

Pray Until Something Happens.

But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray. -Luke 5:16

s Hope Harbor enters this new decade we are very excited about our future. So many wonderful things are going on at this amazing place. Our new Stumpff Cottage is open! We cannot wait to see what God has in store for that cottage.

We are welcoming new staff members aboard as Nathaniel and Nicole Michael join our team of Residential Life Specialists. Our academy debuted their first official newsletter in December. We now use Trust Based Relational Intervention here at Hope Harbor and we are gearing up to improve our campus by adding more sensory

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friendly outdoor equipment to our recreational areas. It is safe to say that Hope Harbor will be making a big impact in 2020! However, we cannot take the credit for all that is happening to us. God is in control and He has been the driving force behind our mission from day one. We want to offer you a chance to join us for a Campus Prayer Walk on January 11 beginning at 9:30 am. We will have a light breakfast of pastries, juice and coffee available. We want to walk with you around our campus in prayer so that we can ask God to lead us in the direction He wants Hope Harbor to go. We want your help in requesting His blessings and guidance on every aspect of our lives. This is not a fund raiser and nothing is required of you, we just ask for your prayers. For those of you who cannot make it to campus on that day, we ask that you join us at 9:30 am in prayer to our Heavenly Father. Thank you for all you do for us and thank you for standing with us. Let's make 2020 an awesome year!

Prayer Requests

• Please pray for our entire staff and their families.

Executive Director, Dr. Bob Whiddon Bookkeeper, Linda Gary Office Manager, Debbie Whiddon Academy Director, Kay Dalton Academy Assistant, Dana Brooks Teachers, Lisa Bejarano, Robert Michael, Becky Busby, Mary Hendricks

Academy Chef, Rachel Perez Marketing Director, Stephanie Steward Clinical Services Director, Jennifer Bristow Mental Health Specialist, Jessica Hendricks Clinical/Residential Assistant, Melissa Holt Residential Life Specialists

Stumpff Cottage: Chris & Amber Davis (Josiah, Zach, Avonlea) Chapman Cottage: Bill & Joy Hartsock Mabee Cottage: Nate & Nicole Michael (Thea) Tucker Cottage (Relief): Tim & Diane Lynch Stumff Cottage (Relief): Future Relief Parents

Marital and family healthiness for us all Hearts of Compassion for those we serve That we will be open to God's leading and prompting as we work with kids and families

• Please pray for our Academy. Learning & Relationship Building Safety & Health for all Students & Adults Funding & Growth Patience & Understanding for our Teachers



 Please pray for our residents & their families.

> Relationship Building Freedom from strongholds Protection from evil, protection from the enemy Acceptance of safe people in kids' lives (bio families, guardians, and adoptive families) Families will meet and get to know Jesus Healing for the kids and their families from rejection, abandonment, trauma, etc. For our campus to be one of grace and truth Good sleep for the kids and that fear will go away Freedom from nightmares Laughter and connectedness Reconciliation in family relationships Courage to face the past and the future

• Please pray for our needs Funding & Growth For God to show us the direction He wants Hope Harbor to go in the next decade. Wisdom in decision making

Making an Impact

Hope Harbor Gives Back

ope Harbor offers Workshops in our local communities through our Hope Harbor Gives Back program. Many of these workshops are very beneficial and some can be used for continuing education credits for schools and organizations. We have a variety of them available from Youth Mental Health First Aid to Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Workshops. We have available experts on each subject that are willing to lead the workshop for your organization or business. Call 918.343.0003 to find out more about these workshops.

ongratulations go to our Executive Director, Dr. Bob → Whiddon, Jr., whose book on Marriage is now in four languages: English, Croatian, Slovenian, and Spanish. Dr. Whiddon directed the Northwest Marriage Institute in Vancouver WA before coming to Hope Harbor. The institute in Washington presented workshops and classes to low income couples in the Portland OR/Vancouver WA area. His book Secrets to Surviving the Marriage Fog is a compilation of the lessons and practical advice given during his 8-hour workshop. Eastern European Missions asked permission to translate his book into the Croatian and Slovenian. The EEM gives Bibles and religious books away free to Europeans who want to know more about Christ and His way of life. The Spanish translation of the book was just released. Congratulations Dr. Bob! (For more information on these books, email Dr. Bob directly: drbob@hopeharborinc.org)

"One Slovenian woman became a Christian. After reading 'Surviving the Marriage Fog' she stopped sleeping with her boyfriend. At first he was upset, but after seeing her marriage book laying on a table at home he picked it up and read it. 'Now I understand,' he said. It has changed their whole relationship." (EEM Trip Report, June 2019)

"I have heard over and over again from a number of people what a blessing your book 'Surviving the Marriage Fog' has been to them. Some even credit it for saving their marriages. So I wanted to share a heartfelt 'thank you' from the people in Slovenia for sharing your book with them." (Bartosz Rybinski, V.P. European Operations, Eastern European Missions)

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FROM OCTOBER 16, 2019 TO DECEMBER 15, 2019

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- Pericles

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CHANGE CANS and THE ROUND UP APP

Our yearly Change Can Drive has been a long lived fundraising campaign here at Hope Harbor. We have change cans that we can mail you or bring to your church congregations. Simply just take a can, fill it up and then you can send it back to us or drop it by one of our Thrift Harbor stores.

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YEARLY FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

We hold fundraising events throughout the year. A yearly Golf Tournament, Our Open House and Fish Fry, Wits & Waffles Academy Annual Fundraiser, and our Annual Charity of Hope Event. These events are a great way to be involved with Hope Harbor. Please check our website and FB page for the most updated information about each of these events.

PHONE CAMPAIGN & QUARTERLY APPEALS

Each year we send out appeal letters every quarter by mail. We also do our annual phone campaign to raise money. Usually these campaigns are centered around raising money for immediate needs that may arise. To be added to the list for any of these, please email us at admin@hopeharborinc.org.

Ushy We Do What We Do



By Stephanie Steward

ver the past year we have posted many articles and information about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). We have given statistics, charts, graphs, infographics and the list goes on and on. While the science behind what we are discovering about these effects is important, we know our supporters understand that there are real people who are living with the nightmares, tantrums, breakdowns, and barriers that come with having lived through all of these hard things.

Hope Harbor is more than just statistics and fundraising. Hope Harbor is a place where families who have no where else to turn can come and find rest in our warm embraces. We see parents on their worsts days, full of guilt and shame that they are not equipped to deal with what their child is going through. They are completely unable to understand what their child is so desperately trying to tell them they need. We see teenagers who may look like they are on their way to being adults but inside they are feeling the void that their childhood left when it was stolen away from them. They want to act their age but in reality their body wants them to remain little for a while longer so they can recapture some of what they have lost. But we also see victories as families learn how to cope

with the hard times. They learn to believe and trust in one another again. They learn to have fun as a family and play games together and how to depend on each other. Children learn that just because their past was traumatic, their future can still be amazing and that through Christ, everything is possible.

It is for these reasons we get up each morning and try to fight through our own weariness to ensure we can show as much compassion and love to these families as we possibly can. It's why we beg donors for money over and over again so that we can continue to help the many number of people who call us with desperation in their voices for someone to help them. It's why we spend many hours on our knees in prayer to our Heavenly Father asking Him to show us the wisdom and guidance needed to continue our work here. It's why Hope Harbor is more than just a job for all of us, it's a ministry and becomes our passion.

Hope Harbor is not just a place of statistics and cold hard facts. It's a place of love and understanding and a place that hope can come alive again in our children and our families. Thank you for being a part of this great ministry and thank you for making a difference. Let's make 2020 the best year yet for Hope Harbor as we help create more stories of triumph for those we serve.

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