



Family Hope

Supporting Parents. Loving Children.



2021 IMPACT REPORT

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU *hope and a future.*"

JEREMIAH 29:11

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Finding **JOY** in tiny moments because of **HIS** steadfast **LOVE**.

(Ice-cream sundae smiles captured by a Host)



WHERE WE ARE NOW

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." - Isaiah 43:19

DEAR FRIEND,

Over the last six months, this verse from Isaiah has come to life for me and our Family Hope team in such refreshing, powerful ways! Our FAITHFUL GOD is indeed "doing a new thing" in only ways that HE CAN. Although I admit to caving in some days to fear and anxiety, trying to carry the ever-increasing load of responsibilities on my weak shoulders, I can now say with confidence that He will surely MAKE A WAY in His perfect timing and in His sovereign wisdom. He promises that He will go through the fire with us and He keeps His promises 100%. I cannot begin to thank everyone who held me up through fervent prayers this past year and those who graciously sent in donations so we could continue this KINGDOM work that is clearly the heart of our most AWESOME GOD. I have shed tears of gratitude over financial gifts that come in just at the right time - and the many texts with prayers and scriptures reminding me to LOOK UP and to never fear when He is in control! Now, with much of the base-building work stabilized (whew, what an excellent, committed staff team He has provided!), I need to share our greatest need - we are starting to get bombarded with hosting and friending requests from precious hurting families in all kinds of difficult situations.

For every smiling face you see in these pages (and yes we rejoice!), I am reminded of so many more hearts and minds, desperate for God's healing, life-changing touch...the last thing these families need is a lot of temporary band-aids to "fix" their problems for the moment. While we must tend to their immediate physical and practical needs (can you imagine being homeless with a newborn or with four children to care for or being so lonely/isolated that you become almost paralyzed emotionally?), we cannot ignore that the only hope we ALL have is the ETERNAL HOPE of JESUS! What a privilege to link arms with you and boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ has SET US FREE and only because of this truth, can we effectively serve vulnerable families together...we are overwhelmed with His love and grace and we cannot help but share the blessings He has poured out on us. So, we will "stand in the gap" in hard, messy places and not grow weary. He is WITH US and He promises to LEAD US. This world is crazy confusing these days - let's share the gospel in WORD AND DEED and in humility be reminded daily where our TRUE HOPE comes from!

Overwhelmed by His and your kindness,

Lanna

Lanna Blanchard,
Family Hope Executive Director



MISSION & VALUES



"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." - James 1:27



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.
- **Prevention:** 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.



2021

was another challenging year for so many, and yet by God's grace and with **your support** we officially launched Family Hope on **August 2nd** and since then have celebrated:

33 Families served through **51** Hostings and Support Friend Arrangements with **48** newly approved volunteers caring for **32** children.
7 NEW Support Coaches wrapped around these relationships, and after **19** Church Events and Live Trainings we now have **67** volunteers working to get approved!

Along with the *Faithful Donors* and volunteers who fuel this work, we thank our fiscal sponsor, **Sagamore Institute**, for operational covering making it possible to open our doors and serve families!



(Support Coach Supervisor Laura Mann, sporting our first Family Hope T-Shirt highlighting Hebrews 6:19)



we made an eternal impact in families just like these!



"Family Hope is the most consistent, understanding, loving supportive thing I have in my life. They are there helping **no matter what.**"

- FH MAMA



"God has taught us true **patience, grace, understanding, and love** for one another and for these girls. He has reminded us that we are no different from this family."

- FH HOST

"I **don't know** what I'd do without you guys."

- FH MAMA



"God continues to open my eyes to all of the ways he works through Family Hope staff and volunteers. It is a **blessing to walk alongside** families and grow closer to him"

- FH SUPPORT COACH

"Thanks for taking care of my girls even when it was hard. **Love you guys** so much and I am literally in tears. I am so grateful"

- FH MAMA



"You're the best. **Thank you** for helping us have a place to stay"

- FH CHILD

"It seems like maybe I **need these kiddos** just as much, if not more, than they need me."

- FH HOST



"You guys are awesome and **I thank God** for you a lot."

- FH MAMA

"From the first day to this present day, God has worked in our home, in our family, and in our hearts, and each day **He has continued to strengthen us** through His love, grace, and endurance. "

- FH HOST



"**You're so special to us;** you and your family mean a lot to us."

- FH MAMA

"Walking closely with families in crisis through relationship continues to humble me over and over again. The suffering and resilience of our parents **remind me daily** of the compassion **Jesus** offers and that He is our true provider"

- FH SUPPORT COACH



"You **inspire me** to be a better person. You make me happy."

- FH CHILD



"Our respect has grown immensely for this hard-working mama, and we continued to pray over her...she will **always be family** to us."

- FH HOST

We share a special *Thank You* to the 42

CHURCH SUPPORTERS

who have encouraged our hearts and empowered our mission by stepping in and supporting this Gospel-centered Family Preservation Ministry.

Antioch Community Church
Brandywine Community Church
Castlevue Church
Center Grove Church
Christ Community Church
Church at the Crossing
Clayton Christian Church
College Park Church
Community Bible Fellowship
Connection Pointe Christian Church
The Caring Place
The Creek
Eagle Church
East 91st Street Christian Church
Fall Creek Christian Church
Fortville Christian Church
Genesis Church Noblesville
Harvest Church
iTown Church

Kingsway Christian Church
LifePoint Church
Mt. Pleasant Christian Church
Mercy Road Church*
New Testament Church of Christ
Northview Church
Outlook Christian Church
Park Chapel Christian Church
Pennington Park Church
Plainfield Christian Church

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Redeemer Bible Church
Soma Church Midtown
Stones Crossing Church
Summit Life Church
Tabor Church
Traders Point Christian Church*
Trinity Church
White River Christian Church
*indicates a multi-site church



(Family Hope's Board Chair, Brent Clodgo, sharing scripture before a training at College Park Church)



(Family Hope Info Session at Harvest Church)



(Live Host Panel sharing testimonies and hosting reflections at Redeemer Presbyterian Church)



Ministry Partners

New Song Mission



20 Campers were able to attend New Song Adventure Camp last summer resulting in
4 Students who came through Family Hope and now have a life-changing opportunity to grow in Christ and attend school at New Song!

All possible because of YOU!

“Praise God! The Lord has linked our ministries together in a very special way. We are so thankful to be in a position **to love, care for, and educate** these precious boys and girls in Jesus' Name. They are making tremendous progress.”

-Bob Schloss, Founder & Executive Director

Sweet Water Ministries

Through the pressing uncertainties of the pandemic, our Sweet Water Team continued to find ways to encourage and love on families with

16 Volunteers giving their time to love on and support

8 Mamas while also wrapping around

14 Children consistently!

20 Families were blessed with gifts and fellowship at the Family Hope Christmas Store!



Thank You Castlevue Church for housing this ministry!

2022

GOALS

We Are Swinging into this next year praising God for every blessing in 2021. Together, with faith that God is able to achieve more than imaginable, we are praying 2022 brings:

- 15** New Partnering Churches
- 10** New Support Coach Volunteers
- 100** More Families Served
- 100** New Host Families/Support Friends



To our gracious friends, donors, and volunteers, we *Thank You* for supporting our mission to bring **hope** to families in Jesus' name.



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