



House of Hope

A YEAR IN REVIEW



Current Participants

- 92% employed
- 33% enrolled in school
- 83% have reliable transportation
- 58% significantly reduced debt
- 83% of women and children have a regular healthcare provider
- 100% of school-aged children have no truancy issues

10 Families Exited

- Upon exit:
- 100% increased their hourly wages
 - 100% increased hours worked per week
 - 80% decreased their debt by at least half
 - 10% attained an educational degree or certificate
 - 20% were eligible for employer-paid healthcare
 - 90% had reliable transportation

After One Year

- All family members have and use a regular health provider
- All children had up to date immunizations
- All children attend school with no truancy issues
- 100% are employed
- 60% decreased their debt by at least half
- 20% obtained an educational degree
- 80% obtained employer paid healthcare
- 80% have reliable transportation

HOUSE OF HOPE HAPPENINGS

Benjamin Franklin once said, “Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement and success have no meaning.” Continual growth has been the House of Hope theme of 2019!

Over the years, House of Hope has provided financial literacy education in Life Skills classes, but for some, that just isn't enough. We started offering one-on-one financial mentoring to those interested in understanding their finances, creating a spending plan, improving credit scores, and planning for the future. The participating women gained confidence and security in taking control of their finances and two women were accepted into the Habitat for Humanity program! Financial mentoring is now integrated into the program and all women are receiving a minimum of one financial mentoring session.

As we continue to address barriers that keep single mothers from achieving self-sufficiency, gainful employment remains an ongoing struggle. Boost, an 8-week career employment program, was designed to give single mothers a chance at career path employment earning a living wage with employer paid benefits. 5 businesses in the community, VGM, Kimball and Beecher Family Dentistry, Bertch Cabinets, Friendship Village, and Merry Maids, have partnered with House of Hope to offer 6 weeks of on-the-job training. We completed the first session of Boost at the end of the summer and now one of our moms is a proud employee of Kimball and Beecher Family Dentistry!



Jessica at her new job with Kimball and Beecher Family Dentistry!



Paris, Yessica, Jessica, and Kayla shared their House of Hope journeys at the Pasta for Progress event on October 10th.

House of Hope OUTREACH

House of Hope as always maintained a wait list, but it never topped one hundred families long until this year. Thanks to generous support from the Otto Schoitz Foundation and Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Ministry Fund, we started an outreach program. The Outreach program serves 5 women at a time with services and case management to overcome barriers. In just two months we have had two families increase their income, receive financial mentoring, obtain safe and affordable housing, and drop off the House of Hope wait list!



Financial Update

THANK YOU!

Without your support, 10 families would not be thriving in the community and our new Outreach program would not be possible! Together, we are empowering women, building futures, and enriching the community!

2017/2018 Program funding raised: \$510,866

2019/2020 Budget: \$682,000

*increase due to new Outreach Program

Will you consider making a gift to support House of Hope's mission to end the cycle of poverty and homelessness in the Cedar Valley? Follow this link

<https://houseofhopeccd.org/donate-online/> or mail a check payable to House of Hope 845 W. 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50702 to make your tax deductible donation!

Upcoming Events

December 28: Octopus Benefit- enjoy live music at Octopus in Cedar Falls

January 24: House of Hope Uncorked- Cru9 Wine and food pairing at Iron Horse

March 7: Heyday for Hope Barn Bash at Waterloo Elks Club

For more information about events, contact Dusky Steele at duskys@houseofhopeccd.org or call 319-232-3823

Volunteer Needs

Child care Tuesdays, 5pm-6pm

Mentors

Mom Helpers

Front Desk

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Lindsey at lindseyw@houseofhopecce.org or visit our volunteer site: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/392541/events>

