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Hope In Action

The House of Hope's Newsletter
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Ben Carson is Coming to Town!

March 6, 2023

We Never Get Tired of This!

Born in Detroit to a single mother with a 3rd grade education who worked multiple jobs to support their family, Secretary Carson was raised to love reading and education. He graduated from Yale University and earned his M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School. He and his wife Candy are the proud parents of three adult sons and eight grandchildren.

For nearly 30 years, Secretary Carson served as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, a position he assumed when he was just 33 years old, becoming the youngest major division director in the hospital's history.

He most recently served as the 17th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Dr. Carson is Founder and Chairman of the American Cornerstone Institute, whose mission is to promote the 4 founding principles which are cornerstones of our country: faith, liberty, community and life.

The 2023 Evening of Hope will be held at the Florence Center on March 6, 2023. We are thrilled to offer dinner for sponsors, or tickets for general admission through Ticketmaster. Reach out to Julie Maxham at jmaxham@hofh.org for information about sponsorships!

The Ministry of Play

As they stood in the line to enter the shelter everyone in the family was silent. Fear, hunger, anxiousness and the last threads of hope could be seen in their eyes and facial expressions. She was a young mother probably in her early twenties with two young children. Her daughter probably 6 years old, judging by her Little Mermaid book bag and her son still in training diapers. I look across the parking lot to see a small car with blankets, stuff animals, food wrappers and pillows filling the back window. I'm sure it had been weeks if not months before the young mom got to the point where she had to take her family to the Community Shelter.

The thought of her children being in a homeless shelter was probably more than she could bare but at this lowest point in her life it had become the only choice. I saw the doors open for them to check in and said a little prayer in my head for them before getting in my car to go home for the evening. It was almost two weeks before I would see them again. I was giving a potential donor a tour of our shelter and leading them to our playground area when I heard the giggles and laughter. As I opened the door to the playground area I was welcome by the young girl swinging with the biggest smile and a few missing baby teeth. The little boy happily pushing a yellow Tonka dump truck with mom close by laughing as he made the "beep" "beep" sound while pushing the truck backwards. A lump formed in my thought and tears streamed down my face as I thought to myself, this is ministry, the ministry of play. Nothing in this word other that the love of Christ can heal a mother's heart like the sound of joy coming from her children. In our HOPE Village Community is a new, beautiful and BIG playground. Some might even say it looks like a park. For me it's a place of ministry, made to heal a mother and her children's broken heart. - Bryan Braddock

Fall Graduates

Tommy McKnight

Carlton White

Blake Martin

On October 25, 2022 these gentlemen completed the rigorous task of making it to graduation! After significant work they have come to trust the Lord, find full time employment and be prepared to move into independence. Please pray for their continued success.

GIVING - WE WIN, YOU WIN!

It's that time of year again! Time to switch out the closets for Fall, time to clear out old toys to make way for the new, time to upgrade your old appliance. Here's the real win in all of this, when you clear out the clutter and donate it to the Mission Mart, the House of Hope uses your excess to support those experiencing homeless! The Mission Mart isn't just about making money either. Each year we give away more than **$30,000 worth of gift cards** to those that come to us in need! The mom who's children need a new winter coat. The homeless man who needs new pants or shirt or shoes.

The Mission Mart also offers our long-term residents the opportunity to gain work experience before going out into "the real world". The really good news is that your donation stays local to help the local in need. (And yes, we also make about 15% of our annual budget to support our THREE shelters!) If you have a large donation, like the aforementioned appliances, we can come to you for a pick up! Go to **www.pickupmydonation.com** or call the mart directly at **843-667-9122.**

Thank you for caring!

JANAE WILLIAMS
SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING MANAGER

After completing an Internship on Capitol Hill and graduating from Liberty University, the Lord lead me back to the Pee Dee. While here, I have had the opportunity to serve in the communications sector for over three years, working with local businesses, nonprofits and churches through advertising and marketing. I am excited and thrilled to be apart of an organization that is a voice for the voiceless while bringing glory to God. I look forward to utilizing my gifts and talents here and I'm even more excited to see how the Lord continues to lead and guide us in the years to come.

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YES, I/We would like to support The House of Hope and help the homeless.
I/We would like to contribute:

- ❑ $500.00 will provide shelter for five residents for one month
- ❑ $200.00 will provide transportation for eight residents for one month
- ❑ $100.00 will provide cleaning supplies and personal items for one month
- ❑ $_____ Other
- ❑ My company will match my gift.
- ❑ **I would like to be a LIGHT OF HOPE monthly giver.**
  I would like my gift drafted on
  - ❑ 1st or ❑ 15th of each month.
  - ❑ Use my credit card information below.
  - ❑ Use my voided check enclosed.

Payment by: ❑ Check to House of Hope ❑ Visa /MasterCard ❑ Discover
Card #_____
Exp. Date_____ 3 Digit Security Code_____
Name as it appears on the card: _____
Signature: _____
To donate online visit www.hofh.org. Or Text "Homeless" to 73256 for text giving

Reach out to Janae at jwilliams@hofh.org

*We are a Christ-centered community providing hope by serving the needs of men, women and children facing homelessness.

You're Invited!

HOPE Village Open House

We are excited to invite you to tour the entire HOPE Village facility! Visit our new playground, see the day center and tour a tiny house!

- Date: November 10th
- Time: 1:00-6:00pm
- Place: 1020 W. Darlington Street

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