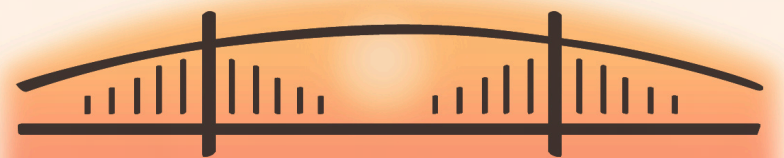


# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**HOPE UNITED**

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

# 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-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:** repairing vehicles with an added touch of compassion and support.

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

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

**Side by Side Mentoring:** one-on-one coaching helping individuals to obtain self-sufficiency.

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

**Faith & Finance Class:** teaching basic money management skills.

**Getting Ahead Class:** building resources for a better life.

# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

## STAFF & BOARD

**Jill Gunn, Hope United Executive Director**  
**Patti Allton, Amanda's House Coordinator**

**Lynn Zeiler: President**

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

**Paul Booko: Vice President**

*Senior Pastor - Riverside Church,  
Three Rivers, MI*

**Chandler McBride: Treasurer**

*AAA Life and Annuity Specialist*

**Tara Smith: Secretary**

*Owner/Clinician - Tara SmithTherapy Services, PLLC*

**Janice Reed**

*Retired MDHHS Community Resource Coordinator, Contract Administrator, Cass & St. Joseph County*

**Nanci Tissot**

*Former Marketing Director,  
Bair Lake Bible Camp*

**Laura Brott**

*Collaborative Coordinator  
St. Joseph County Human Services Commission*

**TJ Baker**

*Captain, St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department*

**PJ Horn**

*Senior Pastor Corey Church of the Nazarene, Three Rivers, MI*

We are in awe of how God has worked in 2023! The transformation in the lives of those we've served has been nothing short of miraculous, and we give God all the glory! God uses the gifts you give Hope United to make all we do possible.

Thank you for the faithful sacrificial giving of your time, talent, and resources, which are the backbone of our organization. We only exist because of your generosity, support and commitment to making a difference in our own neighborhoods as we serve those in need,

As you read this annual report, we invite you to reflect on how God might call you to deepen your involvement in Hope United's ministries. Consider the personal growth and fulfillment that could come from partnering with us in this awe inspiring Kingdom work. What unique contributions can you bring to the table? Let's find out together!

Sincerely,



# 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  
our Faith & Finance and  
Getting Ahead classes.



## Promote & Support Ministries

Partner with existing ministries  
and agencies.

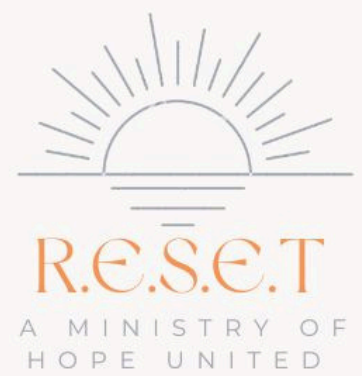
Connect those we serve with  
existing resources.

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



# R.E.S.E.T. DAY CENTER

**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.



## 2023 Accomplishments...

**325**

**CLIENTS  
SERVED**

**1953**

**VOLUNTEER  
HOURS**

**122**

**DOCUMENTS  
& ID'S  
PROVIDED**

**362**

**LUNCHES  
SERVED**

## ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS AND ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS

- Job Applications/Resume Assistance
- Drivers Licenses/State I.D.
- Birth Certificates
- Social Security Cards
- Apartment Applications/ Housing Resources
- Cell Phones

## HELP WITH MI BRIDGES RESOURCES

RESET helps individuals connect with services by helping them navigate the MI Bridges website, ensuring they receive the appropriate resources.



# RESTORED HOPE FURNITURE MINISTRY

Providing essential furniture  
for those starting over in life

## 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**115**

CLIENTS &  
FAMILIES  
SERVED

**1553**

PIECES OF  
FURNITURE

**7648**

MILES  
TRAVELED

**170**

DONORS

**1228**

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

FURNITURE DONATIONS ACCEPTED & PICK-UP AVAILABLE

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





# AMANDA'S HOUSE

**Amanda's House** is a faith-based, state certified (MARR/NARR), 6-12 month recovery residence for women 18 and older. It offers a holistic treatment program that results in hope for life transformation from brokenness and pain. The house and aftercare programs prepare these women to thrive in their lives of recovery as they develop their relationships with God.



## 2023 Accomplishments...

**10**  
Women's Lives  
Changed

**3688**  
Volunteer Hours

**Free of judgement and full of grace**



# STURGIS MAKE IT HOME

Supplying individuals starting  
over in life with essential  
household items.



**sturgis**  
make it home



**23**

HOUSEHOLDS  
SERVED SINCE  
MARCH

TAKING  
DONATIONS  
FROM THE  
COMMUNITY

WORK ON A  
REFERRAL  
BASIS

## FUTURE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Tiny Home Villages on  
Church Properties**



**Car Care Ministry  
Grace Church Sturgis**

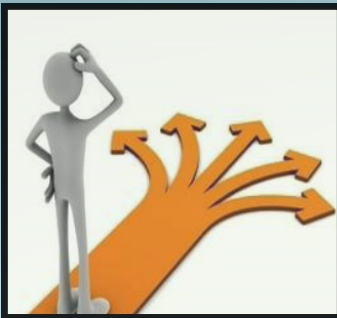




# COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL CLASSES



Hope United is a Certified Program Provider that offers the Faith & Finance series through the RESET Day Center.



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



'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 received a grant to teach the "Getting Ahead" class that is offered on a regular basis. We are already seeing the Lord doing amazing things in the lives of those participating in this class!



# 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.*

Learn more at [thinktank-inc.org/cope](http://thinktank-inc.org/cope)



***Look for upcoming dates to attend this amazing event! You won't want to miss!***



# THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHANGED LIVES POSSIBLE

The work we do at Hope United is not always easy. It requires sacrificial love from each and every individual, but the rewards of changed lives is worth it!



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

[www.hopeunitedsjc.com](http://www.hopeunitedsjc.com)

*Please help us share information with you in a more cost effective way by sharing your email address with us. Email us at our website today with updated contact information!  
Thank you!*

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."  
**Galatians 5:14**

