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HOPE

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COMMUNITY GARDEN



YEARS

In 2006, while attending her son's soccer practice, Krissy Goss was approached by a couple who were homeless and pregnant. While talking to the couple, Krissy learned their story; the father had been laid off from his job in the construction industry and the mom lost her job after a prolonged stay in the hospital due to gestational diabetes. Subsequently, they lost their home, ended up living in their car, which was then repossessed, and as a result, they lost all their personal possessions, and were left living on the streets.

By using their contacts and resources, Krissy and her family, along with their community, were able to rebuild this couple's lives. They placed them into a temporary living facility and provided them with clothing, food and other necessities. They received help in re-obtaining their personal documents, getting job interviews and eventual employment. In the end, they were successful in getting this couple back on their feet.

In the process of assisting this family, it was discovered that despite the fact that there are resources available, services are limited and difficult to gain access to, especially for families.

It was at this time the vision became clear and **HOPE** was established. Since then, HOPE has helped thousands of individuals and families in crisis and has seen tremendous growth, including a move to two new facilities that are home to HOPE's Resource Center/ Food Pantry and HOPE's thrift store, The HOPE Chest.

From one family to thousands, HOPE recognized the need for additional resources and in its 10 years of service, created several programs to aid individuals and families in their journey back to self-sufficiency. The programs include the Kids of HOPE Enrichment Program, providing healthy lunches to children during school breaks, and HENS, HOPE's Emergency Network Service, providing resources to elderly and disabled, homebound clients.



Krissy Goss, Founder
CEO 2007—2011



In 2006, HOPE’s founder helped a family who was married/pregnant and homeless, “I immediately started thinking about where we would offer services for families in need and I prayed to God and said ‘ok, so you want me to do this but I need Your guidance on what my next step is.’ Right then, my phone rang and it was my Pastor, Joe McClaren, from University Carillon United Methodist Church and he said, ‘there is a woman at our church that has a thrift store in Oviedo but has major health issues and can’t run it anymore, I told her about you and she wants to meet you.’”

From this point...HOPE Helps, Inc. was formed (formerly HOPE Foundation for the Homeless) along with several programs geared at addressing those on the brink of homelessness.

“It was a crazy time those first few years and when I look back at it, I know that it wasn’t me that did all this. It was all because of God’s hand on it and a multitude of amazing people that came forward to help! I was just a willing participant in God’s plans to serve those in need in our community. What a blessing HOPE has become to so many families in need! I’m honored to have been involved from the beginning of this incredible organization.”

*- Krissy Goss, Founder
CEO 2007 - 2011*



"You can always find something wonderful at The HOPE Chest. Great value and wide selection! It really is a treasure chest in Oviedo!"

**-The HOPE Chest
Customer Review**

The HOPE Chest Thrift Store/Boutique

The HOPE Chest Thrift Store/Boutique enables HOPE to meet the needs of the community in many ways. Blessed with many quality donations from the community, customers can find amazing bargains and support our mission. Individuals and families in crisis can be given a voucher to receive needed items from The HOPE Chest without charge.

- Volunteers assist in sorting, pricing and displaying donations
- Members of the community donate gently used or new items that are then resold with proceeds benefiting HOPE's programs
- Disney donates lost and found items. These donations have included, cameras, sunglasses, tablets, bags and more
- In 2017, The HOPE Chest had two Eagle Scout projects donated and completed, providing custom cabinets and an awning for the intake yard
- Proceeds from The HOPE Chest support 38% of HOPE's Budget

\$4,554

Worth of vouchers
given to individuals
and families in crisis

Resource Center

In January of 2017, HOPE made the final move to their newly renovated Resource Center. What started as an empty shell of a building, became a beautiful space with an education center, food pantry, volunteer break room, case management offices and more. This move took HOPE from a small, cramped building where clients met with Case Managers behind a curtain or in the staff kitchen to a place that allows for quiet, comfortable and private meetings behind closed doors. With additional offices, HOPE is able to partner with other local agencies who can set up satellite offices to offer their services. With more space than ever, HOPE began offering additional educational opportunities. Through these partnerships, HOPE has been able to offer resume writing and interview preparation classes, assistance with finding affordable insurance and more. Upon completion of the resume writing and interviewing preparation course, clients were given a voucher to The HOPE Chest for a complete interview outfit. HOPE has long offered financial counseling but launched a financial literacy program to aid clients in reaching self-sufficiency. Clients can now sign up to take a group financial literacy course where they learn the difference between fixed and variable expenses, money-saving techniques and more. Following the course, they are able to meet with a volunteer financial counselor to review their individual expenses and budget for the future.





Resource Center

HOPE serves the working poor, many clients who have never been in crisis before, and the homeless. We believe in equipping individuals and families with the tools necessary to get them through their crisis by offering case management, financial assistance and access to additional resources.

- The Education Center has 3 computer stations where clients can apply for jobs, food stamps, Medicaid and more
- In 2017, HOPE partnered with Safe House of Seminole and Goodwill to provide clients with additional resources
- Financial Literacy courses are offered to clients throughout the year
- HOPE's Case Managers meet with clients to identify needs and create a plan to help clients return to self-sufficiency

3,019

Individuals received
services through
HOPE's Resource
Center in 2017

Food Pantry

HOPE's Food Pantry is a choice pantry that provides nonperishable food, produce, meat and fresh bread, 4-days per week, all at no charge for those in need in Seminole County. The pantry is supported by local businesses, individuals donors and food drives.

- 10,990 visits to the pantry in 2017
- \$10,000 worth of emergency food distributed
- \$15,000 donated for fresh produce by a special donor
- Clients are led through the pantry by a Shepherd to pick out their food each week instead of being handed a prepackaged bag of food, reducing waste
- Supported by a large team of dedicated volunteers who run the daily operations and coordinate pick-ups from local businesses and restaurants
- Partner of Second Harvest Food Bank, purchasing food at \$0.19 per pound



\$747,320

Worth of food
distributed in 2017



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"They helped me get food for the week, every week, and it especially helped because I had recently lost my job during the semester so things were tight."

*-Austin, HOPE Client
2017*

HENS Client Story

Sarah is an elderly woman who lives alone. Like many people her age, she is living on a fixed income. Because she is on a fixed income, having money to cover the bills, put food on the table and pay for home repairs can be difficult. When faced with the choice of what to go without, oftentimes food is the first thing to be reduced. HOPE has a food pantry that is open four days a week but what happens when someone in need can't get to HOPE? Unfortunately, this is a real concern for many elderly and disabled residents in Seminole County. Fortunately for Sarah, she has HENS, HOPE's Emergency Network Service. As a recipient of the HENS program, Sarah is paired up with a volunteer, Alice, who brings food from HOPE's food pantry directly to her home so she is not going hungry. In addition to knowing Sarah's favorite foods, allowing her to choose specific food from the food pantry that Sarah will enjoy, Alice also knows that Sarah has diabetes, so she knows to ignore the sweets and chooses healthier, low-sugar items for Sarah. The volunteers supporting the HENS program get to know our clients to ensure they are treated just like family. Thanks to the HENS program, Sarah is able to get the nutrition she needs and can continue to live at home without sacrificing food in to order pay for other expenses.





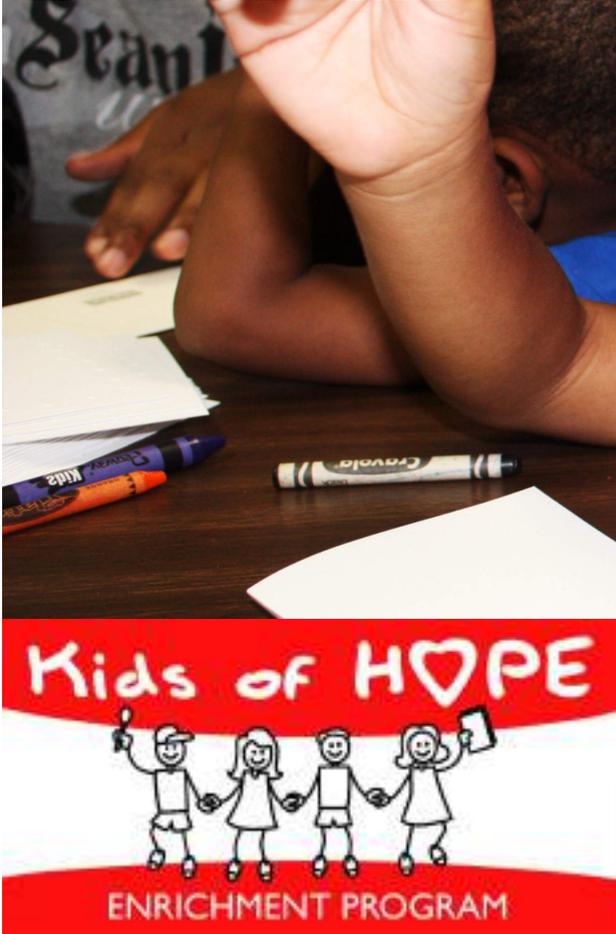
HENS

HOPE's Emergency Network Service, HENS, provides outreach to those who are elderly, disabled, or suffering from medical issues, and are home-bound and unable to access HOPE's Services.

- \$44,200 worth of food delivered to home-bound clients
- Volunteers help with basic repairs
- Case Mangers meet with clients at their homes to learn about their needs and pair them with a volunteer
- Volunteers pick out food from HOPE's Food Pantry and deliver it to clients' homes each week

\$44,000

Value of food
distributed to HENS
clients in 2017





Kids of HOPE Enrichment Program

The Kids of HOPE program alleviates hunger and provides food for disadvantaged children while on school breaks. The Federal Free/Reduced School Lunch Program provides economically challenged children with healthy lunches during the school year. Unfortunately, during school breaks, many of these families do not have the means to purchase additional food for their children while they are home from school. Twenty seven percent of working families in Seminole County live paycheck to paycheck and can be faced with the difficult choice of paying a bill or purchasing food for their family. An unexpected expense can quickly lead to homelessness for a family in crisis.

The Kids of HOPE program provides registered children with free lunches during the thirteen weeks of school break throughout the calendar year. When families come to HOPE to pick up their children's week of food, which includes fresh fruit and easy open items for children who may be home alone while their parents work, the parents have the opportunity to meet with a case manager to discuss their personal situation and create a personalized plan to get back on their feet.

- In 2017, the Kids of HOPE Enrichment Program provided nearly 3,000 lunches to children or more than \$67,000 worth of food during the 13 weeks a year children are out of school.
- This program is supported by private foundations, community grants, churches, and individuals from the community.
- The first Kids of HOPE lunch bag, launched in 2009, included peanut butter, jelly, a loaf of bread, chalk and a book.



Kids of HOPE

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

The logo features four cartoon children holding hands in a line. From left to right: a boy wearing a cap and a backpack, a girl with long hair and a backpack, a boy wearing glasses and a backpack, and a girl with a backpack. The boy on the far left and the girl on the far right are holding up white signs. The entire logo is set against a white background with red curved borders at the top and bottom.

Back to School Bash

HOPE's Back to School Bash provides children with everything they need to start their school year off right.

- The annual Back to School Bash began in 2008
- During the event, children receive backpacks, pencils, pens, glue, notebooks, paper, socks, underwear, jeans and more
- In 2017, 223 Children received free vision screenings from HOPE's partner, Vision Quest
- More than 300 volunteers helped put on this event at the First United Methodist Church of Oviedo in 2017
- 67 area businesses and churches hosted school supply collection boxes
- Over \$60,000 worth of school supplies distributed in 2017
- 13 partner resource agencies attended to offer additional services to clients

"If it were not for this event, my children would lack school supplies and would not be prepared for school. It is truly appreciated."

- HOPE Client 2017

356

Children received
everything they
needed for school in
2017

Beginning in 2007, Christmas in the City aimed to bring joy during the holiday season. Each year, the event has grown and improved to help individuals and families in crisis. This year's event was revered as the best one yet. The efforts of hundreds of volunteers, local businesses, churches and staff came together for a magical day of Christmas joy for hundreds of individuals and families in crisis. HOPE's 10th annual Christmas in the City provided registered clients everything they needed to enjoy the holiday season like blankets, socks and underwear, jeans, books, school supplies, toys, gift cards, gift wrap, Christmas meals, family portraits, lunch, entertainment, and more. This year, clients got a special surprise when they were offered a bike for each of their children.

"I am a single mother and because of HOPE, my children will have presents to open on Christmas morning. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart!"





Committee, HOPE Staff, and Board of Directors



Christmas in the City

Each year, HOPE staff, our Interfaith Coalition and hundreds of volunteers host Christmas in the City for registered clients with the help of local businesses and churches who sponsor the event and host donation boxes.

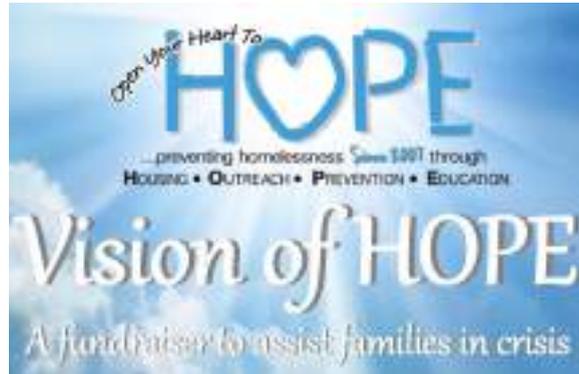
- Christmas in the City began in 2007
- More than 800 volunteers were needed to host this event at University Carillon United Methodist Church in 2017
- Clients receive toys, games, books, clothes, holiday meals, blankets, socks and underwear, jeans, family portraits and more
- Over 200 bikes were given to children thanks to 104.1 Real Radio and Wheels of HOPE
- Over \$161,000 worth of clothing, toys and food distributed
- 14 partner resource agencies and churches were onsite to offer additional services to clients

800

Children and families received gifts and necessities for a happy holiday

Vision of HOPE

Each fall, HOPE supporters gather for an informative and inspirational hour-long program to hear a recap of HOPE's prior year and vision for the future of HOPE. Attendees not only enjoy a delicious breakfast, but meet and mingle with HOPE's Board members, staff, community leaders and some clients who have been



served by HOPE. This year's Vision of HOPE fundraising breakfast was held at St. Alban's Anglican Cathedral and was emceed by Beth Kassab of the Orlando Sentinel. Attendees learned of HOPE's progress through the years, the impact of the move to their new buildings, partnerships with the community and heard from one of HOPE's clients, Norma. Norma was referred to HOPE by her church, which is a member of HOPE's Interfaith Coalition. It was at her initial intake meeting with HOPE's Case Managers that Norma's journey back to self-sufficiency began. She is a single mother who was diagnosed with Lupus, an autoimmune disease, and did her best to continue working to provide for her two children, all while battling this debilitating disease. Norma became too sick to continue working and found herself struggling to make ends meet. HOPE was able to provide assistance, including weekly access to the food pantry, so Norma was able to stay in her home with her two daughters. It is through events like Vision of HOPE that we are able to raise funds, make connections with local leaders and share HOPE's mission, all to be able to help those in need.



“HOPE is a good steward of the time, talents and capital of its donors and volunteers. They ensure clients’ appropriate use of resources. And by forming the Interfaith Coalition, redundant efforts are eliminated and strength attained through unity. “

-Vision of HOPE Attendee



6th Annual 5k
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Sham Rock N Run 5k

On Saturday, March 4th, 2017, HOPE's 6th Annual Sham Rock N' Run 5k took place at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. This event raises funds to help families in crisis in our community.

- More than 150 volunteers helped host this family friendly event
- All finisher's received custom Sham Rock N' Run medals
- The 3.1 mile course winds through St. Luke's Lutheran Church and School and Lutheran Haven, where residents cheer on racers
- The Little Leprechaun Lap was added for young children
- More than 30 local businesses and churches sponsored the event
- To learn more about sponsorships for future events, email events@hopehelps.org

381

Registered
participants

Volunteer Appreciation

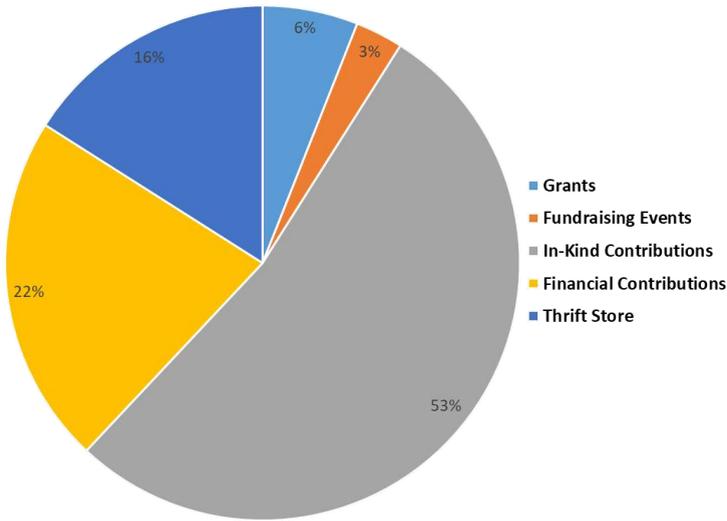
HOPE is supported by thousands of volunteers each year. At HOPE's volunteer appreciation events, we honor their dedication to preventing homelessness.

- HOPE's 10th Annual Volunteer Appreciation event was "Night at the Oscars" where volunteers who went above and beyond were recognized for their commitment to HOPE
- Volunteers were awarded certificates of appreciation for their hours of service in 2017
- \$688,810 worth of volunteer hours donated in 2017
- Volunteers support HOPE's Food Pantry and Resource Center, The HOPE Chest, events, outreach and programs

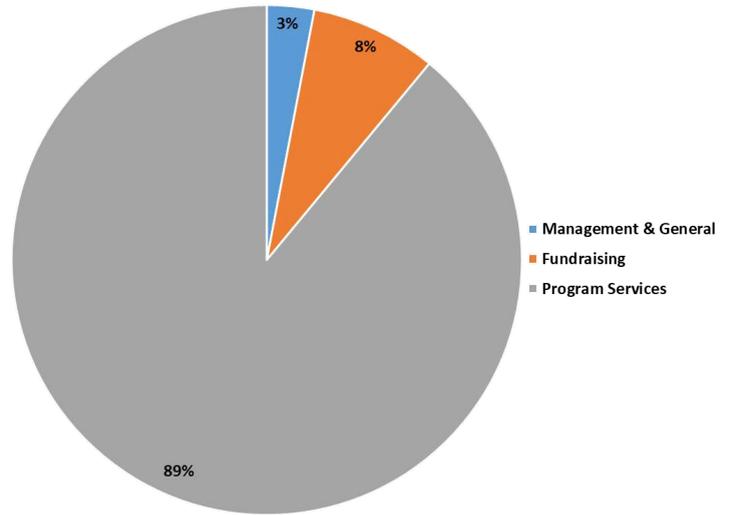
28,534

Worth of volunteer
hours donated in
2017





Income

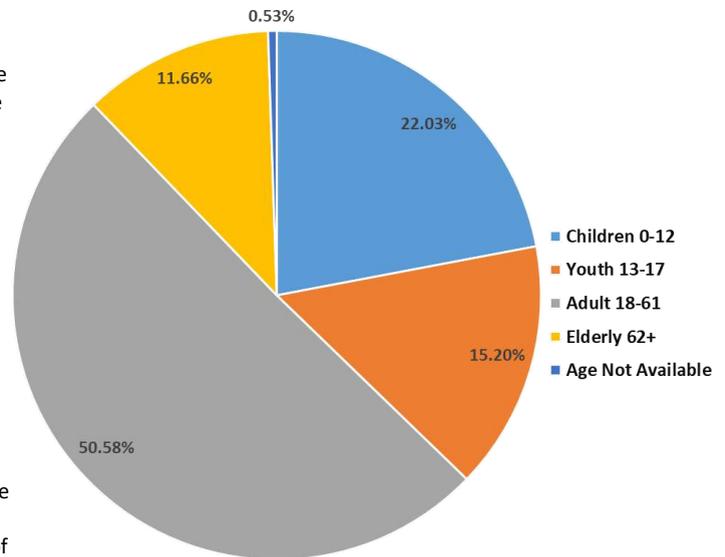


Expenses

HOPE’s financial position continues to remain strong. I believe one of HOPE’s greatest strengths regarding our financial sustainability is the diversity in our sources of revenue. No one source is so significant that HOPE would not be able to continue if significant decreases occurred. The top, left chart shows the percentage each revenue source represents. The in-kind donations (primarily food) serve as a simple pass through. This generous community we all live and work in donates the items and HOPE makes sure they get to those most in need. If the chart were restated to exclude the in-kind donations the percentages of financial donations would be as follows: Contributions (46%), The HOPE Chest sales (34%), Grants (13%) and Fundraising Special Events (7%). Contributions come from private individuals, businesses and churches. For the year 2017, sales at The HOPE Chest were up 13% over 2016. An exciting surprise occurred in 1st Quarter 2018, as sales increased 33% over sales in the same quarter of 2018. This trend is expected to continue into 2018 as three local competing thrift stores closed their doors in late 2017. Continuing capital contributions in 2017 allowed HOPE to pay-off a line of credit used for building renovations. We are steadily paying down the building debt and surpluses in operations will be used for that purpose as well.

HOPE continues to use every penny from every donation wisely. We have always prided ourselves in being very resourceful with very little. There is one area we are spending additional dollars – our financial literacy programs to help educate our clients to use their limited income wisely also. Some type of financial counseling is required of all clients receiving financial assistance and to receive any benefits from HOPE over the basic food pantry assistance for a certain time period. After all, keeping local families and individuals in their homes is what HOPE is here for!

-Janis Williams, CFO



Clients by Age



Dear Friends of HOPE,

Thank you for being part of HOPE's growth over the past 10 years. 2017 was a particularly extraordinary year for us with the re-opening and expansion of HOPE's Resource Center and Food Pantry due to the success of HOPE's Capital Campaign, as well as significant increase in donations and sales at The HOPE Chest Thrift store.

Just three short years ago, HOPE had announced embarking on a Capital Campaign entitled "**A Home for HOPE**" with a goal to serve clients better. I am thrilled to announce that HOPE, partnered with the community, raised the funds to complete the build-out of the Resource Center and Food Pantry doubling our space which opened in January of 2017! Clients are now greeted [indoors] and are able to meet with a case manager in a private and welcoming atmosphere. With the expansion of the pantry and added refrigeration, we have increased our storage of fresh fruits, vegetables and meats.

With the expansion came the need for more volunteerism. Over 28,000 hours were donated to HOPE programs in 2017. We continued with our "**Pantry Takeover Days**" which allow members of the community (both businesses and faith groups) to have a team building experience while serving their community.

In addition to our one-on-one financial counseling, HOPE added a **Budgeting and Savings class** to clients and a special class to teens starting in the fall of 2017. It was greatly attended and the team is identifying specific financial needs of clients which will be a focus in 2018.

HOPE also had their largest Vision of HOPE breakfast to-date, which included donors, community leaders, members of HOPE's Interfaith Coalition and those who haven't heard of HOPE before, to learn about HOPE's success and vision for the future. Many of you pledged to be **Heart for HOPE Club members** to help us with sustained funding in the coming years. Thank you!

To see the look on the client's faces when our doors reopened was heartwarming. To witness first-hand the strength of this community that continues to support individuals/elderly, children/families through HOPE is a blessing. As we look to 2018, we will be working on a strategic plan for the coming years with a focus on program review. We look forward to you joining us in these next steps, and your continued support as we enter another decade of service in Seminole County! Thank you!

-Joan Faulkner

President/CEO



On behalf of the HOPE Board of Directors I'm looking forward to 2018. The accomplishments that HOPE has achieved over this past year have been tremendous. The renovations are completed and we've moved into the Resource Center, where the Pantry is fully operational. We have also been blessed by so many new donors, dedicated/compassionate volunteers, and partners in the community. With so much support in the community HOPE continues to thrive. As we look forward, the Board of Directors is fully engaged with the management team as we lay out a new strategic plan for HOPE's future. This plan will allow HOPE to continue its growth to add staff, additional programs and grow deeper with the faith community and continue our vision and values while serving our clients. We are excited for this expansion and the influence it will have on

everyone that's associated with HOPE.

- Dave Kutlenios , 2018 Chairman of the Board

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The Hearts for HOPE club is for those who give the gift of a monthly pledge totaling a minimum of \$1,000 a year. By pledging monthly, you are allowing HOPE to better plan, sustain and consistently meet the needs of HOPE's programs that support our clients. In honor of your pledge, you will:

- Be formally recognized at HOPE's Vision of HOPE annual fundraiser in November
- Be recognized in HOPE's Annual Report
- Be invited to a private recognition event in 2018 where we look forward to your input on how we can work together to shape HOPE's future
- Receive a commemorative pin to recognize your commitment to HOPE Helps and improving the lives of those in need



HOPE Help's Interfaith Coalition, founded in 2008, is a grassroots initiative that cooperatively and compassionately addresses poverty, hunger and homelessness in our community. The coalition provides volunteers, coordinates food and clothing drives and provides financial support for individuals and families in crisis. As an Interfaith Coalition, we set aside theological differences to focus on solutions to challenges that affect our community. Meetings are held monthly with guest speakers on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, email events@hopehelps.org.

HOPE, and faith groups across Seminole County, share a common goal of helping underprivileged members of our community. Working together, we can meet the range of community needs more completely and efficiently. When an individual or family requires more comprehensive support than the church can offer, qualified case-management services are recommended to assist clients in crisis. Faith groups can refer such cases to HOPE, where we can provide food, financial assistance, vouchers to be used at The HOPE Chest Thrift Store and more. If you know of an individual or family in need, please contact us at resources@hopehelps.org.

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Northland

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Core Faith Church

East Coast Believers Church

New Covenant Anglican Church

River Run Christian Church

St. Matthews Episcopal Church

Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church

University Unitarian Universalist Society

HOPE Staff



Third row, from left to right: Jackie Nitti, Janis Williams, Laurie Rodriguez, DeAnn Gurney, Gloria Beekman, Tyrone Jones, Brandon Santullo, Kenny Alvarez, Susan Leamy. Second row: Sue Shoemaker, Marilyn Santiago-Cruz, Joan Faulkner, Tammy Lennox, Linda Smart, Carmella Nichols. First row: Diane Isla, Heather Goergen, Riana Sukhu, Shay Anderson, Nancy Pantano

HOPE has a staff of 20 highly talented and educated individuals who work together to prevent homelessness in Central Florida. The staff have opportunities for growth and development with continuing education, quarterly staff meetings, job shadowing and more. It's not all work and no play here though. HOPE's annual staff retreat is an all day session of team-bonding, fun, informational games and a chance to discuss and give input on HOPE's direction and future. Some staff members started with HOPE as volunteers but one special member of HOPE's staff has been with the organization since the beginning, Gloria Beekman. Congratulations, Gloria, on 10 years with HOPE and thank you for your dedication!



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