



The Journey by Heather, mother of recent graduate

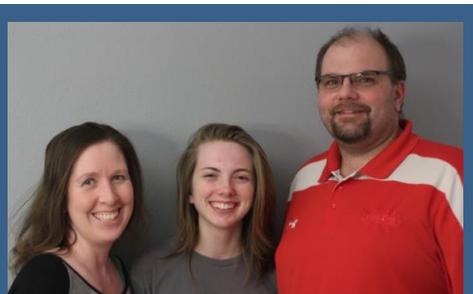
Over ten months and 34,000 miles traveled ago, our family found ourselves in a very dark place. Our oldest daughter had given up on herself, her family and her life. We tried everything we knew to love her and show her the truth she needed, but her heart was hardened toward us, and we were wondering if it was hardened toward God as well.

As believers, we knew our hope was in God, but the light in the darkness seemed distant and unreachable. Through a series of God aligned circumstances, we were made aware of the Hope Harbor ministry. At our darkest time, we watched a video about Hope Harbor’s ministry to healing teenage girls and we wept, as we knew this was where our daughter needed to be.

There have been many hurdles that have had to be cleared on our Hope Harbor journey. The first hurdle was the willingness of our daughter to participate in the program. We knew she had shut us out and we were afraid that when we approached her about leaving our home for many months to get help, it would send the message that we had given up on her and it would harden her heart even more. My husband and I prayed and then had the conversation with our daughter, and she immediately began weeping. These were not tears of hardness, but rather a softness that God had preserved in her heart. Though she didn’t want to leave home for Hope Harbor, she knew that was exactly what she needed and willingly participated. From that point on, God has faithfully cleared each hurdle in His timing.

God has used Hope Harbor to meet our daughter and us as parents exactly where we needed to be met. The staff at Hope Harbor have been very tuned in to God’s will for our daughter and our family. This ministry has been visibly Spirit-directed and truly the hands and feet of Christ for our daughter and our family.

Our family is by no means perfect. However, we have been better equipped as parents with tools to help raise our children more effectively. Our daughter has had the opportunity to be loved by and to learn life skills from some amazing Godly staff at Hope Harbor. She can take these lessons with her into her adult life. Hope Harbor has helped us to begin our journey from brokenness toward continual healing and ultimately our eternal wholeness in Christ. To Him be all the glory!



Heather, Stacia, and Jay

HOPE HARBOR

Vision:

To renew minds, restore relationships, and further the kingdom of God.

Mission:

Equip teens, empower parents, and serve those in need by anchoring them to the hope of God’s promises.

Core Values:

Christ-Centered
Biblically Based
Holy Spirit Led
Prayer Focused
God Glorifying
Hope Giving
Relationship-Enhancing

Join the Anchor Club!

Become a committed monthly donor to provide consistent support through our monthly giving program.

Go to our website hopeharbormn.org/donate and click on Anchor Club to join.

Year in Review: Highlights from 2017

2017 Income

- 34% - Occasional donations
- 28% - Tuition
- 20% - Fundraising
- 8% - Monthly donations
- 7% - Church donations
- 2% - In-Kind
- **Total income for 2017 – 437,608.07**



Residential Program

- Provided counseling, education, life skills training, and spiritual growth opportunities in residential program
- Served 10 girls in 2017
- Served 17 parents in counseling and parenting classes

2017 Expenses

- 74% - Payroll Expenses
- 5% - Insurance
- 5% - House Occupancy Expense
- 4% - Ministry Development
- 3% - Maintenance
- 3% - Scholarship/Pay It Forward
- 2% - General and Administrative
- 2% - Programs
- 2% - Outside Fees
- **Total expenses for 2017 - \$370,399.64**

Community

- LOL Camp - taught 34 girls, had 8 mentors
- 6-week parenting class in Balaton, MN
- Love and Logic – taught a class to six families, presented at the Mom’s Expo in Marshall and at a community class in Wabasso
- Message on bullying at Marshall High School
- Teaching in Marshall on sexual exploitation of children



Events

- Women of Hope fundraiser: 4 events, 106 women joined, \$10,544 was raised
- Celebration of Hope fundraiser: \$64,459 was raised
- The Midwest United Insurance golf tournament: \$2,536 was raised

In Home

- New wallpaper in kitchen, dining room, and living room
- Bedrooms and offices repainted
- Lighting added in director’s office
- New garbage disposal
- New refrigerator as an in-kind donation
- Hired six new staff



Giving Back

Part of the Hope Harbor mission is to serve those in need. Our alumni are finding ways to give back to the communities they live in, as well as reaching out across the world!

- **Elizabeth** is going on a mission trip to Mexico City over spring break with the campus ministry she’s involved with at her college.
- **Kaelene** is helping with the kids’ ministry at the church her uncle is starting.
- **Drew** volunteers at her church with the nursery and has recently gone on missions trips to Haiti and Costa Rica.
- **Courtney** is going on a mission trip to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico to share the gospel and help with building projects.
- **Emily** has gone on trips to Guatemala and Belize with Habitat for Humanity, and serves the homeless in her community.

Worth It All



Stacia at her Set Sail party in mid-February

Hope Harbor is the best gift my parents could give me. Hope Harbor gave me a hope. Not any kind of hope, but the best hope this world could find: the hope of Jesus dying on the cross for me so I could be entered into the kingdom and family of God.

I learned so much as I spent time here healing and using the tools they have given me. This motivation required wanting to dig in and DO the work to fully heal and be fully equipped. One thing I really love about this program is that the whole family is involved. They are not only involved in visits and passes, they are involved in the equipping too. Parents also get to learn and apply tools to their lives. It's all connected. Intertwined. United.

I thank my parents for driving many hours for me. My family lives in Thief River Falls, MN. That location and figuring out the distance helped me realize that my parents really do care. I remember saying this as we were on our way home for the weekend, "Mom. Dad. You don't have to drive home every weekend. Seriously, you don't have to do this."

Their response shocked me: "It is worth it." And I agree. Doing God's will is so worth it. I am worth it. My family is worth it.

Women of Hope

Season 3 of Women of Hope is about to begin! Women of Hope is a fellowship of women united in their love for Christ who support the vision and mission of Hope Harbor. For a donation of \$100 you will be invited to attend the following events:

Treats and Testimonies - Thursday, May 10th, 7-8:30 pm – Be blessed as you hear testimonies from the girls of Hope Harbor while enjoying delicious treats.

Celebration of Hope – Saturday, September 29th, 6-9 pm – Celebrate the ministry of Hope Harbor with an elegant dinner, silent auction, and uplifting program.

Hope Harbor Holiday Tour – December 2018 – You'll have the opportunity to tour Hope Harbor, enjoy holiday treats, and spend some time with the girls.

Hope in Heels Night Out – February 2019 Get dressed up and put on your heels for a night out, sharing in hope and hospitality.



To join Women of Hope, go to www.hopeharbormn.org/donate and choose Women of Hope.



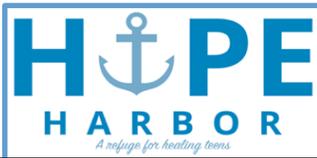
Expansion Update

Winona

Hope Harbor's Winona location opened in October 2017, is fully staffed, and has welcomed 2 girls. The home can house up to 6 girls.

Sioux Falls

Ten acres of land outside of Crooks, SD has been donated to Hope Harbor and we will be able to build up to 3 homes on this site if the need is there. We will start with building one home that can house 6-9 boys with hopes of opening sometime in 2019.



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Did You Know? *Cindy McKittrick, Executive Director*

- *Hope Harbor is 100% private pay and doesn't receive any federal, county, or local government monies?
- *The program fee for families is \$3,500/month (much less than state-run programs); however, if money is the only reason families are holding back from bringing their daughter to Hope Harbor, we work with them to determine what they are able to pay each month and ask they commit to that amount.
- *Even if each family paid \$3,500/month, it would only cover about 60% of our annual budget.
- *Since 2006, 68% of families have paid between \$0-999/month, 20% between \$1,000-2,999/month, and 12% \$3,500/month.
- *Hope Harbor has always made every payroll and has paid every bill on time.

God has always provided for this ministry. This is possible because individuals, businesses, and churches believe in the work that God is doing at Hope Harbor and want to play a role in helping to restore teens and their families! Our mission is to equip teens, empower parents, and serve those in need by anchoring them to the hope of God's promises. In all sincerity, it would not be possible for us to work toward this mission without your faithful support. For this we are truly grateful! To God be the glory!

He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction. –Malachi 4:6

