



HEART OF HOPE
MINISTRIES

Exciting Updates from Heart of Hope Ministries!

Heart of Hope's After-School Program Thrives: A Growing Need, A New Partnership

Our Heart of Hope after-school program is flourishing! What started as a small initiative to support at-risk youth has grown beyond our expectations, and we are thrilled to share this exciting update with you.

This year, we have seen the program expand to serve 14 children, all of whom are thriving under the guidance, structure, and care that our program provides. The growth not only reflects the increased need within our community but also the trust parents and guardians have placed in us to nurture and support their children.

However, with this growth came new challenges. Our current space has reached its limit, and we found ourselves needing a bigger home to accommodate the growing number of eager learners. Thankfully, our community stepped up. The Church of Peace has graciously partnered with us to provide a larger space for our program to continue flourishing. Their generous collaboration ensures that we can maintain our



commitment to creating a safe and enriching environment for these amazing young minds.

The new location will allow us to enhance our services further, with plans to introduce additional academic support, creative activities, and mentorship opportunities.

As we prepare for this exciting transition, we remain deeply grateful for the continued support from our community. It is your belief in our mission that makes this growth possible.

Together, we are building brighter futures – one child at a time. **Thank you for being part of this journey!**



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Lowe's Home Improvement of Moline Supports Our Community with Hero's Day Award and Day of Service

We are thrilled to announce that Lowe's Home Improvement of Moline has honored our organization with their Hero's Day award! As part of this recognition, Lowe's has gone above and beyond, transforming our office with brand-new carpeting and uplifting our spirits with their generous contributions and support.

On Thursday, October 17th, Lowe's didn't just award us – they also blessed our community in a truly impactful way. They provided buckets filled with essential toiletries, which were distributed to individuals and families in need during our food pantry event. These essential supplies brought smiles and relief to many in our community, reminding us all of the importance of compassionate giving.

In addition to their generosity, Lowe's replaced our lawnmower, which had recently been stolen. This thoughtful gift has eased our worries and allowed us to maintain our space for all who visit.



The Lowe's team didn't stop there. They spent the day helping us prepare for the food pantry, working alongside our team with a shared mission to make a difference. It was a day filled with energy, service, and unity. We were honored to share a lunch with the Lowe's team, getting to know each other better and building connections that go beyond this single day of service.

Thank you, Lowe's Home Improvement of Moline, for your generosity and partnership. Your support is truly appreciated and has made a lasting impact on our team and the community we serve.

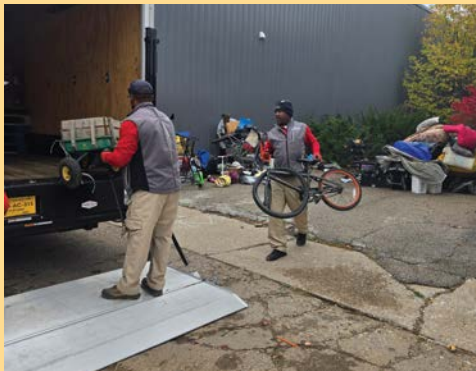
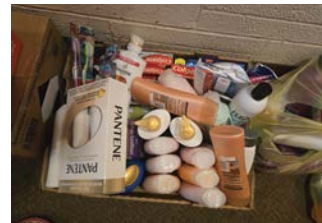
BRIDGE CITIES CHURCH'S "CARE & SHARE" GROUP SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY WITH GENEROUS DONATION OF TOILETRIES

We are deeply grateful to Bridge Cities Church and their women's group, *Care & Share*, for their incredible support and generosity during our September toiletries drive. Led by Susan, this dedicated group went above and beyond providing a wide range of essential items to help meet the needs of our community.

Thanks to their thoughtful contributions, we received an impressive assortment of toiletries, from toilet paper to shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and so much more. The breadth of their donations covered all the essentials, ensuring that individuals and families in our community have access to items they may not otherwise be able to afford.

Their generosity has had a profound impact, making our September toiletries drive a resounding success and spreading kindness and care to those who need it most. We are truly thankful to Susan and every member of the *Care & Share* group for their compassion and commitment to uplifting our community.

Thank you, Bridge Cities Church, for being such an invaluable partner in our mission. Your support is truly appreciated and will make a lasting difference.



Collaboration with The Rock Island Downtown Alliance Brings Relief to Recently Evicted Couple

We are proud to share a recent story of compassion and teamwork between our organization and The Rock Island Downtown Alliance. When a recently evicted couple, accompanied by their three dogs, found themselves in a difficult situation with no transportation and their belongings exposed to the rain behind a downtown business, we joined forces to help them find relief and stability.

Together, we were able to quickly respond, gathering and moving the couple's belongings from the business property to a secure storage unit, providing much-needed shelter for their possessions. This not only helped the couple protect their belongings but also assisted the business by clearing the property.

Thanks to this collaboration, we were able to support both the individuals and our community in a time of need. We are grateful to The Rock Island Downtown Alliance for their partnership and for the compassion shown throughout this effort.

Thank you to everyone involved for helping make our community a more caring and supportive place!

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: 3RD ANNUAL RED CARPET MASQUERADE GALA SUCCESS!

This year's Red Carpet Masquerade Gala was a spectacular celebration, bringing together our community for an unforgettable evening of elegance, excitement, and generosity. Held under a fresh and vibrant theme, the event captivated guests from the moment they arrived, blending the glamour of the red carpet with the mystery of the masquerade.

One of the night's shining highlights was the silent auction. With over 32 incredible items generously donated by our amazing supporters, the auction was our most successful yet! Guests enjoyed the thrill of friendly bidding wars, knowing that each contribution directly supported the impactful work we do here at Heart of Hope.

Beyond the auction, the gala offered endless moments of joy and connection. Guests danced the night away to lively music, savored delectable charcuterie boards, and shared laughter and fellowship with friends old and new. The warmth and enthusiasm of our attendees truly made the night special.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make this event a success: our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and, of course, all who attended. Your support and participation allow us to continue making a difference in our community, and we couldn't do it without you.



Thank you for being part of this wonderful tradition, and we can't wait to welcome you to next year's gala! Stay tuned for details about next year's theme and event by following us on Facebook (Heart of Hope Outreach) or by visiting our website: www.heartofhopeqc.org

