

A Day in the Life: The HOPE Center

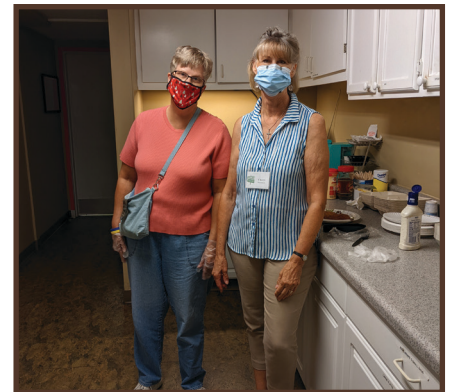
The HOPE Center provides daily services for our clients. Opening at 8:30am, Monday-Friday, our staff and volunteers work hand-in-hand with clients in order to provide services and support until we close for the day at 4:00pm.

Have a look at an average day at the HOPE Center!



Our volunteers work the front desk where we welcome clients. New and returning clients can sign up for anything from a hot meal, to a shower, to the clothing closet, to a meeting with their case manager, plus much more!

Volunteers help prepare food for clients in our kitchenette. Local businesses, faith communities, and individual donors provide generous contributions to our pantry. Meals include anything from hotdogs, casserole, pizza, salad, sandwiches, and more!



After the last of our clients has left, we work to close down the HOPE Center, clearing food, tidying shelves, wiping tables, and folding freshly laundered towels for the next day. Then it's lights out until tomorrow!

Volunteer Opportunities

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.”

To volunteer an online orientation training must first be completed. If you are interested in becoming a HOPE Center Volunteer, or want to learn more go to the JOURNEYS website (www.journeystheroadhome.org) or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Anna Malhotra at a.malhotra@journeystheroadhome.org



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Your gift provides access to resources that will aid our clients as they work to rebuild their lives and end their homelessness. Even a small monthly gift can have a tremendous impact.

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Building Community

August 2022

At its core, a community is an idea. A community is a group of people who come together and decide they are connected and reliant upon one another. A community is defined by the idea that its individuals share both boon and burden. But how does a community materialize? What are its planes, angles, and facets? How does it take shape and become tangible?

For JOURNEYS, our new building is a very real materialization of our community. From its inception to its implementation, *the very heart of this project has endured because of people like you making it possible.* Indeed, JOURNEYS' mission is not just to serve the community but also to be a vehicle for it: a physical space that facilitates service and celebrates success.

By the end of this calendar year, we will be moving staff and services over to our new building. Along with our boxes full of file folders, pens, and staplers, we will also carry with us decades of community support and passion for building up our neighbors and helping people in need.

JOURNEYS is not just "The Road Home" for clients on the path towards housing, but also "The Road Home" for our larger community to come together and act as one. As we move into JOURNEYS' next chapter, we think of our new building as an idea made manifest both *by* our community and *for* our community.

Thank you for continuing to be the driving force of JOURNEYS' mission and, of course, part of our community. Your support makes change possible and lives better.



In partnership,

Executive Director

Development Associate



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Construction Progress

"Through this building we will further help to support and strengthen the feeling of *community* among those we serve. People who have a community are *happier*, they recover faster from illness, they feel *valued* and *important*, they feel *less lonely*, and they will feel more *welcomed* while we continue to work tirelessly to find them their own *place to call home*."

- Beth Nabors, Executive Director



From pouring the foundations...

...To framing the future!

Over the next few months, we anticipate several exciting milestones including:

- Concrete Slabs (Grade and Metal Deck) *End of July*
- Framing and Enclosure *August - October*
- Interior Mechanical Rough-In *August - September*
- Wall Framing *Throughout September*
- Finishes, Flooring, Paint, etc. *October - November/December*



For more information, visit:

<https://www.journeystheroadhome.org/building-for-hope.html>

Building *for* Hope

Support

Shelter

Stability

Excitement for Building for HOPE

We asked our staff what has them most excited about the new building. Here are a few of their responses!

"The new building is such an exciting prospect for JOURNEYS because the agency will have the capacity to provide emergency and temporary shelter in its own building. This will allow the agency to **assist more clients** towards shelter." - Bailey, Grants Associate



"I am very excited about the new building's expanded capacity for resources. The new building will be able to **meet clients' needs more quickly** and more extensively!" - Rogan, Case Manager

"I'm most excited to think of the new building from a **client's point of view**. Clients will receive services at the same physical location of our year-round shelter site. This will help better serve all of our clients and especially those with **unique needs**." - Shaina, Database Specialist



"I am most excited about the new building's ability to house all the different services clients need - shelter, counseling, case management, and support services - all in one location. This will be a **huge benefit for everyone, especially clients with disabilities that make mobility challenging**." - Todd, Director of Clinical Services

"The new building means a **new beginning**. I'm excited about all the **new possibilities and new opportunities** for our clients, volunteers and staff!" - Tara, Events Coordinator



"I am most excited about the expanded HOPE Center, food pantry, and clothing closet. This excites me because it means we will have a **greater capacity to feed, clothe, and serve clients on a daily basis**." - Amanda, Grants Associate

Event Highlights

Superhero 5K

The 2022 Superhero 5K was a huge success. Our community raised over \$8,000 in support of our programs and services! Thank you to every superhero who took part, including participants, sponsors, donors, staff, volunteers, the Board of Directors, and our event chairs, Paul Adamczyk & Nick Heuertz.



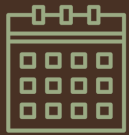
Join us next year for the **10th Annual Superhero 5K, June 17, 2023!**

Register early for \$5 off registration!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Palatine/JOURNEYSSuperhero5K>

Save the Date

JOURNEYS Annual Meeting



9/29/2022

6:30pm

Palatine Public Library



www.journeystheroadhome.org

Bid For HOPE 2022 will be Friday,
November 4, 2022!



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