

RECLAIMING HOPE 2022 IMPACT REPORT

HOPE is defined as: 1) a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen;; 2) a feeling of trust.

The heart (vision) of Reclaiming Hope is to journey with survivors of sex trafficking to discover hope. Most have little to no hope when we first encounter them.

A 21-year-old female received a Hope Bag. She had nothing but the clothes on her back and was blown away that Reclaiming Hope would provide her a bag with no expectations of a return.

We continue to learn, seek, defend and plead for survivors: *Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.*

ISAIAH 1:16-17 NIV

“ We recently had a large-scale op and I was able to use several of the bags. The women I was able to assist were so appreciative to have fresh, comfortable clothes, a blanket to curl into and honestly, I had one woman so relieved to have some moisturizer for her dry skin she must have thanked me 10 times. What we may see as "small" has a huge impact on people.”

- A Victim Specialist

Please join us in giving thanks for the HOPE of 2022.

SURVIVOR CARE PROGRAM

18 Mentors walked with **13** Hopeful Women (Mentees) this year.

587 nights of safe housing for Survivors provided in our **2** apartments.

Staff helped **12** Hope Seekers – survivors needing help who aren't ready for our Mentor Program.

3 Hope Claimers – “graduates” of our Mentor Program, continued their relationships with us.

3,745+ texts, **252+** calls - text messages between Mentors and Mentees outnumber phone calls, 15:1.

Some of the ways we helped Survivors: **friendships, group activities, celebrating life events, helping when budgets ran short** (rent, groceries, diapers, utilities, gas car repairs, etc.)

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8 NIV



“ I am thankful for the unconditional love and support I get from my mentor who never gives up on me.”



OUR HOPE BAG PROGRAM, BY THE NUMBERS:

Hope Bags shipped: **1,054**

Stockings distributed: **205**

Other requests: **171**

This represents a total of **38,054** items given for survivors through this program.

30+ groups held donation drives and volunteered to make this program possible. Thank you!

109 volunteers worked **1,997** hours at a value of **\$59,818** to the ministry.

STAFF MEMBERS:

Executive Director: Sues Hess

Office Manager: Allison Harshbarger

Survivor Care Director: Mandie Hoehne

Hope Bag Director: Abby Leonard

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chris Burns

Bob Dinolfo, Sec., Treas.

Matt Peterson

Cherise Selley

Wendy Smith, Vice Chair

Chris Vuk

Serving part of 2022:

Carolyn Sampson, Shaye Meissen



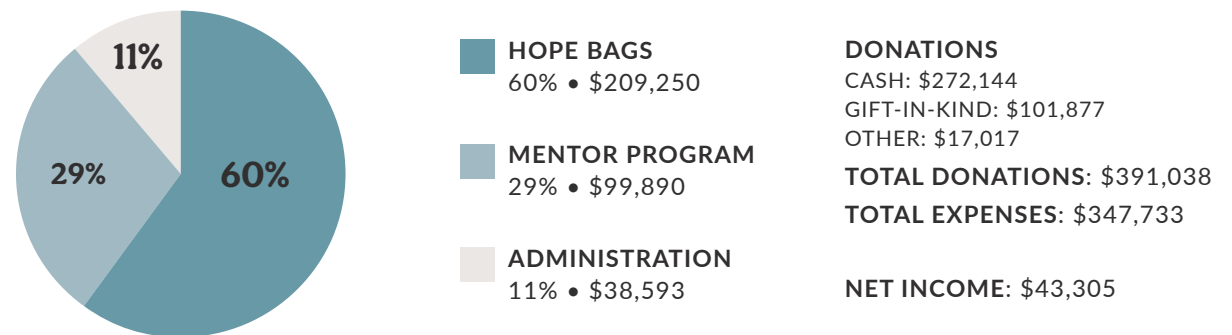
And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. - 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

WHAT IMPACT DOES OUR MINISTRY HAVE?

Many of our Mentees can be described as: She had given up hope, living with addictions most of her life. Now that she's clean, she's ready for help. She still has to put pieces of her past behind, but is beginning to look forward to her future.

“I want the world to know that I just want to be like everyone else. I want to know love and I want to have a family that accepts me not for what I have experienced but for who I am. I want to have hopes and dreams...What happened was a tragedy, but I want the world to know it has made me the strong, confident, capable woman I am today. And not everyone can say that.”

HOW MUCH DID IT COST TO IMPACT THESE LIVES?



Reclaiming Hope takes part in these networking groups: Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado; El Paso County District Attorney's Diversion Program; Colorado Anti-Trafficking Partnership; El Paso County Task Force Human Trafficking Coalition; Colorado Springs Community Roundtable.

We are beyond grateful for each person who gave this year. We're honored to be adopted by The Peak Producers and Community Roundtable. Their partnerships, and that of many churches and civic groups, are vital. Thanks to the Pikes Peak Area Rotary Endowment and Clara/Vanguard Skin Specialists for awarding us grants this year.

Thank you! We couldn't make this impact without you. Your gifts have guaranteed that we will be able to help more in 2023.



If you would like to get involved by receiving our monthly prayer calendars, volunteering, or donating, please visit our website at: www.reclaiming-hope.org
Contact us by phone at: (719) 425-9405, by email at: info@reclaiming-hope.org, or by mail at: PO Box 50495, Colorado Springs, CO 80949
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