Welcome August. Wow, I can’t believe how quickly this year is flying by. I would love to share a quote with you all, “It’s a good feeling when God shows up just in time, but the Best feeling is when you realize He has never left you.” During seasons in life when you are facing a trial or a valley, we can tend to think that God has turned his back on us. But that is not ever the case. He is always right there with us, going ever before us. Psalm 139:7 “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?” We usually start out by trusting in what we see and what our feelings are telling us. Friends, I encourage you to be faithful in daily reading your Bibles, spending time in prayer, and regularly being in church with other believers. This world is a dark and trying place. We must keep ourselves steadfastly living in God’s Truth so we can, as Colossians 1:10 says, “As to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him; bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” This way, we bring Glory to God by the way we live our daily lives and how we react in all situations, but also knowing that we are well equipped to help those who are in need all around us, both physically and spiritually.
Create a fundraiser on Facebook and help us make an impact in the lives of our community. Fundraise for your birthday, to honor someone special, or for any special event you celebrate. With your help, we can offer Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow. It's easy! Just follow these simple steps:

1. Go to our Facebook Fundraiser page (or click Fundraisers on our page, under our name): [https://www.facebook.com/hopecenterhagerstown/fundraisers](https://www.facebook.com/hopecenterhagerstown/fundraisers)
2. Click "Raise money" at the top right;
3. Choose a type of Fundraiser;
4. Make it your own by editing the information on the left side of the page. Tell your story! Why are you doing this, and why give to The Hope Center.
5. Create and Share your fundraiser!

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**Monthly Pantry Need**

**August Item:**

**Cereal**

We need boxes of cereal (15 oz or smaller)

Our August Food Pantry item is cereal boxes (15 oz or smaller fit nicely in our bags). Cereal boxes are placed in all Food Bags and used in our meal service. To purchase directly from our Amazon Wishlist, go to [The Hope Center Amazon Wish List](#) and have it shipped directly to The Hope Center, 125 N. Prospect St., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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**Employment Opportunity**

*Children and Youth Ministries Director*
We're currently hiring a CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR. Below is a brief summary of responsibilities and qualifications:

- **Full Time: Monday - Friday**
- Will coordinate and manage all children and youth ministries for kids ranging from 5-18
- Will coordinate and manage all aspects of our summer day camp program
- Must be a born-again believer in Jesus Christ, live a life consistent with God’s Word, and be able to articulate the Gospel to children and youth
- Must have good communication skills
- Must be able to work on some weekends and evenings
- Must be able to manage volunteers, multiple tasks, and responsibilities
- Must attend a local Bible-believing church and sign our Statement of Faith

If you are interested, please call 301-739-1165 or email info@hagerstownhopecenter.com to apply for this position.

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**By the Numbers**

YEAR-TO-DATE NUMBERS

Help for today... Hope for tomorrow

- **Food Bags**..........................376
- **Meals Served**.........................24,919
- **Overnight Guests**...............8,843 beds (273 different men)
- **Chapel Attendance**...............9,099
- **Clothing Vouchers**...............4,014

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**Did You Know?**

We are the only community organization in Hagerstown to serve a free Lunch and Dinner every day of the week, 365 days a year.

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**August Birthdays**

- **August 6**- Barb J. (Sorting Room)
- **August 16**- Roy S. (Foundations)
- **August 16**- Angie W. (Thrift Store)
- **August 26**- Dillan I. (Foundations Life Recovery Advisor)

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers are needed to help in our sorting room. Groups willing to commit to weekly times would be very helpful. Contact Michelle at 301-739-1165 for more information.