

# HOPE UNITED

# 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-sufficeincy.

# CURRENT GAP MINISTIES 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

#### STAFF & BOARD

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Retired business woman and active in non-profit work for The Women's Advocacy Center in Memphis TN It is incredible to reflect on all that Hope United has accomplished through God's hands in 2024! I want to thank each donor and sponsor who has made these accomplishments possible through your generosity. I also want to thank all the volunteers who are the lifeblood of our organization. Because of all of you, lives are being healed, restored, and saved! We are truly thankful to each of you!

Thanks to Hope United's outstanding Board of Directors, who tirelessly give their expertise and wisdom to advance Hope United's mission in our community. None of this would be possible without the gifts, talents, and passion they bring. Working alongside them to accomplish God's Kingdom work is a tremendous blessing.

2025 brings many new and exciting projects to look forward to. We know that as we step out in faith, God will continue to use and expand our efforts to love our neighbors well and to bring hope and healing to those who are hurting and in despair.

Despite a world where individuals seem more divided than ever, let's continue to unite to provide life-changing solutions to those we serve and to make St. Joseph County an excellent place for all to live and thrive!

Blessings,



# 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.



#### **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.



# 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.



# 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 exists to build relational bonds with individuals in need of help with their lives, by empowering them and equipping them with the tools needed for transformational life change and self-sufficiency.

2024 Accomplishments...



St. Joseph County United Way

442
CLIENTS
SERVED

1137
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

122
DOCUMENTS & ID'S PROVIDED

83
ADDITIONAL
SERVICES
PROVIDED

# ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS AND 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.









# RESTORED HOPE FURNITURE MINISTRY

Providing essential furniture for those starting over in life

## 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

160 CLIENTS & FAMILIES SERVED

193 DONORS

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2035
PIECES OF
FURNITURE

7806 MILES TRAVELED 1619 VOLUNTEER HOURS

A Ministry of Hope United To donate use QR Code or link provided.

https://forms.gle/fChj6ifxSj2cshtr9





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







THREE RIVERS, MI



10 Women's Lives Changed





## Amanda's House

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.





A Ministry of Hope United





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.

A Ministry in Partnership With Hope United

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

# sturgis make it home







20 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

15 VOLUNTEERS 9 REFFERAL AGENCIES & CHURCHES

# FAITH & FINANCES basic instruction in financial literacy

NEW CLASS STARTING MAY 1ST 2025



Please contact Hope United for for information on upcoming classes



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



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

# Getting AHEAD

in a Just-Gettin'-By World

'Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' by World' takes individuals on a step-by-step discovery like no other. It's not about the here and now, it's about what the future can look like when steps are taken to "get ahead."

Hope United is a certified provider of the "Getting Ahead" class that is offered on a regular basis within the community. Please contact Hope United for more information. NEW CLASS STARTING MAY OF 2025

# Hope United's Cope Event

# The Cost of Poverty 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!

Learn more at thinktank-inc.org/cope





# Hope United's Vision Clinic







# Thank You To Our Sponsors of the Community Vision Clinic











Thank you to the sponsors of this amazing event. We were able to serve 21 individuals with eye exams and glasses. Two patients were found to have serious eye conditions. Their sight was saved because of this service!







# HOPE UNITED INCOME OVERVIEW REPORT

Hope United Income Overview Report provides a comprehensive overview of the revenue received through our organization for 2024. This report also shows the number of individuals who have been helped for the past four years through the ministries of Hope United.

#### Your Donations are Changing Lives

Hope United's ministry scope continues to grow! We are able to offer healing and hope to these individuals because of your generosity. Those we serve are finding holistic solutions to their life problems and learning how to walk in freedom and self sufficiency. Thank you for making this possible!

# **Hope United 2024 Income**



FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
Special Events/Fundraisings	\$45,350.00
Individual Donors	\$36,743.14
Corporate/Foundation Grants	\$33,000.00
Other	\$13,073.00
Church Giving	<b>\$11,750.00</b>
Fees Earned	\$6,300.00
United Way	\$5,000.00
Government/Federal	<b>\$</b> O
Capital Campaigns	\$0

Total Revenue \$151,216.81

### Individuals Being Helped Through Hope United

- First ministry of Hope United was
   Amanda's House. It opened in 2020
- Restored Hope Furniture Ministry
  began in 2021, significantly increasing the #
  of indivdiuals Hope United serves.
- RESET Day Center opened in 2022 and has since expanded to two locations.
- Sturgis Make it Home started in 2023
- Grace Car Care started in 2023
- Hope United classes; Faith & Finances, and Getting Ahead were added in 2023 along with the Cope Event.
- Hope's Vision Clinic was added in 2024

