



Stories Of HOPE



Aspen House - Support for a family

Aspen Trees grow in clusters. You won't see any Aspen trees off by themselves somewhere because the unique aspect of this tree is that the roots of the aspen tree are shared. They are woven tightly together to offer the grove the STABILITY, STRENGTH, and SUPPORT that the trees need. The trees depend on one another to survive.

Mobile Hope launched a new program this fall, in partnership with Lord of Life

Lutheran Church called **The Aspen House**. We have discovered that at the root of poverty is a lack of access to resources and a meaningful support network. The

Aspen House is a ministry home located in the mobile home park where a young family can move in and be surrounded by caring individuals that can aid them as they seek to get back on their feet... receiving the stability, strength, and support they need. The resident and a team of individuals work together to coordinate care and offer support regarding specific life skills and targeted needs.

This Family Support Network (FSN) seeks to offer input and assistance with things like respite care, auto maintenance, home care and upkeep,

parenting techniques, job/education assistance, faith development, and long-term housing stability, among other things. Many individuals who have been struggling in unstable or marginalized communities find it hard to form and maintain the kinds of social networks that allow for this kind of support.

We have been able to offer one young single mother of 3 the first

placement in this home and she has been surrounded by a team of volunteers looking to shower her and her kids with love. She has

agreed to participate in the supportive aspects of the program laid out by the team for a period of 6 months up to two years.

Our hope is that with this added support structure, this home will be a blessing to many over the years. If you are interested in hearing more about this program, contact us at www.mobilehopemn.org or give us a call at 763-416-0945



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STABILITY



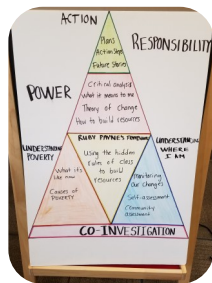
STRENGTH



SUPPORT

Getting Ahead - In A Just Gettin' By World

Have you ever felt like you can't "get ahead?" Living in an unstable environment can lead to a world of uncertainty and stress. To help address these challenges, we have started a new program called Getting Ahead - In a just gettin' by world - (GA) a curriculum written by Phil DeVol. This workshop is a big commitment, requiring 16 weeks of classes, but it also leads to big rewards! We had 10 participants join the workshop attending 2 1/2 hour sessions each week, which is the ideal number for these classes.



So, what do we do in these sessions? We start out by exploring the causes and realities of poverty - and how those causes are impacting how difficult it is to escape from it. We dive into the hidden rules of class, do self-assessments on our current situations and our communities, and explore 11 different resources that can be developed to gain some traction in moving forward. All this leads to the development of a "future story" by participants along with a plan to achieve that future story.

The group has bonded as a team, contributing to all discussions, projects, and research. One

participant said:

"Getting Ahead is not only a class, it is a journey. In which you learn the differences between economic classes, steps to get ahead, set goals, advocate for yourself, all while building relationships with your community members. It is an amazing opportunity to learn and grow! I am truly blessed to be a part of it."

This workshop has been part of our overall efforts at Mobile Hope to do more to address the root causes and realities of living in a marginalized community like a mobile home park. We look forward to doing more in this area, but have witnessed our GA participants thriving as they discover some amazing tools and resources available to them.



Volunteer Highlight! - Kris Schreiner



This ministry has a way of drawing you in... if you let it! Kris Schreiner started working with Mobile Hope over 4 years ago by helping out with Homework Help in the Hope House. She fell in love with the kids then and kept stepping into new roles to help out. As things grew, she has decided to take on a one-on-one mentoring role with a young girl in the park. She meets with her each week for a time of fun, connection, and speaking life into her. Kris says "Sometimes this can be so difficult to see the situations these kids are in, but I am able to provide some consistent care and support for [my mentee]. Its hard, but definitely rewarding." Kris has also stepped into other roles as she is able - such as assisting with child-care during the Getting Ahead classes which allows parents

to attend and learn some helpful skills for their future. She has even contributed a foosball table for the Hope Center! We thank you, Kris, for your years of investing in the young people of this park and one young lady as a mentor. You bring so much to this ministry and we are grateful for all you do. If you would like to be a part of this or other volunteer opportunities, contact us through our website at www.MobileHopeMN.org.



Peer Support Groups

Last year, we started implementing the TreeHouse program model at Mobile Hope for the teens in the park. We started with the large-group programs designed to bring kids together, have fun with one another, and hear messages of truth and love. However, as we have continued on with the program, we have now added two additional elements of the TreeHouse model, including **one-on-one mentoring** and **peer support groups**.

We were uncertain how these programs would be received, especially since the community is so tightly connected, but we have been thrilled to see the response from the teenagers. They have courageously started to share with one another the joys and challenges of life, offering support and care in a safe environment. It is a pleasure to build relationships with the kids on a deeper level, offering love, hope, and transformation.

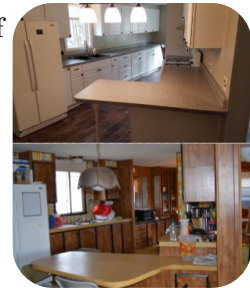


The NEW Hope House Opens!

In our summer newsletter, we revealed our plans to renovate the Hope House, which has been in use at Maple Hill since 2012. We decided to use the home for students and young adults who are seeking to live intentionally and experience life in a marginalized community. These young people are pursuing careers in areas like teaching, social work, youth ministry, or outreach.



With special thanks to The Landschute Group, Advanced Exteriors, and an entire host of supporters and volunteers, we were able to complete renovation and open up for our first resident in October of this year! We welcome Ariel Johnson, a social worker with Wright County, as our first Hope House resident!! Mobile Hope has been thrilled to have Ariel as a part of the great work happening here as she is one of our youth leaders working with The Journey youth program each week. You will often find her with a group of youth from Maple Hill in her living room or kitchen having fun or working on a creative project. She has opened up her doors (and her heart) to the teens of the park and has been learning a lot along the way.



“Being in the community has allowed me to build relationships. The teenagers come over often, which is wonderful. I will open my home to those who need it. I want each person who comes through my door to know their worth. To know that they were created in His image and are loved, so loved.” - Ariel



We are so grateful for this next phase of use for this home. There are still two spots available so if you, or someone you know would like to apply, have them contact us at Mobile Hope!

Year-End Giving Information



If you are interested in contributing to the work of Mobile Hope as part of your year-end giving, donations can be made online at www.MobileHopeMN.org or mailed to Mobile Hope at 7900 Maple Hill Road Corcoran, MN 55340. Mobile Hope is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit organization capable of accepting contributions, stock donations and non-liquid assets through our partner the National Christian Foundation. Feel free to call Brian with any questions: 612-716-0885. Thank you for your support of this ministry! EIN: 46-2268732



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There is no greater power in this ministry than prayer. Please join us in lifting these items up to God in prayer.

- **Aspen House** - Raising up a support network for the residents of the Aspen House is challenging and requires willing hearts. Pray for the leadership of this program as well as the family in residence.
- **Hope House Interns** - Now that the Hope House is complete, we are praying for the right students to call this place home. Join us in praying for God to lead the young adults He wants to use in this role.
- **Recruitment of Mentors** - As we grow our mentor program with teens, we pray for strong, encouraging, and healthy mentors to connect with the kids.
- **Where to next?** Mobile Hope has potential to touch additional parks and empower residents with this model of ministry. Discernment is needed for the Mobile Hope Board and leadership as to what our next location should be and for the raising up of leaders in those communities to support it.

Thanks for your prayers!



Individuals often ask "what's on your wish-list for the ministry?" So, here is a sample of things we could use...

- **Sound-dampening** - The Hope Center is a wonderful building but with 28' high ceilings the sound can be deafening. Sound panels are needed for this space, especially when working with students who are dealing with sensory overload. The cost for this necessary process is between 4-8,000 dollars.
- **Computer replacement fund** - One of the biggest challenges of running a computer lab with 11 computers is ongoing maintenance and replacement. With such heavy usage, software upgrades, and viruses, computers will soon be in need of replacement. We are looking to build up the replacement fund for these units through the summer.
- **Grant Writing Assistance** - With so many opportunities, grant needs are high. A grant writer would empower a broader vision to begin to take root more quickly.

If you are interested in making a contribution toward any of these items, please contact Brian at 612-716-0885 or send him an email at Brian@MobileHopeMN.org.