

## What Difference Does it ??? Make Anyway? ????

Have you ever had a task before you so large and important that it just felt too big to tackle? You wondered, how in the world?? ....But God!

Since coming to the ministry in July 2022 as the CFO, I have seen up close- “but God”! Every day I go by the Post Office and collect the donations from our supporters. Some days are plenty and some days are naught, but the faithfulness of it all is blessed by God!

I am reminded of several stories in the Bible where God took the simplest of gifts and blessed them for plenty. For example, the widow woman in 1Kings 17:16 was making her last meal for her and her son. She instead gave what she had to the prophet and consequently, every day her meal barrel was refilled.

In John 6:8-13, a boy gave his all of 5 loaves and 3 fishes, his gift fed 5,000.

Luke 21:1-4, Jesus commended the poor widow that gave two mites, she gave all she had.

Matthew 6:5-15, Jesus instructs us to pray,” Give us this day our daily bread.”

In Exodus 16:21 the Lord instructed the Israelites to gather what they needed for the day, what was not needed rotted in the sun. The only day they could gather more was on the sixth day in order to honor the Sabbath.

This scripture has become our “theme” at House of Hope- daily we gather our manna.

So, if you ever wonder, is my gift making a difference? Let me reassure you, Yes!! Your gifts are prayed over and presented before the Lord, and then He takes your gifts and makes it enough!

Thank you so much for your support!! May the Lord bless you and keep you all the days of your lives!



Amen and Amen  
Happy New Year!!  
With Love,  
Michelle

# Welcome to 2025!

# What's Coming in 2025

2024 was a year for changes. It was our first full year with the ARC (Addictions Recovery Center). There was a big change in our executive leadership as we said goodbye to Bryan Braddock and hello to Jon Weiss, Jr. We welcomed more guests and residents than ever before. We hired our first chef to make it possible to serve nearly 100,000 meals from a single kitchen! And most importantly more people heard the good news that is Jesus Christ!

## What more could we be doing in 2025?

The first big announcement is that in January of 2025 we became DEBT FREE!! After so many years of expansion, being debt free and serving more people than ever before, is an amazing blessing from God! He is Faithful!

In 2025 we will open another dorm at the ARC so we can serve 8 more lost and addicted men. Speaking of the ARC, we are working to add new education programs that will include technical classes so the men will have hands on training that could serve them in their next stage of recovery.

HOPE Village has new Director, Amy Carter and is expanding to fill the tiny houses! Don't worry Wanda Vereen isn't going anywhere, she is going back to her real job, VP of Client Services!

Under the guidance of the director, Tuwana James, the Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter will be getting renovations to add four more beds!

**With God all things are possible!**



## What does it cost?

I'm sure you know caring for 1200 people a year isn't free, but what does it really cost?

**HOPE Village**

**\$496,412**

**The ARC**

**\$503,981**

**Men's Home**

**419,806**

**CMGCS**

**\$484,833**

If you want a more through breakdown, our 990s and audited financials are on our website. ([www.hofh.org](http://www.hofh.org))

# Men's Life Recovery



HOUSE of HOPE  
THE ARC

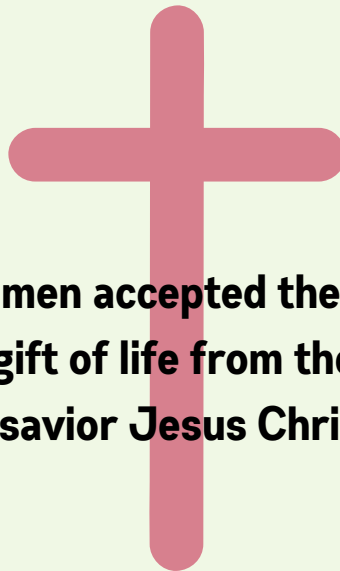


HOUSE of HOPE  
MEN'S HOME

These two programs for men in the Life Recovery Program comprise the oldest and newest parts of the House of Hope! Founded in 1990 the original program, located in Effingham, sheltered men for long-term housing. In 2023 the ARC opened for men's addiction recovery. Working together, these programs offer men a place to start recovery and a continuing program for long-term success. This time in 2024 there were 12 men in both programs and today there are 32 men reaching their full potential.



9,972 nights of rest

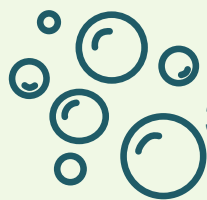


18 men accepted the free  
gift of life from their  
savior Jesus Christ



29,916 meals served

111 men served



3247 Loads of  
Laundry



8 Graduates



# Women and Children



HOUSE of HOPE  
HOPE VILLAGE

HOPE Village has been a blessing to the women and children that call our campus home. Having the privacy of their own home within the gates of a community has given women the opportunity to thrive! Not only are the children doing great in school, the women are expanding their horizons through education and support. More women than ever were reunited with their children from foster care and more babies were born into HOPE Village. It's a thriving community!



9 women and 6 children found eternal hope with the Savior

13,140 nights of shelter were given to women and children and currently 17 women and 18 children live in HOPE Village!



**A+** Students' grades are up thanks to FSDI's tutors!



Nearly 40,000 meals served



# Emergency Assistance



**HOUSE of HOPE**

COURTNEY MCGINNIS GRAHAM  
COMMUNITY SHELTER



**3553 nights of  
Men's lodging**



**3025 nights of  
Women's lodging**



**23 guests found  
life in Christ**



**2211 nights of  
Children's lodging**

The Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter has been open for more than EIGHT years! Courtney would be so pleased that we continue to see more than 1000 unique individuals every single year, many of them children. This shelter not only supports guests with food and shelter, but case management to figure out next steps!



**23,367 Meals  
Served**

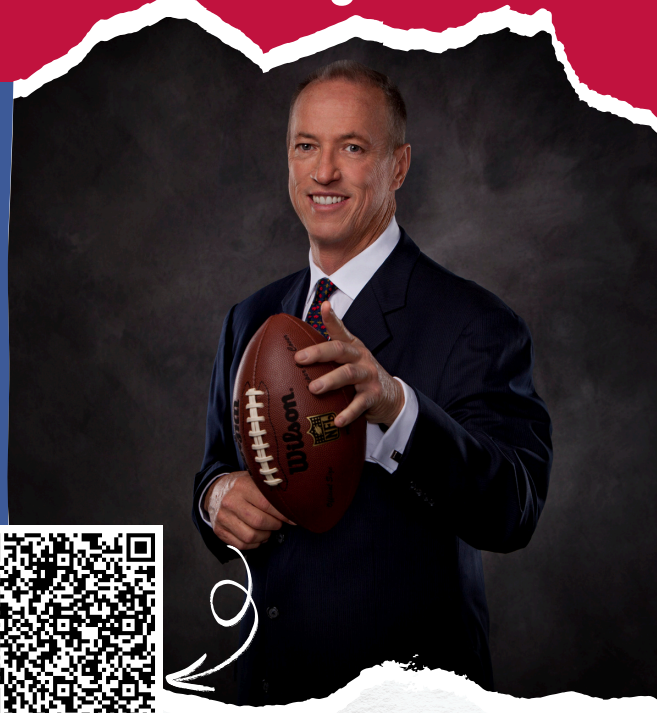
# Evening of Hope

## With Jim and Jill Kelly

March 10, 2025

We are so excited to meet NFL Hall of Fame Quarterback Jim Kelly and his wife Jill at the Evening of Hope! They will tell us how Jesus Christ was their strength through some of the toughest times in their lives.

Tickets for general admission are available at Ticketmaster, or, if you're interested in a sponsorship that would include a table of 8 for dinner, reach out to Julie at [jmaxham@hofh.org](mailto:jmaxham@hofh.org)



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