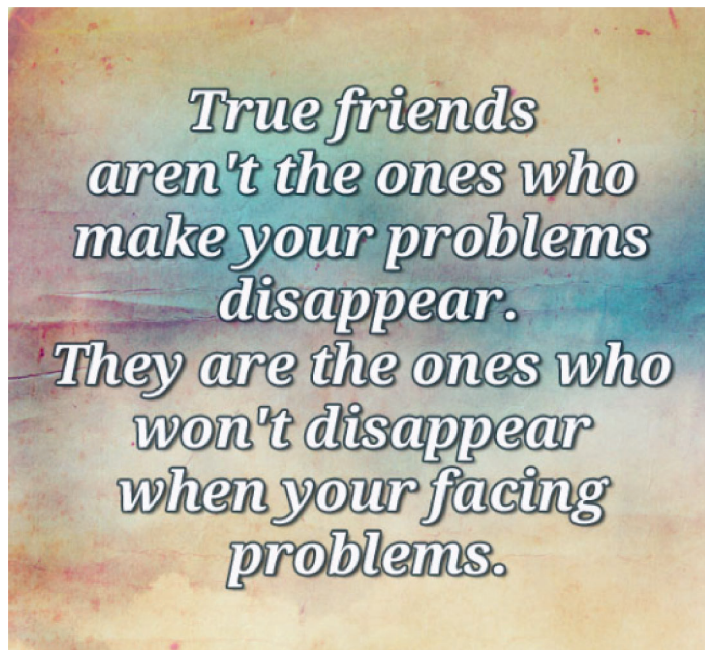


PRESERVING FAMILIES: CHANGING OUTCOMES

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As we all turned our calendars to January 2021, a new calendar year began, a fresh beginning, a time to set goals, but also a time to reflect upon the blessings and challenges of the previous year. Our staff would like to take a few moments to share some of these blessings from 2020 with you. First, we are thankful that Hope4Healing was able to remain open the whole year as we were able to shift to operating virtually and by phone with our services. This transition enabled us



to continue our work of helping children and families in light of the pandemic, unemployment, and especially in the aftermath of the trail of debris from the Derecho that hit Iowa in August.

During 2020, Hope4Healing saw a sharp increase in phone calls for domestic violence victims and their children who had no place to go, and also from families needing energy/heating assistance, or furnace replacements. A considerable number of requests we received were related to storm repairs as help was needed with insulation removal, tree removal, or even a new place to live and help beginning life anew.

We received many phone calls from those who had lost their jobs, and needed help creating a plan for

next steps. Families called needing food assistance, and another family called needing help with suicide prevention resources for their child. As you can see, each request we receive at Hope4Healing is unique, but almost always behind each request is an individual, child, or family that is hurting and in need of help. Although 2020 brought about more challenges than most, our staff continued to work hard to not only look for resources to meet their needs, but to also assist them in finding a source of friendship and support along the way.

Finally, as we reflected upon 2020, our staff realized just how uniquely suited Hope4Healing is to help Iowans in a year just like 2020. Your support of our Preserving Families, Changing Lives Campaign, and also our Disaster Relief Campaign, as well as gifts to our general ministry fund allows us to continue to make a difference in the lives of children and families; and enables our ministry to have our “boots on the ground” helping those in need when the literal storms of life arrive as they did in 2020.

We would like to hear from you, and encourage you to keep up with the latest Hope4Healing news by liking and following us on Facebook or by signing up for our e-newsletter, The Signal Beacon, via our website www.hope4healingquakerdale.net.

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Most of all, we would appreciate your continued prayers for our ministry.

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