



Believe in Hope Harbor this Season

By Kay Dalton

To believe means to have confidence in the truth or reliability of something, even without absolute proof. This word carries special weight during this season—whether it's believing in the joy of the holidays, the magic of Santa, or the miraculous gift of Jesus.

*At Hope Harbor, we ask you to also **believe** in the transformation happening within our ministry.*



Hope Harbor is currently undergoing a profound metamorphosis. Just as a dormant cocoon becomes a butterfly or bare winter trees promise new spring leaves, we, too, are preparing to emerge as a renewed source of hope. Our mission to serve children within Oklahoma's foster care system has never been more vital. And while our focus remains steadfast, our needs have shifted—now more than ever, we need you.

Why Your Belief—and Your Support—Matters Now

Your ongoing prayer and financial support allow us to build the foundation for current and future years of service. Here's why your donations are so important during this pivotal time:

- **Revamping Our Homes:** Three of our four cottages have served families for over 25 years. Layers of love and service are etched into their walls, but it's time to renew their floors, furniture, and more to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the children who will call them home.
- **Building the Right Team:** Before we can open our homes to children, our licensing agreement requires we hire and onboard essential support staff who will be the backbone of success for our foster families. These roles are critical to providing the wrap-around care that ensures stability and healing.

Be Part of Something Bigger

Your belief in Hope Harbor is more than just a sentiment—it's an active commitment to changing lives. By donating, praying, and championing Hope Harbor, you help us answer the call to "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." (Psalm 82:3)

This season, we invite you to join us in laying the foundation that will transform lives for generations to come. Together, we can build the kingdom work needed to heal and uplift Oklahoma's vulnerable children.

Want more details on our transformation?

Be sure to explore our What's Happening section inside this newsletter for updates and specific ways you can make a difference.

Thank you for believing.



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What's Happening at



September

On September 18, Hope Harbor board and trustee members attended the Boot Camp for Board Members training provided by the Oklahoma Center for Non-Profits. Participants gained an enhanced understanding of how to better support Hope Harbor through improved development, governance, and fundraising.

October

On October 19, board members and the Executive Director of Hope Harbor attended an intensive one-day strategy meeting facilitated by Michael Mitchell and Jim Thomas. The board came together to determine the best path forward, honoring the mission of Hope Harbor and the legacy of the donor base, which is to become a foster care facility.

November

On November 18, Kay Dalton stepped into the role of Interim Executive Director, succeeding Dirk O'Donnell, who resigned after serving as the organization's Executive Director.

December

The State of Oklahoma has been contacted, and documentation received that will guide Hope Harbor through the process of becoming a foster care facility. This documentation is being carefully analyzed to understand what will be required in the weeks and months ahead.

Multiple Oklahoma foster care facilities are being researched via conversations with their respective Executive Directors. These facilities are sharing experience, expertise, and documentation so Hope Harbor can realize operational and organizational insight, bringing clarity of vision for our place of service.

Cottages and physical structure needs are carefully assessed and documented. A contractor has been contacted to provide a (free) initial cost estimate to provide an assessment of funds required to complete all updates.

2025 grant opportunities are being researched to assist with physical structure costs.



PRAY



At Hope Harbor, **hope** comes from you answering God's call.

This path was never meant to be easy, but through your prayers and support, we find the strength to keep moving forward.

Each day, we witness God's blessings in our work, and we know it's because of His calling and your faithfulness.

We humbly ask you to join us in prayer for the following intentions:

- **Wisdom** for the Hope Harbor board, trustees, foundation, and staff as we face new challenges.
- That **our steps align with God's leadership**, guiding us in all decisions we make.
- For us to remain **positive and hopeful**, trusting that God is working through us to heal and uplift hurting children.
- Insight as we continue **to prayerfully explore foster care model opportunities**, placing ourselves where we are most needed.

Every child deserves a nurturing and loving home—a place where they feel safe, supported, and cherished. For over 6,000 children in Oklahoma currently in the custody of Oklahoma Human Services, foster care serves as a lifeline, offering stability and hope during uncertain times.

But here's the challenge: Oklahoma's foster care system is struggling. According to a U.S. Department of Human Services report, Oklahoma ranked as the 11th most unstable state for foster care as of 2020. One stark statistic reveals the need for support—nearly 40% of foster families close their homes within just one year of approval. The need for new foster families across every county is matched by an equally urgent need to support and retain those already stepping up for these children.

The primary goal of foster care is to provide a temporary, loving home for children until it's safe for them to return to their birth families. With your compassion and generosity, we can help change these statistics. Together, we can empower foster families, support children in care, and work toward a future where every child has the opportunity for stability and growth.

We invite you to help.

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." — Proverbs 3:27

THRIFT HARBOR: A STORE WITH PURPOSE

By Kay Dalton

At Thrift Harbor in Claremore, Oklahoma, “thrifting with a mission” takes on a whole new meaning. Every purchase and donation directly supports Hope Harbor’s incredible mission of creating lasting impact and fostering hope within our community.

Beyond the shelves of gently used treasures lies a heartwarming story of community, compassion, and second chances. Thrift Harbor is not just a second-hand store—it’s a hub of generosity and outreach.

Here’s how Thrift Harbor goes above and beyond to make a difference:

- **Foster Care & Family Support:** Thrift Harbor provides essential resources to foster families, ensuring children in need and their caregivers receive practical help and encouragement.
- **Community Service & Second Chances:** Through partnerships with court systems and local schools, Thrift Harbor offers meaningful community service opportunities for those who are court-ordered to serve or high school students enhancing their transcripts.
- **Empowering Women in Transition:** With the help of an anonymous donor and She Brews Coffee House, Thrift Harbor provides vital goods to women re-entering society after incarceration, giving them the tools to rebuild their lives.
- **Clothing for Kids in Need:** Collaborating with local volunteers, Thrift Harbor supplies clothing to area public schools, ensuring children have access to essential items.
- **Disaster Relief:** Working hand-in-hand with Community Action, Thrift Harbor provides household essentials, clothing, and more to families in the wake of tragedies such as house fires.
- **Sharing the Word:** The store also gives away free Bibles as a way to spread faith and hope to everyone they touch.

This past year, Thrift Harbor’s commitment to the local community extended even further. During Claremore’s Dickens on the Boulevard, the store hosted the event’s costume contest and delighted visitors with stunning live window displays. Additionally, Anita, a caring leader from Thrift Harbor, doubles as a volunteer on the Claremore Main Street Board, fostering even greater connections throughout the city.

When you support Thrift Harbor—whether through shopping, donating, or volunteering—you’re actively participating in these inspiring initiatives. Together, we’re not just making purchases; we’re making a difference.

Stop by Thrift Harbor and see how your contributions can uplift lives. Every item has a story, and every act of kindness creates a ripple of hope.

Thrift Harbor



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hopeharborinc.org.

MAKE 2024 COUNT— ONE LAST GIFT OF HOPE

As the year draws to a close, we look back with gratitude for all the lives transformed through your kindness and support. Your generosity has brought hope and healing to so many children and families this past year, and with your help, ***we can do even more in 2025.***

By making one last tax-deductible gift to Hope Harbor before December 31, you can help us continue planting seeds of hope in the lives of those we serve. Together, we can build brighter futures and share the message of love and healing.

Your gift today doesn't just change lives—it becomes part of a legacy of compassion, faith, and community.

Thank you for your continued support in this mission to uplift, restore, and inspire. Give the gift of hope before the year ends.



ACT NOW

Support Hope Harbor by donating or sharing their
current needs with your community to make a difference.



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Dear Hope Harbor Family,

12/23/2024

We hope this message finds you well. We want to express our gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our mission. Your generosity and compassion make an incredible difference in the lives of those we serve.

We're reaching out regarding an error in the Memorial list published in our recent Helping Hand Newsletter. Due to an issue with our reporting system, some inaccuracies occurred in this section. Please know this mistake does not reflect the care and respect we hold for these meaningful tributes, and we deeply regret the oversight.

To honor the names and memories entrusted to us, we've attached the accurate Memorial list to this letter. Our team has also reviewed our processes and implemented additional checks to prevent similar errors in the future.

Thank you again for your continued trust and support—it truly means the world to us. Together, we can carry forward the important work of Hope Harbor.

With deepest appreciation,

Kay Dalton, Interim Executive Director

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