

Connecting Hope

Spring 2019

ONE BY ONE. MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

One life, one family at a time. Working together we share the light of hope for a brighter future.

One by One

God has reached many lives through the Hopeline. Volunteers, who have given themselves to the Lord as His hands reaching out to embrace those who are hurting with His love and compassion, have taken on the tasks necessary to meet the needs presented to the Hopeline. Transportation, auto fuel, home fuel, groceries, clothing, moving crew, car repairs and many other needs are presented, but the truly deepest need is HOPE - HOPE found only in the Savior. Our desire is that when they look into our eyes, they look into His; when they hear our voice, they hear His. One by one, we want to make a difference; we want the world to know the love of God found in Jesus.

The Filling Station

She called the Hopeline today. Her significant other, and only provider was in jail, leaving his 9-year-old daughter and her without food or gas. Left alone with the responsibility of providing transportation for the child to and from school, this was impossible. Who could help? Who would care enough to answer her call for help? Would you? Several churches she reached out to said they couldn't help, and yet, finally, two do...by telling her to call Connecting Hope. She calls, unsure of what to expect on the other end of the line. Will she be turned down, rejected, or judged? No. She hears a kind, caring voice. One that exhibits genuine concern about her plight. The intake is complete. Then, she hears someone praying for her, her family, and their current situation. She is told nothing can be promised until her need is discussed with the director, she is assured she that will hear back. Soon, she gets the call she's waiting for - Connecting Hope can help. She is both humbled and amazed at the help she receives...to the point of tears.

At the gas pump, she shares her story. Her gas tank is filled, and bags of groceries are transferred to her car. All the while, she repeats over and over again, saying, "This is amazing! This is so awesome! Thank you all so much! This helps us so much!" She's ready to leave, but then it comes...the hug. Spontaneous. Speaking volumes of one who's life has been touched by God with that simple act of kindness meant to show Jesus to a hurting soul, an open door pointing her to Him. Another prayer for her and her family and the hopes that she has been directed towards Jesus. Each time a Connecting Hope volunteer makes that call, or meets that need, they are reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:35-40 referring to "when helping the least of these, you've done for Me."

by Laurie Hurdle



Don't MISS THE BUS!

Back to School Bash August 17th At Vermont Granite Museum

More information inside this issue!!

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Welcome Laurie Hurdle!

Laurie has joined the Connecting Hope team as a volunteer serving as the Hopeline Coordinator. This role is vital to the effectiveness of the ministry of the Hopeline. As the Hopeline Coordinator, Laurie matches callers with intake volunteers, then verifies needs, coordinates resources to meet needs and follows-up with the callers to ensure the needs are met. Her compassionate spirit and desire to serve along with her vast experience have made her a perfect fit for this role. In just a few short months of working as Hopeline Coordinator, Laurie has touched the hearts of many callers, volunteers and she has especially been a tremendous encouragement to our Director (and the writer of this article) Susan. We are all very grateful to have Laurie on board here at Connecting Hope. ♥

Hopeline Helping Hands

Already this year, God has touched more lives through the Hopeline than ever before in a single year! Community resources are referring clients, churches are referring walk-ins, and folks are referring each other through word of mouth. God has not only brought the those with needs to Connecting Hope, but He has also met the need through the generous financial gifts of churches, corporations and individuals; donated goods, and countless volunteer hours. God continues to bless and grow the ministry.

HOPELINE

Calls

	2018	2019
January	10	8
February	6	13
March	11	16
April	11	44
May	16	26
June	6	39
Totals:	60	146



How do we help?

- ✓ Church Referrals
- ✓ Baby Needs
- ✓ Moving Crew
- ✓ Avoid Eviction
- ✓ Identification
- ✓ Clearing Snow
- ✓ Bibles
- ✓ Tent
- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Gas
- ✓ Eyeglasses
- ✓ Bedding
- ✓ Prayer
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Car Repair
- ✓ Groceries
- ✓ Budgeting
- ✓ Phone
- ✓ Compassion
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Home Heating
- ✓ Home Goods
- ✓ Avoid Shut-off
- & More

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Don't Miss the Bus!

Back to School Bash

August 17th

10am-2pm

Vermont Granite Museum

7 Jones Brothers Way, Barre, Vermont

Too often, children are sent to school empty handed and unprepared. It's hard enough to face a new school year, but to also enter the hallways with no school supplies and no backpack adds even more shame for these young ones. As a community working together, we can help.

Get on board today! Collect backpacks and supplies, donate to the Bash and YES! YES! YES! you can volunteer at the event! Invite your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors to get in it, too! Give Connecting Hope a call today! We would love to talk about how you can join the fun!

Many hands make hope!



Backpack Needs

Snacks

Please no nuts or peanut items.

- Raisins
- Cheese Crackers
- Pretzels
- Animal Crackers
- Rice Krispy Cookies
- Corn Chips
- Fruit Chews
- Popcorn

Purchased prepackaged in single servings -not home prepared.

School Supplies

- No. 2 Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil Sharpener
- Washable Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil Bags
- Pocket Folders
- Binder Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- Blue or Black Pens
- Highlighters
- Calculators
- Rulers

Underclothes

- Socks and Underwear
- Boys and Girls K-12
- Children's 4/5 xsmall through Adult 2x

Other Items

- Water Bottle
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hygiene Items (Toothbrushes, Combs, Soap, etc)
- Journals



Back to School Bash – August 17th
Vermont Granite Museum, Barre 10 am – 2 pm

Annual Event & Winter Warm Up – November 9th
Barre Evangelical Free Church, Barre 10 am – 2 pm

Christmas Wish – November thru December

GIVE

Time - Talent - Prayers - Funds

Contact Connecting Hope today!



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Statement of Faith



The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's infallible written word, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that it was written without error (inerrant) in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

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