



A SEASON OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION

Hope Harbor's New "Jenesis"

The word genesis comes from a Greek term meaning origin, source, or beginning. It is fittingly the title of the first book of the Bible, the book that begins God's revelation of Himself to humankind. Genesis tells how God created the heavens and the earth, how life began, and how His relationship with humanity was first established. Interestingly, the same word reappears in Matthew 1:1 and 1:18, where it marks another divine beginning, the genesis of Jesus Christ, when God begins His redemptive work through His Son. In both cases, genesis signifies that God is doing something new, something purposeful and transformative.

In that same spirit, Hope Harbor is entering its own genesis, a new chapter of ministry and mission. After many faithful years operating as a residential care facility, Hope Harbor has transitioned into a foster care ministry. This shift is more than a change in structure; it represents a renewed way for us to partner with families, churches, and communities in carrying out the work God has called us to. And in a beautiful reminder of God's timing, our very first child under this new model is named Jenesis, a living testimony that every new beginning is a part of His greater plan.

This new season brings with it a profound shift in how we live out our mission. Two areas in particular define this transformation:

1. Supporting Our Ministry Partners (Foster Families)

Under our former residential care model, House Parents were employees of Hope

Harbor, being trained, supported, and compensated to care for the children in residence. In our new foster care model, however, foster parents are missionaries (not employees of Hope Harbor) who are answering God's call to serve. These families open their homes and hearts out of faith and compassion, often stepping into challenging circumstances with limited external support.

Statistics show that nearly 60% of foster parents stop fostering within the first year due to burnout and lack of support. If our volunteer foster parents leave, the state must reassign their foster children to other homes, which means those children must leave our campus community as well. Because of this, we must surround our ministry partners, our foster parents, with encouragement, practical help, and prayer. Every foster parent who stays provides stability, and their faithfulness directly contributes to the healing of our foster children.

2. Investing Intentionally in Foster Children

Our commitment to the children in our care remains steadfast. Hope Harbor seeks to provide targeted activities and avenues that nurture each child's emotional, social, educational, and spiritual growth while they are on campus. Whether through mentoring, faith-driven programming, tutoring, or therapeutic engagement, we are dedicated to helping every foster child experience belonging, growth, and the transformative love of Christ.

While the methods have changed, our mission remains rooted in the same calling: to bring hope and restoration through Christ. Just as Genesis reveals the beginning of God's story and Matthew marks the beginning of Jesus' work on earth, this genesis at Hope Harbor is a new work to which God has called us.

We celebrate His faithfulness in every season and look forward to seeing how He will use this new chapter to reach more children, strengthen families, and continue writing His story of grace, one life at a time.

Workday Blessings: Preparing the Heart of Our Campus

Hope Harbor was bustling with energy and purpose during our recent campus Workday, as more than 25 volunteers came together to serve with willing hands and joyful hearts. Their mission: to restore and refresh our large industrial kitchen and pantry spaces that will soon help nourish and sustain our new foster families.

Volunteers rolled up their sleeves to scrub, paint, and organize, transforming every corner into a clean, welcoming environment ready to receive food donations and supplies. Their hard work is more than preparation; it's an act of love that will help provide meals, comfort, and community for children and families in our care.

We are deeply grateful for every person who gave their time, effort, and heart to make this day possible. Together, we're not just cleaning and painting, we're creating a place where hope is shared, needs are met, and God's provision shines through every meal prepared.

"Serve one another humbly in love." — Galatians 5:13



What's Happening at



- July**
 - Reconstruction of the Administration Building, Phase I, is complete
 - Decision to hire new employees to support the new model
- August**
 - Hiring of new employees, along with subsequent onboarding
 - Offices in the Administration building are reopened and employees are back on campus
 - Thrift Harbor under new management
- September**
 - Finalizing of partnership between Hope Harbor and Lilyfield
 - Board Meeting
- October**
 - All employees attend Christian Alliance for Orphans Conference and learn wonderful ways to support children/families
 - Campus Work Day with volunteers
 - New landscape by Perfect Scape, funded by a targeted contribution
 - Sign-on of two new foster families prepping to move onto campus in November

WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE!

As Hope Harbor embraced its new foster care ministry model in 2025, we were blessed by local businesses whose generosity and craftsmanship helped make our campus transformation possible. Each one contributed time, talent, and heart to create spaces where children and families can find safety, belonging, and the love of Christ. Our heartfelt thanks to **Love Air Conditioning, Bob Hawkins Construction, Perfect Scape Landscaping, Pixley Lumber Co., Bolt Fiber-Optic Services NEOC, And-Pro Plumbing, and Oklahoma Disaster and Restoration** for your outstanding service and partnership.



We extend special appreciation to **Let There Be Light Electric**, led by **Cody Harris** (918-212-4811), for his exceptional work and generosity. His kindness quite literally shines across our campus, a reflection of the hope and grace that define this new season of ministry.



Building Strong Foundations and a Stronger Community

As Hope Harbor steps into this new season of ministry, we're excited to welcome three new team members who bring exceptional experience, leadership, and faith-driven service to our mission. Together, Matt and Andraya Mogus, and Craig and Tomya Peters will play vital roles in strengthening our campus operations and deepening the spiritual life of our community.

Matt and Andraya Mogus — Physical Plant Supervisory Team

Hope Harbor is blessed to have Matt and Andraya Mogus as our Physical Plant Supervisory Team. This husband-and-wife duo is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and operation of Hope Harbor's buildings, grounds, and equipment — ensuring that every space on campus reflects the care and excellence of our ministry.

Their work includes directing maintenance staff, overseeing renovations and capital improvements, tackling administrative and office tasks, designing and laying out campus facilities, and maintaining compliance with safety/environmental standards. They also monitor our campus cottages and respond to emergencies, balancing administrative planning with hands-on service across the property.

Matt brings a rich background in leadership, systems, and training, developed through years of service as a U.S. Marine Corps Corporal, a corporate trainer, and a licensed Realtor. His Six Sigma Green Belt certification showcases his ability to improve systems and processes with accuracy and efficiency.

Andraya contributes experience in real estate, property management, and administration, along with an ability to coordinate operations and build strong relationships. Her professionalism, organization, compassion, and creativity are evident in her work.

The Moguses exemplify stewardship in action, maintaining the physical heart of Hope Harbor so that our homes and facilities can continue to serve as safe havens for families and children.

Craig Peters — Minister of Spiritual Life

We're also thrilled to welcome Craig Peters as Hope Harbor's new Minister of Spiritual Life. In this vital role, Craig provides mission partner (donor) communication, pastoral care, and spiritual formation for our foster families, children, and community partners.

Craig's ministry focuses on nurturing faith and connection within the Hope Harbor community through Bible studies, mentoring, and discipleship programs, in addition to strengthening ties between Hope Harbor and regional congregations. With more than 35 years of ministry experience, Craig has served congregations across the U.S. and internationally, including mission and teaching work in Australia and New Zealand. He has led youth and family ministries, directed Christian camps, written curriculum, and provided counsel to church leaders.

Craig holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies from Southern Christian University and a School of Preaching degree from Sunset International Bible Institute. His ministry is marked by compassion, creativity, and a deep love for people, qualities that will enrich the spiritual life of Hope Harbor as we continue to grow in faith together. His wife, Tomya, is also contributing a vital and vibrant role as she volunteers her time and exceptional talents amidst a myriad of other duties!

As we welcome Matt, Andraya, Craig, and Tomya to the Hope Harbor family, we celebrate not only their professional gifts but also the heart of service they bring. Each one plays a unique role in helping us create spaces, physical and spiritual, where children and families can experience safety, belonging, and the transforming love of Christ.

HOPE HARBOR

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READER'S BOOK CORNER

Children Mean the World to God

Dr. Harold Shank



If you love reading, this new section of our newsletter is perfect for you! Understanding others' experiences and perspectives can often be challenging, but few things rival the power of a great book to broaden our knowledge and deepen our empathy for those facing difficult circumstances.

Children Mean the World to God

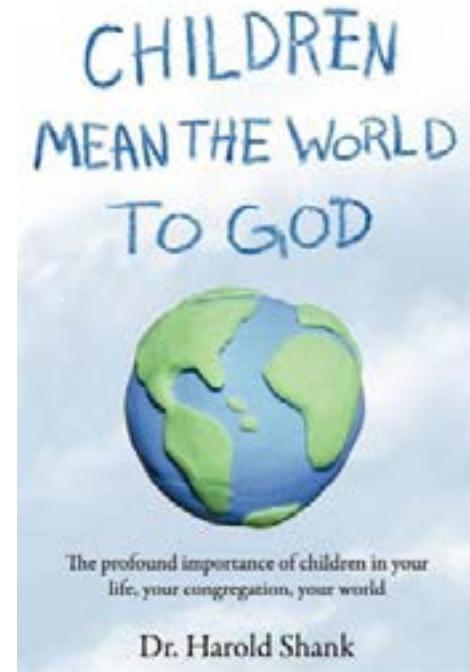
By Dr. Harold Shank

In *Children Mean the World to God*, Dr. Harold Shank delivers a stirring reminder that children are central to God's heart and mission. Drawing deeply from Scripture, he reveals how God consistently champions and protects children throughout the biblical story and how He calls His people to do the same.

Shank challenges readers to see children not merely as future adults or ministry projects, but as full members of the body of Christ, images of our Creator, whose presence and voices reflect the very nature of God's kingdom.

This thought-provoking book blends theology with practical insight, inviting the church to reimagine its role in the lives of children. With warmth and conviction, Shank urges believers to move beyond good intentions to active compassion, to listen, nurture, and advocate for children in every sphere of life.

Children Mean the World to God is both a call to awareness and a call to action, a compelling read for anyone who desires to see the world and the church through God's eyes.



LIGHT THE WAY: A SEASON OF RENEWAL AT HOPE HARBOR



This year, Giving Tuesday is on December 2, 2025. You are invited to actively participate in Hope Harbor's *Light the Way* project. Two new foster families are preparing to welcome children and their houses are ready, but the rooms are still empty! Your donation will fill homes with warmth, comfort, and belonging. Each gift helps provide the essentials: a soft bed, a dresser for clothes, a sofa for story time, a dining table where laughter and conversation nourish as much as the food on the table. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 by midnight on Giving Tuesday to fully furnish both (large seven bedroom) homes and replace one washer/dryer set. Every donation transforms an empty space into a refuge where a child feels safe and loved. Will you join us in Lighting the Way and being part of this special story of provision?

Imagine this scenario:

It's after midnight when the knock comes. Eight-year-old Tonya clutches her little sister Tessa's hand while Trent, just six, tries to be brave. In minutes, their world changes...three small children carried from chaos into the unknown.

But that night, they don't end up in a cold office or a temporary shelter. They arrive at Hope Harbor. A warm porch light greets them. Inside, a soft lamp glows beside a neatly made bed, not too bright, not too crowded. Just safe. A new plush friend waits on the blanket. A foster family, called by faith and love, whispers "You're welcome here."

At Hope Harbor, we believe the first step toward healing begins with a place that feels safe, gentle, and full of grace. We want every child who walks through our doors to experience a cozy, uncluttered room — designed with trauma-informed care in mind — where they can breathe, rest, and begin to trust again.

This Giving Tuesday, your gift helps us create those healing spaces. Your generosity will:

- Furnish homes with warm, child-friendly decor
- Provide trauma-informed bedrooms designed to comfort and calm
- Wrap foster families, and children like Tonya, Trent, and Tessa in a spirit of embrace

Every bed, lamp, and blanket tells a child: "You matter. You are safe. You are loved." Together, we can make their first night at Hope Harbor — and every night after — a step toward wholeness.

As we look toward 2026, we're also preparing for the next step: repurposing a large existing space to create dedicated areas for after-school programs, child-centered activities, training, and family support. This project will require \$50,000 to add partitions and replace 25-year-old carpet, equipping our facilities to best serve foster families for years to come.

When you add both needs together, we are asking for a grand total of \$90,000. God's provision along this transitional journey, however, has been faithful and unmistakable. We are trusting God to provide for our needs so this ministry can continue to provide safe harbor for the vulnerable. Will you be His feet and hands in this endeavor and partner with us to Light the Way? Hebrews 13:16 reminds us that sacrificial giving is pleasing to our God. Would you prayerfully consider helping us finish 2025 well and step boldly into 2026? Together, we're not just building spaces — we're building hope.

Help us Light the Way!





A Fostering Community
Share the Journey, Be the Light

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PLAYGROUND UPDATE



Our **Play it Forward Campaign** was a success! Our equipment is on order and will be installed in November. Thank you for sharing your resources to create this incredible opportunity for children and families!

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