

Evening of Hope 2025!

with

Jim and Jill Kelly



NFL Hall Of Fame Quarterback Jim Kelly exemplifies what toughness is all about. From a young boy in the small town of East Brady, PA to his days as a star quarterback in the National Football League, Jim has shown courage to overcome every obstacle he has faced.

After high school he moved to Miami and led the way for other quarterbacks at Miami University - what became known as "Quarterback U".

In 1986 Jim moved to Buffalo and led the Bills to four consecutive Super Bowl appearances (and losses) and established himself as one of the all-time greatest quarterbacks to play the game.

Jim and Jill were married in May of 1995 and had three children. But nothing could prepare Jim and Jill for the battle that they would face a few months after Jim's retirement in January of 1997. At six months old, their son Hunter was diagnosed with a terminal illness, Krabbe Disease (Globoid-Cell Leukodystrophy). Doctors did not expect Hunter to live past the age of two but through love, support, and courage, Hunter surpassed expectations and celebrated eight years of life. Hunter passed away in August of 2005.

In the years since, Jim has battled cancer several times and again shown why he is known for his toughness.

As their relationship with their Savior and the knowledge of the Lord and His Word continue to grow, Jim and Jill continue to encourage others and bring Hope to those who have none. Through it all, Jim Kelly and his family have prevailed. Their story is one of True Courage.

Want to attend?

General admission tickets - that don't include dinner - are available through Ticketmaster and are only \$25/each!

If you would like to be a sponsor please reach out to Julie at jmaxham@hofh.org (Sponsorships include tables of 8 with dinner and start at \$2500)





Megan's Story

Megan was raised right here in Florence by a single mother, who brought her up in the church. She prayed "the prayer" for salvation a few times, but admits it was more to avoid hell than as a way to have a relationship with God.

Her dad had issues with addiction, and when he was sober he was awesome, but he wasn't around most of the time. This dysfunction is the excuse Megan used to do whatever she wanted, ultimately leading her to get involved with drugs and alcohol in high school. Her addiction led her to a treatment center in Rockford, IL where she graduated high school, but not the program. She called her mom to come get her as soon as she had her HS diploma and skipped out on competing recovery.



She came back to Florence, got her Associates Degree and entered the military. By all accounts, she was leading a relatively normal life. She met her now husband, they moved to Illinois and had their first child Sebastian. Megan admits that they might have been on different pages about being "young and fun" versus "married with children", and that led to marriage problems. Because of her history with dysfunction and pain avoidance, when things got tough, she called her mom, who came and brought her back home. She was pregnant with her second child Charleigh. After Charleigh was born, Megan struggled with post-partum depression and during that time, she met a man.

She and "the guy" decided to take a long weekend so she could clear her head. That weekend turned into six weeks, during which she abandoned her children to her mother's care, had her car taken, phone shut off, lost all her money and tried Meth for the first time. That new relationship quickly turned abusive and she felt trapped.

At the point where she believed this toxic relationship could become fatal, she once again reached out to her mother. Her mom came, got her, and took her to her aunt's house to clean up. However this time her mom drew a line in the sand and said she would need to get help and go to the Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter. Megan was so angry that she couldn't go home she called "the guy" to come pick her up. He arrived at the shelter and Megan had a decision to make. As she sat in the shelter and saw him outside, she knew this was a turning point. She could go back to the mess, or stay and change the way she'd been living. At that moment where she could go or stay, she heard from God. He said "You can trust me" - at that instant she feels like she truly surrendered to Him for the first time.

She stayed at the shelter for two and a half weeks before going to Miracle Hill and entering the Renewal program. There she was loved, ministered to, and healed. She stayed for 8 months and completed the program. Her mother brought her children to visit every weekend, and she began to rebuild a relationship with all of them. In March, she applied to and entered the transitional program at HOPE Village. In the last 7 months at HOPE Village she has deepened her faith, restored her relationships with family, gotten a car, and has the job of her dreams!

After lots of closed doors, she started working as an Administrative Assistant at A Choice to Make. She is passionate about sharing the love of Christ to the women who enter scared and broken. Her background gives her a true heart for the wounded. She says, "People will listen to you if you take a minute to listen to them first. The way to love people is to offer Mercy and Truth."

When asked how we can pray for her she says, pray for her children and that they can find a relationship with their dad who remains in Illinois, and that he would come to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ so her family would be restored.

In the meantime, she remains here building her new life in Christ.

Graduation Fall 2024

Andrew Pierson



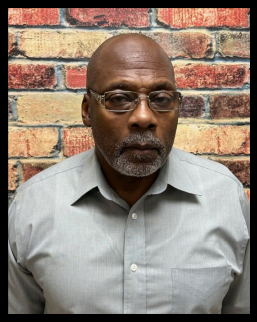
“Jesus used the House of Hope as a stepping stone for further spiritual growth and a foundation for employment that set me on the path of a victorious life in Christ.”

Timmy Johnson



“It’s easy to think that our success is the result of our hard work and abilities. The truth is, God is the One who equips, guides and sustains us every step of the way.”

George Wright



“I could not love anymore until I found Jesus Christ. I know now who He is and what He stands for.”

Jeffrey Barefoot



“God has blessed my obedience and completely transformed my life. He has freed me from the bondage of my addiction.”

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Hope Invitational

Thank you to all the golfers and sponsors at Hope Invitational! It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time! See you next year!

Congratulations to **Richard Genoble** as the overall winner!



Winners included: Brice Elvington, Richard Genoble, Matt Long, Vic Boney and Luke Coates. (Not pictured: Billy Shuman)



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