

HOPE UNITED

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Annual Report 2025

Vision

Restoring Lives Bridging Communities

Our Purpose

Communities come together through the love of Christ, bringing hope, encouragement, and healing.

The Promise

We are committed to providing resources in a safe environment that promotes healing and hope for individuals and families facing hardships. Through collaborative efforts, we are the driving force behind life-changing solutions, promoting holistic well-being and self-sufficiency.

CURRENT GAP MINISTRIES OF HOPE UNITED

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Amanda's House: a recovery home for women 18 years old and older who find themselves in destructive life patterns.

Car Care Ministry: repairs vehicles with an added touch of compassion and support.

Reset Day Center: helps homeless and displaced individuals obtain essential documents needed to move ahead.

Restored Hope Furniture Ministry: provides essential donated furniture for those starting over in life.

Side-by-Side Mentoring: one-on-one coaching that helps individuals obtain self-sufficiency.

Sturgis Make it Home: supplies critical household items to individuals in need.

Faith & Finance Class: teaches basic money management skills.

Getting Ahead Class: builds resources for a better life.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on this past year, our hearts are full of gratitude for each of you who has supported Hope United's mission. Because of your generosity, faithfulness, and dedication, countless lives have been touched, needs have been met, and hope has been restored throughout our community.

To our donors, thank you for your sacrificial giving and trust in this mission. Your financial support allows us to meet both immediate and long-term needs, walk alongside individuals and families in crisis, and provide resources that create lasting change. You are truly making an eternal impact.

To our volunteers, we cannot thank you enough for the time, compassion, and love you pour into those we serve. You are the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, and your willingness to serve makes everything we do possible.

To our board members, thank you for your unwavering dedication, leadership, and countless hours of prayer, planning, and service. Your commitment and guidance strengthen this ministry and ensure that Hope United continues to grow with integrity, wisdom, and vision.

To our sponsors and community partners, thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and investing in hope. Your partnership allows us to expand our reach and deepen our impact, helping us build a stronger and more compassionate community together.

Above all, we give glory to God, for it is through His provision, grace, and faithfulness that this work continues. We are humbled and honored to serve alongside such an incredible community of supporters, united by faith and love.

Thank you for making this year one of growth, restoration, and transformation. We look forward with great anticipation to what God will do in the year ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude, *Jill Gunn*

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT ACCOMPLISHES



Support & Connect the Churches of St. Joseph County

Unite churches to love and serve our neighbors.

Connect our church and community to the needs.

Provide help in a manner that results in life change for those we are assisting.



Healing & Thriving

Develop personal relationships with those we serve.

Help individuals find hope and healing from the pain of their past.

Connect those we serve to a loving church family who will continue to offer ongoing support and discipleship.



Education

Educate our partner churches on benevolence and relief efforts.

Educate the community on the complexities of poverty through COPE events and classes.

Educate those we serve through Faith & Finance and Getting Ahead classes.



Promote & Support Ministries

Partner with existing ministries and agencies.

Connect those we serve with existing resources.

Support our partner churches in forming Gap Ministries to meet unmet needs in the community.



RESET
DAY CENTER



RESET builds relationships that empower individuals with the tools for lasting transformation and self-sufficiency.

ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS & ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS

- Job Applications/Resume Assistance
- Driver's Licenses/State I.D.
- Birth Certificates
- Social Security Cards
- Apartment Applications/ Housing Resources

HELP WITH MI BRIDGES RESOURCES

RESET assists individuals in accessing services by guiding them through the MI Bridges website, ensuring they receive the necessary resources.



St. Joseph County
United Way

274
CLIENTS
SERVED

934
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

29
ADDITIONAL
SERVICES
PROVIDED

81
DOCUMENTS &
ID'S PROVIDED

Providing essential furniture for those starting over in life

200
CLIENTS &
FAMILIES
SERVED

1858
VOLUNTEER
HOURS



2405
PIECES OF
FURNITURE

8722
MILES
TRAVELED

**FURNITURE DONATIONS
ACCEPTED & PICK-UP AVAILABLE**



**To donate use QR Code
or visit our website**

**THANK YOU TWIN COUNTY PROBATION CENTER FOR
YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO
RESTORED HOPE FURNITURE MINISTRY!**





AMANDA'S HOUSE
THREE RIVERS, MI



Amanda's House is a faith-based, state-certified (MARR/NARR) recovery residence for women aged 18 and older, with a duration of 6 to 12 months. We provide a holistic treatment program designed to inspire hope and facilitate life-changing transformations from brokenness and pain. Our residence and aftercare programs equip these women to flourish in their recovery journeys while fostering their relationships with God.





Hope United partners with Grace Church to provide mechanical services to those who can't afford to have their cars serviced.



Lack of transportation is one of the biggest barriers to self-sufficiency in St Joseph County.

This service is provide by referral only. Please contact Hope United if you are a church or case manager with a client need.



Sturgis Make It Home helps with the basic needs of those establishing a new home after a fire, homelessness, or crisis.

20
HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED

15
VOLUNTEERS

9 REFFERAL
AGENCIES &
CHURCHES





Basic Instruction In Financial Literacy



Hope United is a Certified Program Provider that offers the Faith & Finances series for those in the community.

Please contact Hope United for for information on upcoming classes

Getting AHEAD

in a Just-Gettin'-By World

A WEEKLY "KITCHEN TABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE" FOR INDIVIDUALS STRUGGLING WITH SITUATIONAL LIFE STRESSORS



"Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World" guides individuals step by step to envision and build a better future, focusing on possibilities rather than present struggles. Hope United, a certified provider of this class, offers it regularly in the community—contact us for more information and join our new class in 2026.

Hope United's Cope Event

COPE

A Think Tank Experience

A 2.5 hour experience that offers a personal connection to the stories and daily realities of the lives of families experiencing poverty in America.



Hope United sees value in educating our community on the complexities of poverty. Look for upcoming dates to attend this amazing event in 2026! You won't want to miss!



VISION OF HOPE



Hope United's Vision of Hope ministry brings clear vision to underprivileged individuals by providing free vision clinics where participants can receive eye exams and new glasses to help them see clearly and thrive.



Hope United's Annual Extravaganza



Hope United's Annual Extravaganza is an inspiring evening celebrating what God is doing through Hope United's ministries and supporting even greater Kingdom building work ahead. Join us on November 17, 2026 for this free fundraising event featuring a silent auction, food, and more.



Hope United Fun Run is a superhero-themed 5K/1-mile community run/walk in Three Rivers that brings people together to support Hope United's mission of uniting local churches and agencies, and we're seeking sponsors to help make it even bigger and better.



Please plan to join us for our 2026 Fun Run on June 20th Sign ups are live!



Pursuing Future Ministries

Hope United pursues filling gaps in services

HOPE UNITED TINY HOME VILLAGES

A research-driven strategy aimed at addressing homelessness by fostering strong connections with the chronically homeless and their support networks is implemented. This model was researched and developed through an organization called "Settled" out of St. Paul, MN. **To read more go to settled.org.**



Guiding the local church to cultivate homes in a homeless world.

HOPE UNITED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Wheels to Work

A ride-to-work program for transportation barriers and people looking for a reliable and affordable transportation alternative. Employers and employees share the cost.

Hope United is looking for churches or organizations who might be willing to take this project on. Please contact Jill Gunn if you would like more information.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP CHANGE LIVES



We at Hope United are so grateful for your contributions that truly make the work we do possible. Thank you for your continued support!

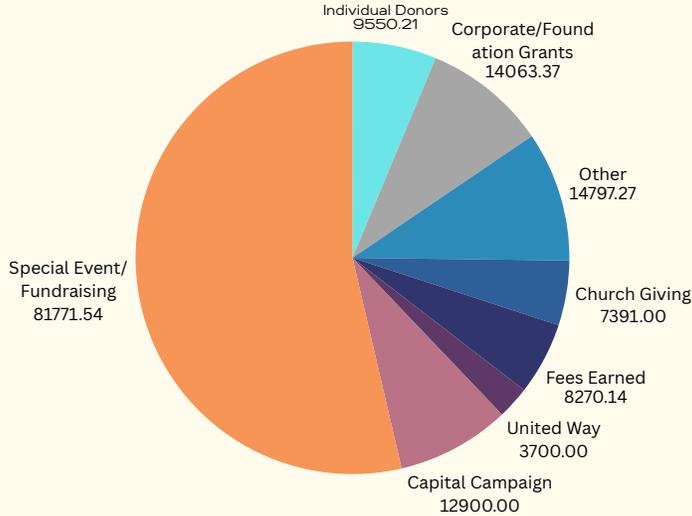
For more information on how you, your church, or your organization can become involved, please visit our website at:

www.hopeunitedsjc.com

Thank you!



HOPE UNITED INCOME OVERVIEW REPORT



FUNDING SOURCE

Special Events/Fundraising
 Individual Donations
 Corporate/Foundation Grants
 Other
 Church Giving
 Fees Earned
 United Way
 Government/Federal
 Capital Campaigns

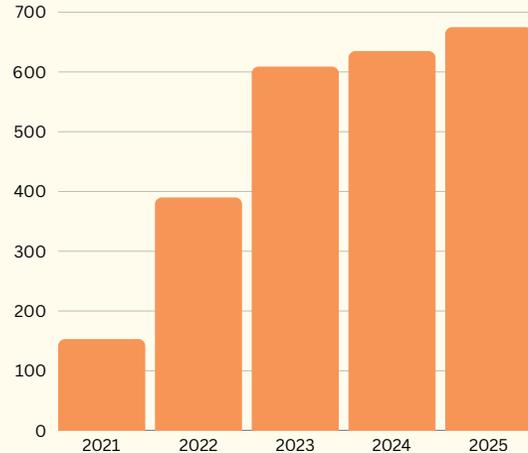
AMOUNT

\$ 81,771.54
 \$ 9,550.21
 \$ 14,063.37
 \$ 14,797.27
 \$ 7,391.00
 \$ 8,270.14
 \$ 3,700.00
 \$ 0
\$ 12,900.17

Total Revenue

\$152,443.53

Individuals & Families Being Helped Through Hope United



Your Donations are Changing Lives

Hope United Income Overview Report provides a comprehensive overview of the revenue received through our organization for 2025.

This report also shows the number of individuals who have been helped for the past five years through the ministries of Hope United.

HOPE UNITED BOARD MEMBERS

Lynn Zeiler: President

*Group Exercise Instructor,
Beacon Health & Fitness & COA
Retired Team Leader,
IU Health La Porte Hospital*

PJ Horn: Vice President

*Senior Pastor - Cory Church of the Nazarene,
Three Rivers, MI*

Shane Burns: Secretary

Senior Pastor, Centreville Baptist Church

Chandler McBride: Treasurer

AAA Life and Annuity Specialist

Nanci Tissot: Board Member

*Former Marketing Director,
Bair Lake Bible Camp*

Laura Brott: Board Member

*Collaborative Coordinator St. Joseph County
Human Services Commission*

Cathy Jo Mattson: Board Member

*Retired businesswoman and active in
non-profit work for
The Women's Advocacy Center
in Memphis, TN*

Russ Stauffer: Board Member

Former chaplain of St Joseph County Jail

HOPE UNITED EMPLOYEES

Jill Gunn

Hope United Executive Director

Patti Allton

Amanda's House Coordinator

Hope United 2026 Events

GIVE HOPE CAMPAIGN

February, 2026

Give Hope to Hope United's Amanda's House Women as we provide them with a safe environment to heal. Look for upcoming stories from Amanda's House graduates and how you can support this great ministry!

CULVER'S FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Feb. 3rd, May 5th, Aug. 25th, Dec. 1st 2026

Join us at our upcoming Multiply Culver's Fundraising Events and turn a great meal into meaningful impact! Bring your family and friends, enjoy delicious food, and have a fun night out while supporting the life-changing work of Hope United. Your participation helps us multiply hope, restore lives, and strengthen our community – and we promise it will be a great time for all! Look for dates!

HOPE UNITED 5K/1 MILE SUPERHERO FUN RUN

June 20th 2026

Come join us for this amazing event held during the Three Rivers Water Festival. Choose to sponsor the race or come on out to join the fun! All funding supports the ministries of Hope United. Check out our website for more information!



SCAN TO GIVE

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GIVE HOPE COMPAIGN

July-Aug. 16th, 2026

Give hope to Hope United's Ministries that serve those in need in our community. Learn more about how poverty affects us all and how you can help end poverty in our county.

HOPE UNITED EXTRAVAGANZA

November 17th 2026

This is a wonderful, free event. Join us for this inspirational time of testimonies and great food! For more information check out our website. More details are to follow!

BASKETS OF HOPE

Your business, church or organization can donate a gift basket, or item for a gift basket for the silent auction to be held at our annual Extravaganza event! See our website for more information.

HOPE UNITED VOLUNTEERS

Year Around

Hope United relies on volunteers to run the many ministries and classes that we offer our community. We need need your gifts and talents to make all this happen. Fill out a volunteer application on our website today as you pray about how you can be involved.