

May 2024 Newsletter



Thankful
for you!

From our Administrator:

As the flowers bloom and the sun shines brighter, we at The Hope Center are filled with gratitude for the season of renewal and the generosity of our community. May has ushered in warmer weather and a spirit of giving and volunteerism that is truly heartwarming.

We're gearing up for Mother's Day and Memorial Day, and our campus is buzzing with activity. Our annual Spring Cleaning is underway, and thanks to your in-kind donations, our sorting room is a hive of productivity. We're also preparing for Camp Wild, an exciting project that promises to bring joy and learning to many, and we could use more hands to make light work.

Your continued support through social media shares, website visits, and newsletter readership is invaluable. It keeps our mission alive and spreads the word further than we could alone. We're also in need of some extra financial help for a new truck and a lawn mower to keep our grounds and camp in top shape.

We invite you to join us in making a difference. Whether it's mulching flower beds, assisting in our sorting room, or contributing to our fundraising efforts, your involvement is what fuels our success. Together, we can make this year's Camp Wild the best one yet and ensure The Hope Center remains a beacon of hope.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Your support means the world to us.

~ Aimee Izer

Camp Wild Returns THIS SUMMER



Camp Wild is returning this summer with FIVE weeks of exciting new themes. Our free summer youth camps will allow your child to grow, have fun, and learn more about the Bible. Here are this year's themes:

Camp Wild Teens

June 24 - 28 (10 am - 4 pm): Teen camp for those entering 6th - 9th grade.

Camp Wild Evenings (VBS-Style camp)

June 30 - July 3rd (6:00 - 8:00 pm): Sunday to Wednesday evening camp for ages 5 - 12.

Camp Wild (Traditional Camp)

July 15th - July 19th (10 am - 4 pm): Traditional day camp for ages 5-12.

Camp Wild Sports Camp

July 22nd - July 26th (10 am - 4 pm): Sports-themed camp for kids ages 8-12.

Camp Wild (Traditional Camp)

July 29th - August 2nd (10 am - 4 pm): Traditional day camp for ages 5-12.

For more information or to register, go to

<https://www.hopecenterhagerstown.org/camp-wild>.

Thank you for a successful Rock the Run 5K



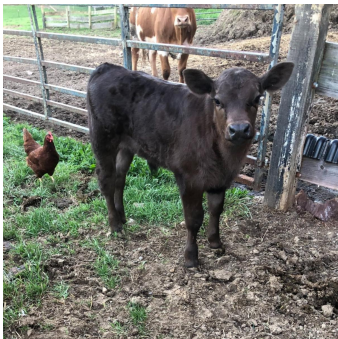
Rock the Run 5K: Pirates vs. Princess was a success this year! Our sponsors came through and supported our biggest yearly fundraiser. We want to give a special thank you to Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe for being our Title Sponsor. This year, we had one of our largest races! All of the runners and walkers seemed to have such a great time. Thank you also to our volunteers who came out early to help give our participants such a good day.

Keep us in Prayer



Will you remember The Hope Center at Hagerstown Rescue Mission on Thursday, May 2nd, for the National Day of Prayer? Pray for the men, women, and children we help daily with food, shelter, clothes, and encouragement. Pray for our leadership and that we will continue to be a light to the lost here in Hagerstown, MD. We covet your prayers and support of all we do.

April in Pictures



In April our residents enjoyed playing Bible jeopardy during class. Learning the Bible is an essential part of the life change that occurs in our Foundation Life Recovery program. We welcomed a new addition to our farm. Isn't our new calf so cute? We love our volunteers and enjoyed celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Month. And for the second time in recent months, the farm experienced flooding in our lower fields. Some of our playground equipment was damaged beyond repair.

Current Needs List

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- POWDERED MILK
- COFFEE AND CREAMER
- KETCHUP
- SUGAR AND BROWN SUGAR
- PANCAKE SYRUP
- COLD & FLU MEDS (NON-DROWSY)
- TYLENOL/IBUPROFEN

We currently have quite a few needs in our shelter and food ministries.

Donate in person at our Administrative Office, Monday - Friday, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our parking lot is at 215 W. Church Street. Or conveniently shop from our Amazon Wishlist (<https://bit.ly/3NOGog3>).

If you use an online retailer, please have donations shipped to:
125 N. Prospect St
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Monthly Pantry Need

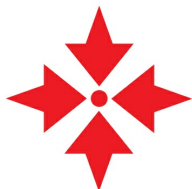


May Item:
Jelly

Our May Food Pantry item is squeezable jelly (22 oz or less). This is a repeat need, but we feed many children with our grocery bags, and the kiddos love peanut butter and jelly. We have peanut butter, but we continue to run out of jelly.

To purchase directly from our Amazon Wishlist, go to <https://bit.ly/3NOGog3> and have it shipped directly to The Hope Center, 125 N. Prospect St., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Year-to-date Numbers



YEAR-TO-DATE NUMBERS

Help for today... Hope for tomorrow

<i>Food Bags</i>	203
<i>Meals Served</i>	14,461
<i>Bednights</i>	4,672
<i>Chapel Attendance</i>	5,338
<i>Clothing Articles Given</i>	2,544

Did You Know?



Every morning, our leadership team gathers together for prayer. We call out to the Lord for our residents and guests, our staff, and for special needs. Will you keep us in your prayers?

May Birthdays



- May 10-** Lora F. (Sorting Room)
- May 15-** Paul S. (Cook)
- May 23-** Tyler S. (Chaplain)
- May 24-** Anthony H. (Resident)
- May 26-** Mary R. (Sorting Room)
- May 27-** Nancy A (Asst Bookkeeper)

Volunteer Opportunities



We always can use volunteers. If you or your group is interested in helping us, please contact Michelle at 301-739-1165.



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