

## November 2024 Newsletter



### From our Administrator:

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
Psalm 107:1*

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the continued support of our compassionate community. Thanks to you, The Hope Center is able to keep its doors open every single day of the year—no matter the circumstances. Whether it's a holiday or a harsh winter day, we never close, ensuring that anyone in need has a place to find refuge, a warm meal, and a source of hope.

Our mission is to be a beacon of light for those who are struggling, providing help today and hope for tomorrow. We never know what challenges life may bring, and any one of us could find ourselves in need of a place like The Hope Center. But because of your faithful support, we are here—day in and day out—offering love, shelter, and life-changing recovery to everyone who comes through our doors.

As we gather with loved ones and reflect on our blessings, we invite you to partner with us in making this season brighter for those who need it most. Your generosity helps ensure that The Hope Center can continue to be a source of hope and help for the hurting in our community.

~ Aimee Izer

# COMPASSION

## Partners

Our monthly giving partners are critical to the ministries of The Hope Center at Hagerstown Rescue Mission. We wanted to recognize our monthly givers with a name that matched their generosity. So we introduce *Compassion Partners*. It is the compassion of our monthly partners that keeps us going.

Would you like to become a Compassion Partner? It's as easy as [CLICKING THIS LINK](#) and choosing 'recurring' for the giving option. Or you can simply write us a check monthly and send it to: The Hope Center, P.O. Box 685, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

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### Wildside Kids- Thanksgiving Pizza Feast



On Sunday, November 24th, from 3-5 PM, kids ages 5-12 are invited to a Thanksgiving Pizza Feast. Join us for pizza, games, crafts, and a Thanksgiving Bible Study.

Wildside Kids is in our Trinity Center (215 W. Church St. is parking). The Trinity Center is the multipurpose building at the far end of the parking lot.

For more info, email [wildside@hagerstownhopecenter.com](mailto:wildside@hagerstownhopecenter.com).

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### Coats4Kids Giving Tuesday Campaign



Last year's Coats4Kids campaign was a great success! We believe no person should be cold this winter! For this year's coats campaign, we encourage schools, groups, and organizations to collect coats which will then be freely distributed to those in need in our community. We will accept all coats- for kids and adults.

This Giving Tuesday (December 3rd), The Hope Center at Hagerstown Rescue Mission will receive items collected during the *Coats4Kids* coat drive. Schools and organizations will collect gently used coats, and on Giving Tuesday, The Hope Center will come and collect the coats. This year we will distribute the coats during a one-day community giveaway event (in addition to giving away as needed to those in need).

Help us keep our community warm this winter! Partner with us today. Please contact our office to arrange for pickup on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, or to arrange drop off.

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### The Great Hagerstown Thanksgiving Feast



Join us on November 28th for our Great Hagerstown Thanksgiving Feast. If you or anyone you know does not have plans for Thanksgiving, please join us at 11:30 a.m. in the Trinity Center. Our free buffet includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, succotash, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Times are hard and food prices are high. Let us help in this special way by serving you a fabulous Thanksgiving meal.

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## October in Pictures



Our Office Manager, Michelle Rizer, won our employee Chili Cookoff and smiled for the camera with Aimee Izer, our Administrator. Every day our Foundations Life Recovery residents enjoy a mid-morning snack. And our lunch and dinner guests always have the option of enjoying dessert with their meals. Finally, Little Caesars brought their Love Kitchen truck to our location to serve our guests their delicious pizza.

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# CURRENT NEEDS LIST



- ☒ CANNED PASTA
- ☒ CANNED MEAT (CHICKEN OR ROAST BEEF)
- ☒ JELLY
- ☒ CEREAL
- ☒ TACO SHELLS AND SEASONING
- ☒ SPAGHETTI/PASTA SAUCE
- ☒ CANNED VEGETABLES (CARROTS & MIXED)

The above list is currently our most needed items for our food pantry. These items supply our meal ministries and food bags! This is a tangible way to help those in need in your community.

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

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# PANTRY ITEM *of the Month*

## November Item: Sweet Treats



We have salty snacks, but we are almost out of sweet treats. We can use cookies, snacks, bars, or anything sweet to put a smile on a kid's face.

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.

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### Year-to-date Numbers



#### YEAR-TO-DATE NUMBERS

Help for today... Hope for tomorrow

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Food Bags.....               | 687    |
| Meals Served.....            | 43,462 |
| Bednights.....               | 13,515 |
| Chapel Attendance.....       | 17,009 |
| Clothing Articles Given..... | 10,636 |

### Did You Know?



The Hope Center at Hagerstown Rescue Mission is our community's oldest, continually operating homeless shelter.

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### November Birthdays

### Volunteer Today!



**November 8-** Marsha L.  
(Chambersburg Thrift Store  
Manager)

**November 11-** Terry B. (Deskman)

**November 18-** Terry I.  
(Superintendent of Men's Ministries  
and Facilities)

**November 27-** Michelle R. (Office  
Manager)



Volunteers are essential to the  
operation of The Hope Center.  
Gather up some friends and come  
volunteer with us.

Email

[volunteer@hagerstownhopecenter.com](mailto:volunteer@hagerstownhopecenter.com)



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