

HOPE RESCUE MISSION | HOPE SUFFERFEST

1ST ANNUAL - RUN/WALK/BIKE/HIKE/PADDLE EVENT



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WE MAKE IT BETTER!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER
for this year's **HOPE SUFFERFEST.**

**JOIN HOPE RESCUE MISSION FOR OUR
1ST ANNUAL RUN/WALK/BIKE/HIKE/PADDLE EVENT.**

The event will start on **Sunday, September 12th and end on Friday, September 17th.** You can ride with your friends and family and fundraise the entire week of 9/12 thru 9/17.

Then on **September 18th**, we will announce the winners, give prizes, and have a great time getting together at the Bella Vista Pavillion at Fort Missoula Park.

(T-Shirts are guaranteed to be included in registration if registered by September 6th, 2021. T-Shirts will be available in sizes Small-3XL. Please specify name and size in the registration process.)

To register as an individual or a team of 3, go to <https://app.mobilecause.com/e/Y2RUBg?vid=kf4sc>.

"Be a Winner for those Suffering this Winter."

MISSIONWIDE NEEDS:

- ▶ Fuel cards
- ▶ Laundry cards

SAVE THE DATE

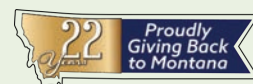
SEPTEMBER 1-
NOVEMBER 30

Annual Town Pump Charitable Foundation Matching Campaign

Our long-time generous supporters at Town Pump have agreed to **match your donations dollar for dollar** and have raised the matching limit this year by \$5,000 to \$25,000. Where else can you get a 100% return on your investment?



CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18**

Hope SufferFest
celebration at Bella Vista Pavillon at Fort Missoula Park from 2:30-4:00 pm

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 5**

Volunteer Orientation
for current or potential volunteering opportunities

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 20**

Annual Community Holiday Meal
to participate in meal preparation, serving, or cleanup email Shelly at volunteer@hopemontana.org

HOPE NEWSLETTER

FALL 2021



I love when you pour a liquid into a space, into a tank, into a cup, where a space that was previously empty, is now full! It can be so full that it is overflowing. That is the exact picture that comes to mind when I read Romans 5:5. Hope is made,

and even destined for, the dark places. Hope brings, well, hope! The agent of life-giving, life-restoring hope is the love of God, given to us through the Holy Spirit of God. God's love brings hope and both God's love and hope fill the previous empty and wanting places in our heart!

This is where you and I come in. May we position ourselves to be filled with this love producing hope. Then, may you and I allow this love that produces hope, to overflow on those around us to help people, change lives, and bring the beauty of transformation.

Read the hope-filled stories in this newsletter. Then, determine to partner with Hope Rescue Mission and see more stories of hope through your prayers and donations. In fact, we cannot do this great and life-changing work apart from you.

Let's be used by the Spirit to fill some empty lives.

Grateful for His Hope,
Jim Hicks, Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Text HOPESUFFERFEST to 91999 if you would like to donate

*NOW HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT,
BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN POURED
OUT IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
WHO WAS GIVEN TO US. - ROMANS 5:5*

549-HOPE NEWS

In the first six months of 2021, through approximately **1,800 calls**, our HOPE Coordinators, along with our church partners, were able to **help 306 different people** resulting in **50 diversions from homelessness, 62 preventions from becoming homeless, and 194 basic needs** such as food and supplies met.

Total Church Resource used = **\$15,584**

Total Community Resource used = **\$9,220**

Total Resources Saved (through mediation and help with self-resolution) = **\$54,070**

NOTE: 549-Hope Coordinator Rose DeRoche, BSW was recognized for being a **Top 10 HEMIS Coordinator**, qualifying her to help train others in using this central intake system that is used to identify needs and resources available.



Rose DeRoche

"Rose at 549-HOPE continues to be a total rock star in MCES. She's assessing a large majority of our inflow every week, which means she's contributing in BIG ways to ensuring folks are prioritized for our housing resources. We see you over there being an assessment master. Three cheers for Rose - the real MCES MVP!"

— Emily Armstrong, Reaching Home Manager



My name is Desirae. I am a 29-year-old woman from Helena MT and I just completed 18 months at the Grace House. I came into this program a ward of the state, shattered in million little pieces, and stuck in the Bondage of MANY addictions for 17 years of my life. The grace house provided an opportunity and a safe space to shut out the world and cultivate a relationship with Jesus Christ which has ultimately transformed every area of my life. In the last 18 months I've gotten to know Jesus Christ on a personal level, his heart, his character, his nature, and in doing so, better understand my identity in Him. As I continued to heal and grow and mature, He gave me strength to not only boldly face my giants, but to behead them! He began to heal and restore my heart and make it whole again. He placed an army of believers around me to speak truth into my life and come alongside me, bear my burdens with me, and, most importantly, love me. The staff have helped me deal with the root causes of my addiction and better understand it. They have taught me how to be responsible and get back on my feet as I move into this next chapter of my life, and they are all family to me. My fearless leader DeNae Hammonds has set a wonderful example of what REAL recovery looks like. Nine months into my program, God restored my precious sons back to me who I had lost in my addiction for 3 1/2 years. And, I was granted full custody of them! God has been so faithful to me and is restoring everything the enemy tried to take from me. The Grace House also hired me to work for them at the Hope Thrift Boutique and here at the center as a staff member which really laid a wonderful foundation for work training. I am incredibly blessed and grateful that I was placed here with these God-fearing people to be a part of my journey as the Lord shapes me into the woman of character and integrity He's always intended me to be. Now I get the honor and privilege to pass that on to my sons! I am redeemed, I am set free, and I AM a new creation in Christ Jesus.



From Kim:

Before coming to the Grace House over 18 months ago, I believed my life was over. I had lost my relationships with my children, family and friends, and in my diseased mind, had lost my relationship with God. I was no longer a registered nurse and was unemployable for even the smallest of jobs. I was facing being evicted from my home, and through all of that was seeking more and more alcohol to relieve my pain. The alcohol stopped working, and I had decided death would be better than what I was going through. It was in that deep, dark place that I realized that Jesus was there with me; He brought me out of there and led me to recovery at the Grace House.

These last 18 months have not been easy. Physical sobriety was the first step, but not the most difficult. For me, the most difficult part was changing everything I thought about myself, and in some ways what I thought about God. The curriculum in the program was challenging and exactly what I needed to learn about myself, addiction, and why I continued to relapse over and over again. The emphasis on finding my identity in Christ through the classes, Bible studies, morning worship and Bible reading, and the other residents and staff supporting me, was crucial in my recovery, as was spending personal time in prayer and getting closer to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of so many, I successfully completed the 18-month program! Those prayers, and a lot of hard work, allowed me to obtain my RN license in Montana and I am now working as a hospice nurse in Missoula. I am so thankful and grateful for the love and prayers from all who support the Grace House and Hope Rescue Mission- I truly believe I "am fearfully and wonderfully made"! Grace does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us.



Grace House is looking for a female with life experience who loves the Lord to fill the night shift as **Resident Assistant**.

See www.HopeMontana.org for more info.

TSOS NEWS

As of the end of June; **17 people have moved from homelessness** into housing and/or rehabilitation programs and 15 more have housing approval, emergency housing, or housing vouchers. **15 individuals have received their photo IDs** and 9 are in the process of obtaining their birth certificates and social security cards. Four TSOS residents are now employed and one has been accepted to the U of M. **25 current and former residents are actively working** with case management (many are able to see their case manager at least once a week for the first time ever!) Eight more people who are not eligible for onsite case management are connecting with peer support.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS/WINS:

- ▶ Residents are receiving consistent case management and peer support counseling.
- ▶ Residents are building trust and trust in the process because of the incredible staff onsite.
- ▶ We have observed a level of excitement from the residents at the prospect of moving forward!
- ▶ The residents finally feel SEEN, after having been "invisible" for sometimes decades.

HOPE Thrift Boutique NEWS

Thank you to all who made our dollar days sale and HopeFest event a success! We offer pickup or delivery for a \$25 fee. Call 728-5538 or email for details and availability.



BALING NEWS:

Our **first solo truckload of 40 bales** is ready, just waiting on shipping logistics. This enterprise keeps 10s of thousands of

pounds out of the landfill each year. To find out more about volunteering in this venture, contact Jazmyn at boutique@hopemontana.org or 728-5538.

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STAFF NEWS

We welcome

Jazmyn Maire, former Grace House staff, as our new Hope Thrift Boutique Director.

Shelly Wear as our long-awaited Volunteer Coordinator.

Jessica Colton, Peer Support Specialist at TSOS.

Hope Rescue Mission is excited for these wonderful additions to our team!



Jazmyn Maire



Shelly Wear



Jessica Colton

FOMER GRADUATE UPDATE: Former Grace House program graduate, Lysie is in her second year of the Administration Management program at the U of M. Her daughter, Jessalyn, is 3 years old.

