



Connecting Hope has served Central Vermont through community events and the Hopeline for over 13 years. The Hopeline seeks to improve the lives of those in Central Vermont who are facing crisis or homelessness. Networking with business, community, and faith organizations to start taking steps to move from dependency to self-sufficiency. We are a resource for individuals and families in need regardless of economic status, race, ethnicity, age or beliefs.

Working closely with you, our local church partners and others, we will continue to support caring and community in Central Vermont. As a Christian organization, we believe that by living out our faith means sharing the grace and hope in both word and deed with others will leading them to build a relationship with the one that gives us our eternal hope.

Below are some of the examples of typical calls for assistance.

Have a woman from Hyde Park who had called for gas, and we helped her, recently she called looking for food. I told her about the food shelf at Enough Ministries also sent her to Pastor Russ from Grace Church in Moscow. Since Pastor Russ has helped her, she has been attending church there.

Helped a homeless gentleman at the start of COVID with a cellphone so he could keep his probation and parole meetings. Have also helped him with food and other things since. He now has started attending church services.

Have helped a single mom of three children with food, rental assistance and electric bills over the past five years. She works and sometimes things have come up and she has needed our assistance. We have also been that shoulder she needed to cry on.

We have had many people call looking for assistance with gas, to get to appointments, food for them and their families; help with an electric bill or other utilities that need to be paid. We have also been the shoulder they need to cry on or the ear to listen to them, or the ride they need to an appointment. I have also been blessed to be able to give them bibles. It is a start to helping them find their Christian journey. Our hope is to get the people to step into a church and attend a service or two to see that the roof will not fall in when they step in.

Titus 2:7-8 "In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us."

In addition to wishlist, funds for the Hopeline we would like to expand our outreach services. Below are some needs we already have and also ways we would like to engage more with our communities. Volunteer drivers are needed for doctors visits, shopping, hospital, prescription pickup, etc.

*Mentors—for both adults and children

*Board Members—we would like to see more member churches represented

*Executive Director—this position remains unfilled at this time

*Do you feel God is calling you to serve Him in Central Vermont?

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