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Shop for Hope with OneCause.com

Hope House is now a member of OneCause.com. By shopping through OneCause and designating Hope House, the online merchants will donate anywhere from 1-20% of your total purchase to Hope House! This donation is paid for by the merchants, giving you another way to support us ***without spending anything else out of your own pocket!***

Anytime you shop online—for gifts or your everyday purchases like airline tickets, car rentals, and pet supplies—shop through OneCause and you'll be supporting Hope House!

OneCause features all the online merchants you're likely to shop with:

Amazon.com | BARNES&NOBLE | BEST BUY | DELL | Disneystore.com | ebay

GAP | iTunes | KOHL'S | OLD NAVY | potterybarn.com | Target.com

That's just to name a few. There are hundreds to choose from! And OneCause offers you two easy ways to shop:

Option 1 - Shop through the OneCause.com site

- ► Save it to your Favorites so it's just a click away.
- ► Get special coupons and deals to save you even more money.
- ► Your homepage features a tally of your contributions to Hope House so you know how much you're helping.

Option 2 - Install the OneCause.com toolbar

- ► Shop directly at the participating merchants and your purchases will be automatically routed through OneCause. (Note: for Amazon.com only you must shop through the OneCause site.)
- ► Use the included Yahoo-powered search bar and Hope House gets 2 cents for every qualified search.
- ► One click access to your OneCause.com homepage (handy for shopping at Amazon.com).
- ► See a tally of your contributions to Hope House every time you're on the Internet.

As long as you're shopping anyway... make it count!
Sign up now at www.onecause.com/causes/hopehouse.

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From the Front Line of Domestic Violence Blog

In November, I started writing a online blog to educate and raise awareness of the issues surrounding domestic violence, and to discuss what Hope House does to help break the cycle of violence.

You can find the blog at our website www.hopehouse.net under In the News/Blog Archive or go directly to the site at www.frontlineofdv.blogspot.com.

In the last month I have posted blogs about a wide range of subjects:

• On 12/9 two guest bloggers discussed their thoughts on the controversy about the relationships portrayed in the enormously successful Twilight Saga in "Is It Really 'Just' a Book/Movie?"

• On 12/16 I discussed the many forms of control used by abusers.

• 12/23 found me in a merry spirit discussing the Hope House Holiday Store.

• On 1/6 you learned about our Capital Campaign, Building Hope.

• And most recently, on 1/13 I discussed stalking.

I'd love for you to follow the blog so you can continue to learn more about Hope House and domestic violence.

Capital Campaign Update

BUILDING HOPE

Hope House Meets Mabee Foundation Challenge Grant

The Building Hope Capital Campaign has raised $4,576,298 towards its goal of $5,000,000, which recently put us over the top in successfully concluding a $525,000 challenge grant from the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma!

In December 2009, The Kresge Foundation from Troy, Michigan issued a $600,000 challenge to us to complete the $5,000,000 fundraising campaign.

We now have $423,712 to go to complete the Kresge Challenge and the entire campaign! Stay tuned for updates and news about groundbreaking on our campus in Independence because of these recent successes.

If you'd like to help us complete our campaign, or would like additional information, please contact Nancy at 816-257-9328 or nduvall@hopehouse.net.

Gary and Trish Walker Provide Holiday Feasts

For the 7th year, Thanksgiving and Christmas were truly feasts for Hope House clients thanks to the generosity of Gary and Trish Walker.

The Walker's donated turkeys, hams and all the fixings for 153 food baskets that served 458 women and children for the holidays. Thank you!

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Volunteer Spotlight

Nicole & Joe Mittone

In October, this young duo collected and donated 19 Halloween costumes for Hope House. Then for Christmas, they invited their friends over for cookies and hot chocolate, and asked them to bring brand new gifts for the Hope House Holiday Store. They are pictured here with all the gifts they collected!

6th Grade, Mill Creek Middle School

Megan Roberts' 6th Grade Communication Arts class at Mill Creek Middle School in Lenexa held a quilt raffle and bake sale which raised over $350 for Hope House. The 38 6th graders completed 7 quilts and made over 1,000 cookies for the fundraiser!

Cole Clanton

For the last 3 years, 10th grader Cole Clanton has bid on an animal at the American Royal Livestock Auction then donated the animal to Hope House. Cole's donations have provided almost $1,300 of meat for our clients' meals. Pictured are Cole and Hope House Chief Development Officer Nancy DuVall.

Partners in Hope Spotlight

Burns & McDonnell
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A Hands-On Commitment to Communities

Giving back to the communities where Burns & McDonnell employee-owners live and work is a commitment not taken lightly.

"We don't just donate dollars," says Greg Graves, chairman and CEO. "Our people take it to the next level year-round. Sure, they do many traditional holiday charity events and contribute money to a wide range of causes. But they are always actively recruiting people to participate in runs, repair homes on the weekends or mentor youth at area schools."

The Kansas City, Mo.-based engineering, architecture, construction, environmental and consulting firm supports Hope House and its mission through financial and hands-on initiatives. Employee-owners tackled a range of renovation and maintenance projects at Hope House facilities over a weekend work event, and consultants with expertise in energy efficiency evaluated Hope House buildings to recommend measures to reduce energy consumption and stretch the organization's resources.

In-kind support for Hope House efforts also helps make donation dollars go further. Burns & McDonnell included both design and financial assistance for promotional materials with its sponsorship of the annual Hope House gala, Hope & All That Jazz.

Through the company's offices nationwide, employee-owners are able to make a difference for charities locally. Many of these initiatives focus on community improvement, education and causes that resonate with individual employee-owners.

"Our more than 3,000 employee-owners take their ability to make a difference for others very seriously," Graves says. "It's a matter of pride that we are able to help Hope House ease the burdens of women and children affected by domestic abuse."

For more information, visit www.burnsmcd.com.

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Urgent Needs

- diapers - sizes 4, 5 and 6
- baby wipes
- canned fruit
- 58 quart clear plastic storage bins

Hope House gratefully acknowledges our 2010 partnership with the Census Bureau. In exchange for our sharing information with our constituents about the upcoming census, the agency has generously underwritten the printing costs of this newsletter. Should you or your company desire information on similar partnerships ahead, please contact Lee at 816.257.9363 or lmarlin@hopehouse.net.

United States Census 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau is issuing a call to action for every resident of our nation:

"Be Counted in 2010."

IT'S IN **OUR HANDS**

The Census: A Snapshot

- What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- Who: All U.S. residents must be counted – people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- When: Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day.
- Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years.
- How: Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010.

The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government can allocate more than $300 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data guide local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers, schools, and more.
- Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, new housing and other facilities.
- The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Quick, Easy and Confidential

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census is one of the shortest in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.