

March 2024 Newsletter



From our Administrator:

Happy March everyone,

So many exciting things are coming our way. I'm not sure if you are anything like me, but I am looking forward to the longer days, warmer weather, and the coming back to life of nature around us.... But most importantly, the celebration of Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

As we enter March, I encourage us all to meditate on the sacrifice Jesus provided on Good Friday, and what that truly means to each of us. I know that without the sacrifice of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, I have no hope.

From this sacrifice comes my desire to love others. This is the message of The Hope Center. Where do you place your hope?

I would encourage each of you to carefully read this month's newsletter and see all the ways you can help show the love of Christ to our community. Why not help us in new ways this Spring?

May God be real to each of you, and if He is not, please call me or stop by for a visit. I would love to share with you my Hope in Christ.

~ Aimee Izer

Wildside TEENS

Open Gym Night

**Thursdays
5:30-7 PM**

For 6th-12th Graders



Our open gym night for teens is a great success. But with that, we need more volunteers. Will you help us on some Thursday nights to show these young people the love of Christ?

If you are interested in helping us, please email wildside@hagerstownhopecenter.com.

Grab Some Friends and Walk/Jog/Run for HOPE



Rock the Run 5K is our biggest fundraiser of the year. One great way to help us is

by gathering friends, a Sunday School class, Bible study, or even your whole church or organization, and signing up a group to participate! It's great fun for a great cause.

If you cannot attend the race, you can still help us! Just go to register and choose Donate. Thank you in advance!

For more information, go to www.rocktherunhagerstown.com.

Fighting Maryland State Government Overreach

We continue to fight the attack on our religious rights to function as a faith-based, private, non-profit homeless shelter in the State of Maryland. If our state government succeeds in creating a law to mandate **operational requirements** for this homeless shelter, what will limit them in advancing to control all private, faith-based non-profits?

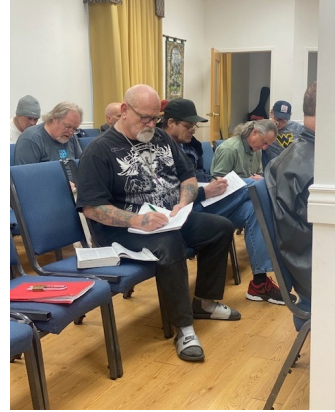
The Maryland legislature is advancing House Bill 577 and Senate Bill 1107 to require all homeless shelters in the state to be licensed. Homeless shelters are already regulated through federal, state, county, and city regulations. **This law requiring licensure will allow the state government to control almost all aspects of shelter management, even if those controls directly oppose biblical and Christian standards, conduct, and beliefs.**

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.hopecenterhagerstown.org/open-letter>

February in Pictures





We were busy during the month of February. Wildside Youth Ministries is in full swing with activities for kids and teens. The FASCAR event was a successful event and the kids had a great time! We celebrated Fastnacht Day, and our residents and staff enjoyed the donuts. We appreciate the donations that continue to come in, and we are especially proud of our local Christian schools that have supported us in the last two months! And as we fight this bill trying to be passed into law, we thank the Lord for the freedom to teach our residents the love of God through Bible study.

Current Needs List

❖ CURRENT NEEDS LIST ❖

- COFFEE AND CREAMER
- MILK
- SUGAR AND BROWN SUGAR
- PEPPER (SEASONING)
- COLD & FLU MEDS (NON-DROWSY)
- TYLENOL/IBUPROFEN
- PAPER TOWELS

We have the above needs for our pantry and shelter. We always need milk and sugar, and we need coffee/creamer, brown sugar, and pepper (we have salt but we are running low on pepper). We always need some over-the-counter medicines, and we could use rolls of paper towels.

If you use an online retailer, please have donations shipped to:
The Hope Center at Hagerstown Rescue Mission
125 N. Prospect St.
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Monthly Pantry Need

 **PANTRY ITEM**
of the Month



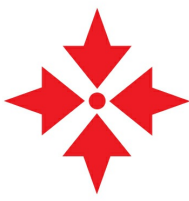
March Item:
Coffee and Creamer



Our March Food Pantry item is coffee and creamer for our meal ministry. Large sizes are the most helpful, but any size is appreciated.

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.

Year-to-date Numbers



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Help for today... Hope for tomorrow

<i>Food Bags.....</i>	<i>66</i>
<i>Meals Served.....</i>	<i>5,070</i>
<i>Overnight Guests.....</i>	<i>1,645</i>
<i>Chapel Attendance.....</i>	<i>1,777</i>
<i>Clothing Articles Given.....</i>	<i>996</i>

Did You Know?



We do not rely on government funding. We rely on our generous community and supporters to fund our work here. Since 1955, we have operated on God's provisions and not on the government.

March Birthdays

Volunteer Opportunities



March 6- Misty H. (Store Clerk)
March 6- Troy M. (Resident)
March 10- Jim D. (Resident)
March 14- Ty B. (Resident)
March 27- Carole K. (Sorting Room)

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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