

Hope Alive Happenings

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Mission

Bringing hope and encouragement with Christ-like love to emotionally hurting people.

Hope Alive Banquet

Tuesday, November 14, 2017



We are looking forward to another great banquet at the Parkview Mirro Center. This year we will have a silent auction, dinner and  Notes of Encouragement  by the men's vocal group from Blackhawk Ministries. Testimonies of changed lives will also be shared. You may view and bid on many of our Silent Auction items by going to our website: HopeAliveFortWayne.org

Doors open at 5:00 pm—silent auction preview

Dinner & Program —6:00 pm

Parkview Mirro Center

10622 Parkview Plaza Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Reservations: 260/420-6100

\$40/person; \$300 (table of 8)

A WORD from the Director...

In the last six months we have had a “season of mourning” at Hope Alive. One of our residents was found dead on a porch, two of our ladies lost their moms, one of our residents lost her boyfriend/best friend of 17 years, and a staff member lost her husband after an eight-year battle with cancer. It felt like we ran out of words, not knowing how to comfort those grieving, and wondering how much more this little family-like community could take.

But, there were little miracles all along the way as we traveled this journey of grief. The day we found out about the resident dying, all the residents and staff came together, putting together a little meal of soup and sandwiches and comforting each other. We sang her favorite songs, prayed, shared memories, and of course cried. When the two ladies lost their mothers, some of the other ladies helped prepare for travel, sat and cried, and called to check on them as they were gone. When the gal lost her best friend the ladies surrounded her, prayed with her, fed her, and just sat and let her share her pain. And when our staff member lost her husband everyone rallied and sent cards, took her food for her out of town family, took her to lunch while she was on leave, and were there to listen. Stronger bonds of love between all the residents, counselors, and staff now exist and stronger relationships with God as the great comforter.

At the end of this season someone donated a tree which we planted and had a service for all those we lost. We will always remember that sweet time when we grew as a family/community and found comfort in choosing to believe “all things work together for good for those who love the Lord.”

Betty Kahlenbeck
Executive Director

PRAISE GOD FOR CONVERTED LIVES!!!

We were so excited to share in the joy as one of our residents was baptized! It is so exciting to see the growth and then submission to His Holy Spirit as someone accepts the love and His sacrifice by going under the waters of baptism. Her testimony, which follows, reminds us that there is nothing God can't do if we submit our will to His!"

My name is Christina Gomez, I am 40 years old. I am a recovering methamphetamine addict. Wow what a long complicated word. Well, this drug made my life so complicated.

A year ago I didn't have any hope, I was stuck in a hole of addiction that I couldn't scratch my way out of. I surely didn't think having faith in someone I couldn't see could help me. If you would have asked me if I ever was going to stop using – my answer would have been NO! I don't know how to live sober. To talk to someone I can't see? To live in a house where there are rules? ABSOLUTELY NOT! I was a liar, manipulator, mean, selfish, stressed and soulless. Meth was my god, my best friend, my life and the only thing I cared about. Now I can give every excuse to you why I couldn't stop but now 95 days sober I can tell you it was me! Me not believing or having faith in someone I couldn't see.

Today I am 95 days SOBER! I'm not alone anymore. I don't battle my addiction alone, I have faith, hope and family. A family I gained 95 days ago – the day I stepped out of jail and into Hope Alive. My life has changed. The staff have become my family. Hope Alive saved my life. I am sober and learning to love myself and love the Lord! I finally believe in a loving, caring, forgiving God. Hope Alive has taught me I AM ENOUGH, I AM FORGIVEN, I AM WORTHY, I AM FREE, I AM LOVED, I am NOT a worthless drug addict – I AM A CHILD OF GOD. I am not saying the road is always going to be easy, but I'll never have to fight alone. I have the Hope Alive staff who love me unconditionally, don't judge me and they expect me to succeed. I have 17 other women who are like my sisters who love me. And I have an unfailing God.

Without Hope Alive, without the staff and ladies, I would have never found my way out of that addict's hole. I couldn't scratch my way out so they reached down hand in hand and pulled me out. It brings true meaning to Hope Alive.



CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE

It's easy to see what's new at Hope Alive by following us on FaceBook [facebook.com/HopeAlive-146823292028820/](https://www.facebook.com/HopeAlive-146823292028820/) and going to our webpage

The web page will show Silent Auction items which will be featured at our Banquet. There are instructions should you wish to bid on any items of interest to you. HopeAliveFortWayne.org

HELP HOPE ALIVE VIA PAYPAL

This year PayPal will once again launch its annual charitable giving campaign adding 1% to every donation made beginning on #Giving Tuesday, from November 28 through December 31, 2017.

When you donate through PayPal, 101% of December donations made through PayPal Giving Fund will be delivered to Hope Alive!

2017 GOLF OUTING A HUGE SUCCESS!

We played some great golf and had a fun filled day. It quit storming just in time!!! Festivities began with a great meal, then proceeded to golf. Thanks to everyone who supplied door prizes and raffle items. The day ended with everyone leaving with a smile.

After expenses, we were able to add \$13,034. to our programming funds to assist with low cost counseling, and housing for women.

Thank you golfers, food and snack providers, volunteers, those who donated door prizes and raffle tickets, and the crew at River Bend Woods. We had a grand time!

Mark your calendars for June 15, 2018 for the next opportunity to have a great day at the BEND!

WE'RE PRAISING GOD FOR...

- ~ The Baptism of one of our residents
- ~ A wonderful crew who comes once or twice a week and keeps three old buildings in good repair—all donated time!
- ~ A fabulous volunteer coordinator and a group of great volunteers who send out mailings, work special events like the golf outing and the banquet, board members, and help with the lawn and yard work.
- ~ The cohesiveness of our residents who encourage and take care of each other in a myriad of ways.
- ~ Dr. Mike Cook and Huntington University for the outcome based study documenting our programming results and areas we need to change to better serve our clientele.

HOPE ALIVE WELCOMES FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

END OF YEAR GIVING

Please consider Hope Alive when deciding where to give your end of year gifts. This ministry has more than tripled the services we provide; a blessing and a challenge. Any financial assistance you can do will be greatly appreciated and carefully spent. Please call us for options if you wish to contribute appreciated securities. Thank you for whatever you can do

We are pleased and humbled to welcome LeeAnn Etzler, Renee Scott, and Mathew Parmelee, Janell Lane to our Board of Directors.

LeeAnn is the Residential Property Manager for Kaufmann Property Management. She is married with two teen age children. She enjoys playing softball, reading, going to Purdue games but most of all spending time with family and friends.

Renee is a Sr. Project Manager at Brotherhood Mutual Insurance. Renee has a B.A. and M.A. in Communications and is excited to put her marketing and project management experience to work for God's purposes thru Hope Alive. Renee and her husband have three children—a son in the military, a son at IU and a daughter who is a senior at Snider high school.

Janell has an MA in Mental Health with an LMHC certification and a great deal of experience in the mental health area. She is the Community Partner Initiatives Coordinator for Parkview Health. Janell creates a great many community activities to bring women and different cultures together. She is married to Aaron Lane who works with Janell for Parkview. They go out into the community and do presentations in management practices. They have one son and a daughter on the way.

Matt has been a project manager for Brotherhood Mutual Insurance. Matt has a Bachelor's Degree in organizational Leadership and a Masters in Ministry Leadership. Matt was previously on staff at Saddleback Church for 15 years. He enjoys time with family, being outdoors, flying, and golf. He loves working with people.

We look forward to each of these new Board members becoming a part of our leadership team. Thank you all for being willing to serve alongside the Board and staff at Hope Alive.

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Full Table (8) \$300 \$ _____

Single Ticket \$40 # _____ \$ _____

I cannot attend but *do* support Hope Alive with my donation of \$ _____

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Please clip this form and return it with your Banquet Table or Ticket gift made payable to Hope Alive