990's... all of us volunteers were "newbies," as was our dedicated leader, Emmette Thompson.*

*As a high school teacher, my time as a volunteer was limited to summers and other breaks during the school year. It was during this time that Emmette and I began the MOH Newsletter. It was typed out, printed in black and white on standard typing paper, and mailed to recipients. When I retired as a teacher from Knox County Schools, I had more time to give to MOH activities.*

*The Scholarship Program was launched in 2009, and I was privileged to serve on this committee through 2016 and later becoming a mentor to several successful graduates.*

*Being a part of MOH has blessed my life in so many, many ways. The staff and volunteers have become dear friends. It is the place where I learned what it truly means to help others.*

**This humble Appalachian relief ministry will forever be grateful for her gracious demeanor and unwavering support.**



## Who's Helping Who

Which child in this picture needs the help? And 'Jesus said, let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these' (Matthew 19:14). Henderson Settlement has been around for 99 years and we believe it will continue to be here until Christ comes again, as long as we love all of God's children!

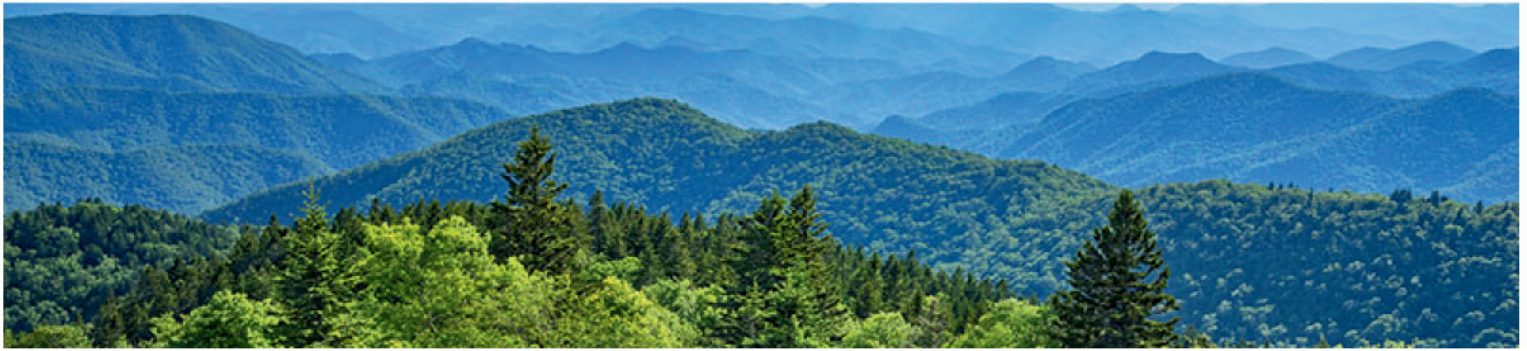
One of the things going on right now is Summer Rec. Four days a week, 7 hours a day, all summer we have VBS "Supercharged". Transportation, meals, devotions, learning, crafts, rec time, along with field trips are some of the ways we share God's love. We try to help the children physically, emotionally, and spiritually. With help from Mission of Hope and folks like you everyone gets to know they are loved. This young man thought he was here to help with our Summer Rec and he certainly made an impact on this precious boy. The young man also accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior while he was helping! Will you partner with us in whatever way you can, because we all need God's help?



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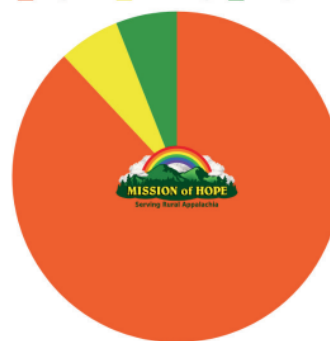


# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MISSION OF HOPE



## Your Donations Bring Hope to Rural Appalachian Communities

Programs Fundraising Management



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

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## BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

*Remember the joy of getting new school supplies as a child?*

Parents want to ensure their children have everything they need for a quality education. However, for families in rural Appalachia struggling with poverty, access to basic materials is often out of reach.

At Mission of Hope, we provide backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene products to over 10,000 elementary school students across rural Appalachia. To continue supporting programs like these, we need your help.

**A \$10 donation can provide a new backpack and supplies to a deserving student.**