

# July 2024 Newsletter



# From our Administrator:

So many things bring about frustration, disappointment, anger, fear, and many other emotions. Especially if you look around at the world today. These are things that we work daily with our men in the program and the guests who come through our doors daily, as well as with the staff who work here as well. We all have times when we feel these things. Here is something from God's

word. Psalms 68:19, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah."

- Daily every single day; do I even recognize it? Do I acknowledge it? Do I thank Him for it?
- Loadeth "as much as can be carried" He doesn't just sprinkle in one here or there. He loads them on.
- Benefits "Gracious acts."
- Even the God of our Salvation as if saving us and giving us an eternal home in Heaven wasn't enough.
- Selah "pause." His Word tells us to pause and think about what we just read.

Every single day, God gives us more kindness and goodness than we can carry, beyond our salvation. Yet do we ever stop to acknowledge or thank Him for what He does daily? Is there anything better for us to pause and think about than God's goodness? So, the next time you find yourself getting worried or concerned or all worked up about the events of the world, pause. And think of all God has done for you today. Not just throughout your life, but today. Nothing comforts the heart like stopping and thinking of how good God has been to me today and thanking Him for it. (From my devotions a while back. I'm not sure of the original author.)

~ Aimee Izer

# Camp Wild Sports Camp



Camp Wild 2024 is excited to offer our first-ever Sports Camp! Our soccer fields are ready, and we know our campers will have a great week at camp. This camp is for kids ages 8-12.

Camp Wild Sports Camp July 22nd - July 26th (10 am - 4 pm)

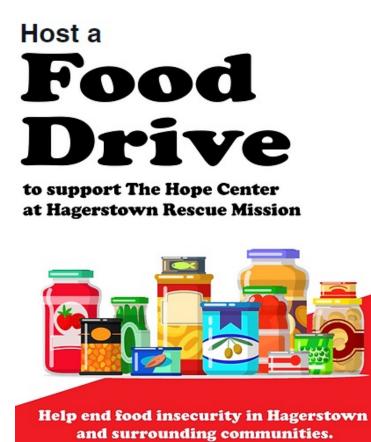
For more information or to register, go to https://www.hopecenterhagerstown.org/camp-wild.

Helping Our Community Beat the Heat



When the Washington County Department of Emergency Management declares a heat emergency, The Hope Center at Hagerstown Rescue Mission opens its doors to let anyone in need come in to cool off and grab cool water to help them hydrate. This is one of the many ways we help the men, women, and children in our community.

### Will You Host a Food Drive?



Partner with us today by hosting a food drive! We rely on individuals, churches, schools, civic groups, and businesses to help us keep our food pantry stocked. Our pantry items supply our daily meals to men, women, and children in our community,

as well as the items we give away in our food bags. Go to **https://www.hagerstownhopecenter.com/pantry** or call 301-739-1165 for more information.

#### June in Pictures



In June, we featured our Foundations Life Recovery residents as they worked at The Hope Center and grew as believers in Jesus Christ, and functioning members of society. We are proud of these men! We shared about how we are teaching our residents from 1 John. Our teen Open Gym Night continues to grow. And one of our active ministries is giving our community members a grocery-size bag of food (every 30 days). Follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on what is happening here at The Hope Center!

#### **Current Needs List**



Our meal ministry continues to meet the needs of families in the Hagerstown area. We always need milk, ketchup, and pancake syrup. Our food bags need spaghetti noodles and sauce, as well as granola bars or similar snacks. For medicines, we need cold medicine (tablets) and anti-fungal foot cream.

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**



Our July Food Pantry item is spaghetti/pasta sauce. We supply this item in our food bags.

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



Help for today... Hope for tomorrow

Food Bags	333
Meals Served	24,120
Bednights	7,558
Chapel Attendance	9,199
Clothing Articles Given	4,504

# **Did You Know?**



The Hope Center at Hagerstown Rescue Mission is a water station during Heat Advisories. During hot weather, anyone in need can come to our facility to rehydrate with water.

# **Amazon Wishlist**

# July Birthdays



July 12- Matthew H. (Sorting Room) July 15- Julia H. (Chambersburg Store) July 22- Sophia P. (Hagerstown Store) July 25- Robert P (Resident)



If you want an easy way to give inkind gifts to The Hope Center, then just shop using our Amazon Wishlist.



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