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from the
HOPE OUTREACH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 27, 2006, Hope Outreach will celebrate 16 years of ministry in Enid and the surrounding area. We started as a little "Community Care" project. Back then, by prayer and the grace of God, we were able to help people with what they need "today" just to get by: some food, a little gasoline for their car, clothing or a pair of shoes.

There are many stories that come to mind as I reflect on our approaching Birthday. Let me tell you two.

We started in a little 3 bedroom house right behind Moto Photo, just yards from our present location. One time, in the early stages, when making up a sack of groceries for a young mother, we noticed her small boy eyeing something in the pantry. When we followed his gaze, it landed on a can of Spaghetti O's. We asked him if he would like to have that for lunch that day. His eyes got as big as the O on the can! You would have thought he was getting a giant red fire truck he was so excited over something so simple to provide.

One mother with 3 small children came regularly to a drug outreach we had years ago. And Jesus really did a work in her heart. After getting out of rehab, she volunteered at Hope Outreach on a daily basis. The Rehab place then hired her to run the Intake Desk. When that closed she came back to Hope to help run our small thrift store. She had stabilized enough that she now had a goal. She wanted to go to college. She wanted to be a nurse.

Now this girl didn't even have a driver's license until she was 30, and frankly her goal seemed too far out. But she put one foot in front of the other, taking all the basics, working on the side. She went to work in the old Crossroads Facility when it was turned into the Sequoia Boy's Home. She met a great guy from the base, who was doing practicum work for his Masters in

Counseling. They married and are in Del Rio, Texas. To God's glory she is now 13 years clean and sober with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing! Her kids are mostly grown, she has a grandson, and a life that serves and cares for others.

We always know where God wants us to work because He forms the relationship. In the last two years, we have seen more and more homeless people. Every day, every week, people are seeking a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat. We know God has called us to raise The R.O.O.F.

This Day Shelter would make a huge difference for the 300 - 500 homeless that move throughout our community, often in barely visible ways, to reconnect, to rest and to heal. Just like helping that small boy, there are some simple things we can offer a homeless person. Things like a hot shower, laundry facility, a backpack with toiletries and a blanket. A toothbrush. A listening ear.

And like my friend's goal many years ago, this project seems just too far out. But I think if we get the determination she had to put one foot in front of another, to keep pressing forward, one day it will happen. And when it does individual lives and whole families and our community will be the better for it.

Will you please help? Read over this almost-to-the-end-of-the-year newsletter. We have included lots of pictures and testimonies. We hope it will inspire you in this season of giving to join us in the work. Come down and take a tour. See what we are doing first hand. Make a one-time or monthly pledge. Together we can make a difference right here in our own back yard.

Not only are we helping people today, we are offering hope for tomorrow!

May You Have a Very Merry Christmas!



Karen wraps a homeless child with a hand-made blanket donated by a VBS group who believe in The R.O.O.F.



Faith Farm progress is marked by a new shed, parking space and newly installed irrigation plumbing.



The Hope Outreach staff corners Chonda Pierce for a photo 'op'. From left to right, Kate Morrison, Karen (Blinky) Kewley, Chonda, Paula Nightengale and Jennifer Gariepy. Hope Outreach staff prays that you enjoyed this night with Chonda and would appreciate your response regarding future events.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Success!



We thank all who have generously donated to our Baby Bottle Boomerang. Your contributions raised over \$17,500 which will

help keep the Mommy Store stocked with baby products for our first-time Moms and Dads. This year, our Earn While You Learn



program has helped a monthly average of 80 moms with 36 mentors. Call us today to volunteer for this great program: 237-2292!

Chonda Pierce Rocks Enid

Permits to laugh were issued to an audience of 1450 at the Chonda Pierce Concert on Nov. 18, 2006 for the first R.O.O.F. fundraiser!

The audience was pumped up by an energetic country singer, Dana Randolph followed by the worship team from Faith Center in Meno led by Joseph Burleigh.

Chonda introduced to the audience an amazingly funny Ken Kington, with his humorous "daddy" viewpoint.

Then Pierce's performance took you from knee slapping to teary-eyed laughter and later tears of a different kind, the kind of tears that come when the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart.

Thanks to our sponsors, a generous audience and 64 Enid area volunteers, we raised over \$11,000, and more importantly, an awareness of the great need for a day refuge and resource center for the homeless in Enid. Your continued support will bring us closer to our goal.



Thanks to Our Sponsors

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Emmanuel Baptist Church	Oklahoma Bible Academy
Faith Center in Meno	Port Lugano
First Baptist Church	Riding For Jesus M/M
First United Methodist Church	United Supermarket
Garfield Furniture	Vance Air Force Base
Gaslight Theatre	World Harvest Church

Capital Campaign

We want to thank the Board Members and the Staff of Hope Outreach whose in-kind donations provided funds to produce and distribute the lovely gold invitations for our Capital Campaign. We would also like to thank the community's response to our future needs and goals. To find out more about end-of-the-year donations, please call 237-4673.

10th Annual Very Merry Christmas

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to bless 15 different families with presents for their 54 children! A food basket containing a ham, fresh fruit and candy was also given to each family.

Parents and grandparents diligently worked various work projects in our community.

Beginning in January, 2007, parents or grandparents can begin to bank Christmas hours monthly, for up to thirty hours per family, by working in our Community Care Program throughout this year.

Sign up or volunteer to help! Contact Sandie at (580) 237-4800.

UPTOWN BARGAIN SPOT starts
NEW SALE EVERY FRIDAY!

Get **25%, 50% & 75%**
Off on Sale Items

Clip on the dotted line and
 bring in with your mailing label
 to register to win a...

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Gift Certificate



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Kids speak about VIP...

"VIP gives me a fun, interesting, and safe opportunity to participate in ministry. Dan places me in a leadership position sometimes allowing me to both learn and teach. Sometimes you learn more when you teach someone else."
 Peter, Enid 12th (5 year member)

"Just being with other kids who share the same faith as me is awesome."
 Shauna, Enid 12th (6 year member)

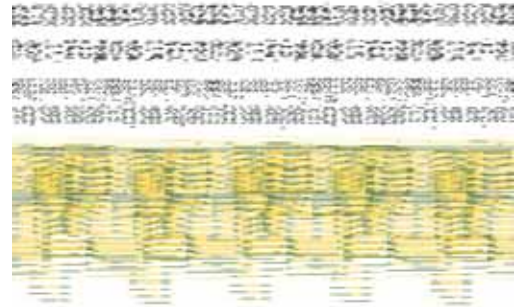
"I come to VIP so I can have a connection with God and it's also a load of safe fun." Aaron, Enid 12th.



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Our doors are open...



...to help people help themselves

by networking with the community's resources



Day Resource Center for the Homeless

How we operate at



MISSION... is to minister the love of Jesus to the felt needs of our community for the purpose of empowering people toward responsible living.

STRATEGY... is to represent Christ -- the Hope of all mankind.

COMMITMENT... is to life from conception through old age.

VISION... is to address the issues that affect the spiritual and moral structure of our neighborhoods with effective programs that are based on God's word.

AIM... is to treat people in such a way that, if they ever need our services again, they would feel welcome.

Other programs located at The R.O.O.F. :



ANGEL FOOD



Work Exchange Program

An assistance and emergency resource for families in our community.

Monthly discount groceries

No Limit. Everyone is qualified.
Cash & Food Stamps Accepted

Growing hope in a garden

To develop social and work skills.

A Christmas work program

Available January-November for families who need help providing Christmas for their children and grandchildren.

Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm

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