



2024



FAMILY HOPE

Impact Report



"We have this hope as an anchor for our soul"

-Heb. 6:19



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*“Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is Freedom”* 

DEAR FRIEND,

In Corrie ten Boom's book, *Tramp for the Lord*, she shares a story of a woman she met in Russia during the Cold War. "The old woman," Corrie wrote, "was reclining on a sofa. Multiple sclerosis had twisted her body in every direction...She had no mobility. The index finger of her right hand was all she could control. Nothing else. But oh, what she got from that finger. It moved across a typewriter keyboard all day and late into the night, tapping out words and sentences and paragraphs as she translated the Bible and other Christian books into Russian." When Corrie ten Boom came for a visit, compassion overcame her. She prayed, "Oh, Lord, why don't you heal this poor woman?" The woman's husband shared with Corrie, "God has a purpose in her sickness. Every other Christian in the city is watched closely by the secret police. But because she has been so sick for so long, they leave us alone, and she is the only person who can translate, undetected by the police." Remarkably, Christ was glorified through her weakness in a powerful way. The very thing we'd wish and pray away, the prickly thorn causing so much pain, was a holy place that allowed a very weak woman to become a pillar of strength in God's kingdom.

Corrie's story pierced my heart as I, too, have painful circumstances that I long to simply "pray away" as I assume most of us do. It is good to be reminded that those "prickly thorns" causing so much angst could actually be a HOLY PLACE that allows very weak people (like you and me) to become a PILLAR OF STRENGTH in God's kingdom.

I live in this "sandwich season" that I heard about years ago: caring for my dear elderly parents (ages 90 and 93), praying for my adult kids as they make tough decisions, and delighting in the precious gift of grandbabies. Although it is indeed an honor to care for my parents (alongside my wonderful siblings), this past year was much more challenging than I imagined. I often have to pause to pray as it can feel lonely and mentally exhausting some nights. I especially miss the fun, meaningful conversations I used to enjoy with my hard-working parents who immigrated from Korea to America with high hopes for their four children. Left to my own strength, no matter how deeply I love and respect my parents, I cannot always rise up in those ways I know would be redemptive and encouraging to them. However, by God's grace, it is through caring for my parents' basic needs that I am learning how much I need His strength and patience.

Corrie's story also reminds me of our faithful Family Hope volunteers who continue to host children, coach parents, friend/mentor/support vulnerable, hurting families right in our own communities. Some of our key volunteers this past year have suffered great loss and experienced unexpected trials. I witnessed these Jesus followers go through the fire of a brutal cancer diagnosis, heartbreakingly miscarriages, financial loss, and broken relationships that seemed beyond repair. As each reached out for prayer, I had the privilege of gleaning from their grit and grace. Although they needed to halt their life plans as they sought counsel, prayer, and physical rest to heal, it brought me to tears when I received updates from them that they were continuing to faithfully serve, love, and bring His hope to others in the name of Jesus. I am forever grateful that I get to be a part of this big, beautiful team and for the reminder that His purposes for us remain constant and do not change based upon our "usefulness." As we seek to know Him and make Him known, no matter what we are walking through, what comfort to know that together we can live out His truth and grace and share all He has entrusted to us!

I look forward to seeing what He will do in 2025 as we embrace this verse with all our hearts:

Matthew 10:39

*If you cling to your life, you will lose it;
but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.*

Lanna

Lanna Blanchard,
Family Hope Executive Director



Our Story



FAMILY HOPE is a collaboration of area churches providing supportive relationships for isolated families. We are a Christian, non-profit operating through our team of trained and vetted volunteers who offer temporary hosting of children, connections and guidance for parents, and a bridge to family stability.

OUR MISSION is to bring hope to families through caring, connective relationships formed in the redemptive love of Jesus by providing a CHURCH-LED, PREVENTATIVE, DOUBLE-VOLUNTARY model of care.



Core Values

- **Church-Led:** We believe the Church is God's design to care for the most vulnerable.
- **Preventative:** We wrap around families before abuse/neglect has occurred.
- **Double-Voluntary:** Family Hope is non-coercive for parents requesting support; Host Families receive no monetary compensation.

PRAISE THE LORD

for our **FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS!**



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to *serve others* as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

-1 Peter 4:10

255 Volunteers Supported....

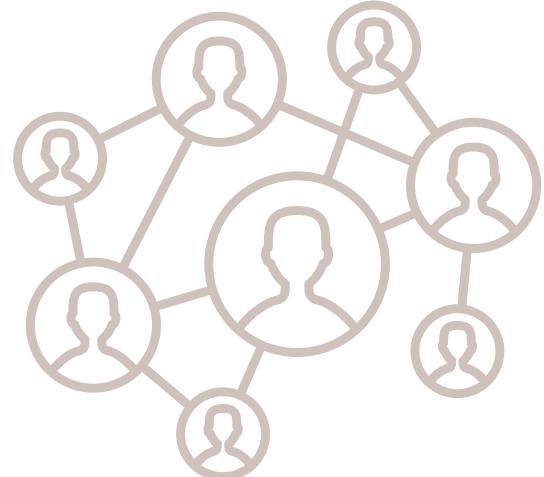
 **142 Day Hostings**

 **84 Overnight Hosting Arrangements**

 **26 Support Friend Arrangements**

 **88 Children**

 **45 Parents**



We welcomed in 2024...

 **5 NEW Support Coaches**

 **24 NEW Hosts/Support Friends**

 **39 Volunteers in Processing**

TOGETHER

With your **many prayers** and support, we



Finalized new Family Hope testimonial and animated videos sharing what HOPE means!

Attended 13 Info Sessions and Event Tables!



Completed 8 live Volunteer Trainings!



Partnered with Groovy Cat Cafe, Barn Raisers, Old Town Design Group, Adrenaline Family Adventure Park, and Athletes in Action to bless 20+ families with special gifts and opportunities!!



UPSTREAM Collaborative

Preserving Hope



National Conference
Jan 24-26, 2024
Tampa, FL



Established to equip local faith-based family preservation models, Family Hope is a proud founder and member of UPSTREAM Collaborative!



Family Hope staff members, Host Families, Ministry Coordinators, and Board Members attended and helped to lead the first ever UPSTREAM National Conference.

60 people representing 19 different organizations came together to champion those working to keep children safe and families united in the name of Jesus!

We hope you will join us for the next one!

CELEBRATION OF *Hope*

An incredible night celebrating God's goodness in 2024!

We share a special **thank you** to Traders Point Christian Church for hosting our event!



HIGHLIGHTS

200+ guests came out to attend COH 2024!

25 tables were sponsored and filled by key churches and volunteers!

2 Mamas and their Circles of Support shared what "Hope" meant to them!

Through our silent auction and the generous donations given by those impacted by the evening, we were able to meet our fundraising goal!



30+ KEY CHURCHES

are the hands and feet of Jesus caring for vulnerable families!

Antioch Community Church

Castleview Church

Center Grove Church

Christ Community Church

Church at the Crossing

College Park Church

Community Bible Fellowship

Cornerstone Bible Church

Crosspointe Community Church

Eagle Church

Emmanuel Church

Harvest Church

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Horizon Indy

ITOWN Church

Mercy Road Church Carmel

Mercy Road Church Northeast

Mercy Road Church Northwest

Northview Church

Outlook Christian Church

Pennington Park Church

Plainfield Christian Church

Redeemer Bible Church

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Renewal Community Church

Soma Church

Traders Point Christian Church

Trailside Church

Trinity Church

Union Chapel

Wilkinson Church of Christ

Zionsville Fellowship

THANK YOU for the many ways you partner with us to mobilize volunteers, host opportunities for awareness and training, and cover Family Hope in support and prayer!

We love our Ministry Coordinators!

What a fun bunch of our volunteer Ministry Coordinators at a recent quarterly meet up!

From left to right:

Julianne- Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Lindy- Pennington Park Church

Melody and Angela- College Park Church

Cathy- Zionsville Fellowship Church

Tony- Traders Point Church

Chris- Northview Church



TESTIMONIES

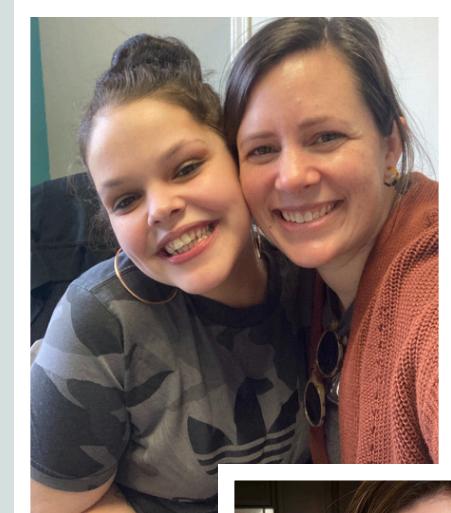
of God's GOODNESS shared by those served
and those who get to serve!



"I want to thank you for inviting me and my family over for this holiday! You all are extended family to us! We are truly grateful for you all. Love you all!" -Parent

"Even though it was only a few day hostings that we provided, we enjoyed loving on little 'A' and supporting her mama so she could work. While in our home, 'A' was prayed over and heard gospel songs. We were also able to encourage mom who was working so hard. It was a joy to show the love of Christ to 'A' and her mom." -Host

"Working with Family Hope shows me that there's people out there who won't judge you, but that are truly here to help you and be more of a friend to you. Family Hope becomes a family that you didn't know that you had. They believe in you and they help you to believe in yourself. They give you faith and it's a blessing to be part of a Family Hope. If you don't know God, they will help you get closer to Him." -Parent



"Serving as a Support Coach helps me to connect with the Holy Spirit. Serving others and looking for God sized solutions is only possible when the Holy Spirit is at work." -Support Coach



"We loved being able to help Mama 'N' and look forward to seeing how God continues to grow this relationship we have with her and her family. Thankful for all of you!" -Host



45 faithful volunteers involved in **5000+ hours of service** impacting **40 mamas** **270+ times** and **50 children** **650+ times** by mentoring, providing meals, & assisting with transportation needs!

While offering Gospel-focused messages and Trust-based Parenting techniques paired with activities tailored for children's specific needs, Sweet Water also invested much time in these new areas of support:

Activities and dinner-time discussion ideas were created for families to do at home to support spiritual development and foster healthy connections.

LifeTown, a one-night family event, highlighted godly ways to manage money and employment opportunities. Participants chose professions, learned about the educational requirements, and discovered attainable wages. Moms and teens enjoyed the evening and left feeling proud of their accomplishments.

Working closely with the **Dream Center** to provide moms with life-transformative job training, Sweet Water mentors helped 5 mamas complete their training to be Medical Assistants!



"We had two moms accept Christ, and we applauded many God sightings over the year --- times when moms report on how they are growing in Jesus and see Him changing their lives and their kids' lives!"

-Sweet Water Ministry Director, Debbie Baldwin



21 Family Hope children had the opportunity to attend New Song Mission Summer Camp where they spent time soaking in God's Word and exploring His beautiful nature.



Currently 5 of their 8 students are Family Hope children. Executive Director, Bob, shares that these students are growing in all areas of life, learning so much about the Lord, and are excelling academically!



"We praise God for our friends at Family Hope!"

Through our partnership, we have been incredibly blessed to hold many summer camps for Family Hope kids as well as to care for and educate several children from Family Hope during the school year on our Brown County children's campus. We thank God for you all and pray the Lord's abundant blessing on your ministry!"

-Founder & Executive Director, Bob Schloss



FUELING OUR MISSION

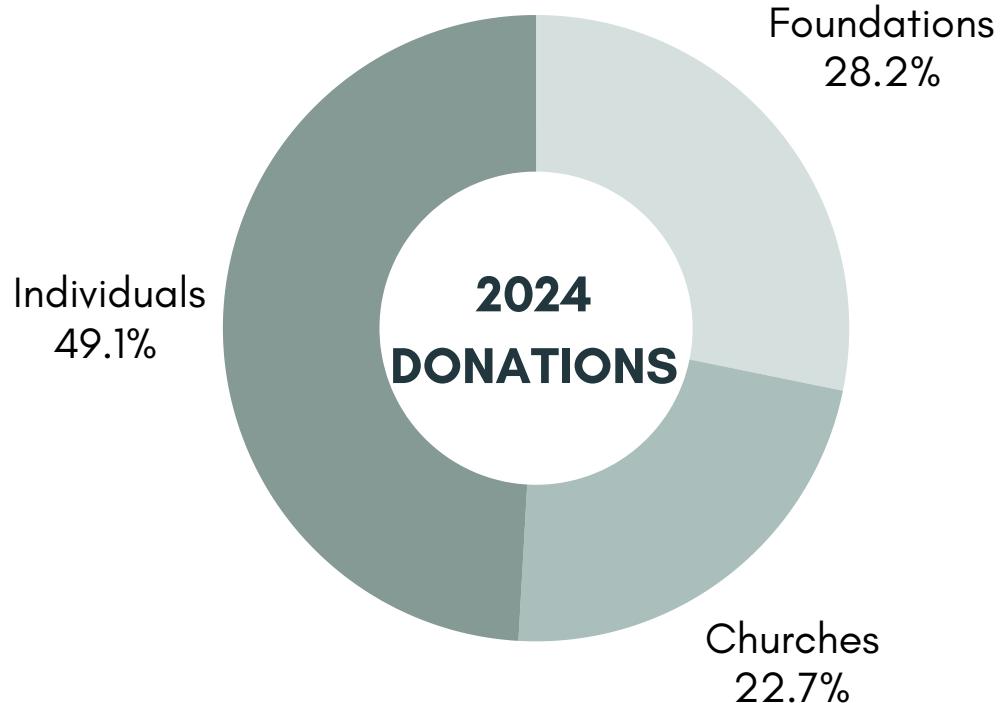
Thank YOU, our **FAITHFUL DONORS**, for your financial partnership!

"We are blessed

to have been able to donate to Family Hope.

When it comes down to it, all of our resources are given to us by God so it only makes perfect sense that we would pour them back into His Kingdom. That is exactly what the work of Family Hope does."

-Family Hope Monthly Donors and Hosts, Kas Family



Board of Directors



Rex Bennett has spent his career in the private practice of law and higher education fundraising. His ministry and non-profit work has included board service for United World Mission/Overseas Council, Haven Sanctuary for Women, and Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic.



Brent Clodgo has been actively involved in family preservation for over ten years. His heart for this ministry began when he and his wife Megan became a Host Family in 2011. For the past 33 years, he has worked professionally in IT for Systems Integrators in Michigan and Indiana. Brent is committed to supporting & advocating for families in need of God's hope and has served Family Hope since it launched in 2021.



Chris Haynes is the Executive Director of the Christian Business Men's Connection with over 25 years of experience in the IT industry. He and his wife, Tara, felt called to engage in the Kingdom work of serving children and families in crisis, as a demonstration of how God has brought us into His family and showed us love and acceptance. Chris's family has hosted 16 children in their home and he currently serves as a Support Coach.



Jennifer Manning is an Executive Coach and Business Consultant with over 20 years working within large companies in the corporate sector. She and her husband, Brian, are passionate about helping families stay together and parents receiving the support they need to be fully engaged with their children. Jennifer serves Family Hope as a Host Family, Support Coach, and Board Chair.



Jasmine Taylor and her husband, Josh, have been married for ten years. They attend Psalms Missionary Baptist Church along with their 2 daughters. Together they serve in their family business, Brotherly Love. Jasmine has a background in Intervention and Prevention Family Services and is passionate about serving vulnerable populations. In addition to being on the board, Jasmine serves as a Support Coach.



Rich Westlake has a passion for world evangelism, church planting, and discipleship. Rich has traveled on mission to Brazil, Taiwan, Iraq, and Burundi Africa. His professional experience includes many years of executive leadership in the roles of CEO, COO, and CFO. In addition to having worked in homebuilding, farming, contracting, consulting, and coaching, Rich has also recently served as CFO with two Indianapolis based nonprofit ministries.

Thank You!



For another beautiful year, loving and serving others in the name of Jesus!

2025 GOALS

- 6** NEW PARTNERING CHURCHES
- 10** NEW SUPPORT COACH VOLUNTEERS
- 60** NEW HOST/SUPPORT FRIEND VOLUNTEERS
- 100** MORE FAMILIES SERVED



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