

How can you help HOPE Network?

Donate money or items

- Although our 2015 fundraiser was very successful, we also depend on our other two appeals (early December and Mother's Day) to sustain our services. In addition to mailing a check, you may also charge your donation or use PayPal (see our website on the back panel).
- Collect clothing (all sizes), toys, books, baby equipment, and housewares for the Northwest Trading Post at Holy Cross Church (Pilgrim Rd., south of Appleton Ave. in Meno. Falls).
- Donate tickets for sports events, concerts, the Zoo, museums, or other area attractions.
- Donate items for our silent auction in fall.

Volunteer

- Volunteer to staff our table at a resource fair.
- Organize a supply drive for infant items or children's books.
- Ask at your workplace about providing holiday help (we especially need gift cards).
- Join our board: six meetings per year, near Mayfair Mall.
- Research information for our quarterly resource news magazine.
- Ask us to speak to your organization.

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Attend our Fall FUNdraiser Oct. 7, 2016!



HOPE Network for Single Mothers

HOPE Network is a volunteer-based grassroots organization providing emotional, educational, and material support to single pregnant women and single mothers in the greater Milwaukee area.

HOPE's supportive services give single mothers a sense of community, help them enhance their parenting skills and develop self-reliance, and aid them in planning a future for themselves and their children.

HOPE Network was founded in 1982 by Menomonee Falls resident Gail Grenier Sweet.

Programs include: scholarships for mothers, portable cribs, resource news magazine, clothing banks, and family gatherings.

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HOPE Network is a 501 (c) (3) organization, and your contributions are tax deductible.



HOPE Network 2015 Program Successes

A summary of HOPE Network's programs from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015



Single Mothers Helped

4,360 were mailed our resource news magazine each quarter, plus many more received at agencies.

250 paid members officially joined HOPE Network. The moms received bi-monthly mailings and emails on outings & special community events.

\$7,000 in scholarship grants awarded for the 2015-2016 school year. **7** mothers received \$1,000 each.

More than **1,000** phone calls between HOPE's staff and single mothers, giving them information, counseling, and referrals.

School Supplies/ Holiday Help

70 backpacks loaded with school supplies were distributed to children in need.

278 HOPE Network members received **\$4,050** worth of holiday gift cards from individuals, churches, businesses, and HOPE Network.



Social Gatherings for Children

813 free Milwaukee Brewers and **69** magic show tickets were distributed to mothers and their children..

570 family passes were given out for free summer admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum, and **80** family passes to the Milwaukee Public Museum.

9 Second Saturday gatherings hosted by Christ Child Society. **1,100** children's books were distributed.

News Magazine & Social Media

Every quarter, **15,000** copies of HOPE's resource news magazine were distributed to local single mothers and those who help them (social service agencies, schools, hospitals, churches, clinics, food pantries, and other community organizations).

343 Facebook friends read our postings about family resources and area events at www.facebook.com/hopenetworkinc and more followed us on Twitter: @HOPE_Network

Clothing Distribution

236 family visits for infant and toddler clothing at our southside Mother's Trading Post, open **24** Thursdays.

1,096 family visits were made to the Northwest Trading Post for clothing, toys, books, baby equipment, bedding, and housewares. It's open once a month, and run by Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Both sites distributed diapers, as well as layettes from HOPE Network and the Christ Child Society.

Cribs

44 portable cribs were distributed to single mothers who did not have a safe place for their babies to sleep. Each mother attended a Safe Sleep class and received a layette.

Cribs were distributed from the HOPE Network office in Menomonee Falls and sites in Milwaukee, West Allis, and Waukesha.

In-Kind Donations

\$36,000 in infant supplies, diapers, free tickets, gift cards, and other new items for families.

Thousands of dollars worth of clothing, baby equipment, toys, and household items taken directly to the Northwest Trading Post, plus books and other items collected for the Second Saturday gatherings.

Annual Fundraiser

Profits from this huge volunteer effort Oct. 10, 2014 funded 25% of our program budget. Items worth **\$15,000+** were donated to the auctions.

Volunteer Work

2 part-time staff were supported by more than **65** volunteers for office work, mailings, board meetings, social media, fundraiser, the news magazine, and scholarships.