



Seeds of HOPE Program



"Its easy to lose hope when you're in jail. Lots of people abandon you. You don't know where to turn when you get out. HOPE is like family to me. They accepted me and helped me. They gave me hope!"

~ Lavette J.

HOPE Offers a Solution that Works!

The Foundation of HOPE addresses the problem of recidivism by offering inmates support and direction both during their incarceration and after their release. Increased capacity to make responsible decisions helps individuals avoid repeat offenses. Since 2002, HOPE has been providing a continuum of care through Chaplaincy, Pre-Release, Youth Diversion and Aftercare services.

The goals of the program are accomplished through counseling, religious services, discipleship, practical resources and referrals, life skills education within and outside the jail, choice awareness training, and one-on-one mentoring. HOPE serves inmates and re-entrants regardless of their race, age, ethnic background, sexual orientation, or faith.

Foundation of HOPE

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The barriers that prevent our clients from successfully re-entering the community and workforce are things that most of us take for granted. . .

- *Transportation to and from work.*
- *Obtaining a birth certificate.*
- *Possessing a valid state ID.*
- *Work shoes and/or clothing.*
- *Security Deposit for Housing.*

Through the **Seeds of HOPE** program, your Community of Faith can help remove these barriers and **plant the seeds** for a successful, positive, and hopeful re-entry; enabling men and women to **grow** into productive members of their communities and families!

Blooming Seeds Client Testimonials. . .

"The HOPE Program exceeded my expectations. They helped me obtain everything I needed to better equip myself for job search and preparation. My resume looks great and I have a beautiful set of interview clothes! I feel like a hundred bucks. Now they're helping me find a job and get on with my new life!"

~Garrick M.

"If it wasn't for you folks I don't know what I would have done. The bus passes, clothing, and furniture were all much needed but more importantly you made me feel like I was worthwhile; like God still loved me! I haven't felt that way in a long time."

~Justin D.

"Lots of agencies say they're going to help you. Foundation of HOPE was the only one that actually did. They helped me get my ID and a professional clothing that I desperately needed for my new job. Everyone was friendly and treated me with much respect! They never gave up on me. Plus, the coffee is GREAT!"

~Mary T.

Your tax-deductible commitment of **\$300** to the **Seeds of HOPE** program provides a HOPE client with the following **seeds**:

- 2 Bus Passes: \$ 40.00
- 1 State ID: \$ 30.00
- 1 Pair of Work Boots: \$ 60.00
- Resume: \$ 20.00
- Housing Deposit: \$150.00

Many former inmates re-offend and return to jail or prison after their release because they lack the informal and formal support systems ("seeds") needed to help them reintegrate back into their communities. The **HOPE Aftercare Program** is an interfaith pre- and post-release adult reintegration program for inmates and reentrants that helps ensure their successful return to the community. HOPE Aftercare Provides basic needs assistance, information resources, referrals, and guidance regarding employment, housing, education, food assistance, mental health services, clothing, and furniture.

HOPE Aftercare also facilitates a one-on-one **mentoring program** that matches inmates and reentrants with a caring mentor who walks with them on their journey of re-entry.

In addition, our weekly **Positive Initiative to Reinforce Change (PIRC)** support groups provide a forum for reentrants and their supporters to share resources, network, and address social, intellectual, vocation, spiritual, emotional, environmental, and physical needs.

Call **412.321.3343** or visit **www.foundationofhope.org** for more information

YES! Our Community of Faith would like to support the **Seeds of HOPE** program to help an individual successfully re-enter our community and find gainful employment. Enclosed is our tax deductible contribution of **\$300**.

We are unable to fully seed a client at this time; however we would like to make a donation to support a re-entrant with the following:

- _____ \$40 Bus Passes
- _____ \$30 State ID
- _____ \$60 Work Shoes/Boots
- _____ \$20 Resume
- _____ \$150 Housing Deposit

Community of Faith: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Name & Title: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____