



The Lost Sheep

In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus speaks of the shepherd who leaves the 99 that are safe to rescue the one that is lost. What a sweet story of redemption for all who have been found by Him. Our hearts resonate with the joy of His everlasting love focused on us.

Here at Hope, we understand “lost sheep.” But our numbers don’t follow the parable’s script. Way more than one in a hundred of our patients are in a world of hurt. Most come on the cusp of making a life and death decision. Many also bring with them lives full of broken pieces, anxiety and hopelessness.



In a remarkable twist, these lost ones come right up to our front door and ask us straight out to help them. Our staff and volunteers are ready to give what they need—truth, wrapped in love. But what they need even more is grace, unconditional acceptance, and hope for a way forward. **In God’s power, we give them that, too.** Like Jesus carrying the one lost lamb slung across his shoulders, it is common to see here the many being embraced and lifted to a hopeful future.

Of course, we don’t see all of their problems solved in a single hour but **we do often get to plant a seed that can grow into a healthy, even bright future.** That’s another parable, maybe for another time.

Many of the lost souls at Hope enroll in our Parenting Initiative where they encounter an abundance of mercy and lovingkindness. Some come in still very broken, and receive six weeks (or 12 or 18 weeks) of unconditional love. In this safe place, many lives experience

redemption.

Whether for one hour or many weeks, Hope is here to bring each one safely into the fold of Jesus’ grace and love. **Thank you for embracing their journey with us!**

Devoted to Prayer

Every Tuesday morning the Hope staff gather in the lobby for prayer time. We spend a few precious minutes lifting up each other, our patients, and the ministry of Hope to our Heavenly Father. The medical staff and volunteers pray almost every morning for the patients coming in that day. Throughout every day we pray for each other and patients we know are in hard situations. Board members are praying for this ministry during—and in between—board meetings. **Prayers are going out from Hope all the time.**

We also know that prayers are being spoken over Hope all through our community, surrounding cities, and even beyond the borders of Marion and Polk counties. Faithful partners of Hope, some of whom have moved out of state, support Hope through prayer.

While we do occasionally send out specific prayer requests in a “prayer blast” email*, some needs are constant. Here are some things we continually lay before the Lord in prayer:

- That women facing unplanned pregnancies will see Hope as their first option and come to us.
- That women will leave Hope feeling seen, heard, supported and empowered.
- That the Lord will give our staff and volunteers wisdom, strength and courage.
- That the Lord will continue to protect our buildings and ministry from those who seek to do harm.

Will you join us in praying for these things? We know that prayer is powerful. We’ve seen the Lord answer time and time again. He’s proven His provision in big and small things. Before we even ask, the Lord is working. We can trust Him.

*If you would like to be placed on our “prayer blast” email list, please email Whitney Ned at whitney@hopeforsalem.org.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
COLOSSIANS 4:2

Run Registration Now Open

The sun is shining and summer is here! **It's time to sign up to participate in the 2024 Hope Run.**

Join us Saturday, August 10th at Minto Brown Island Park to run or walk the 10k, 5k, or 1k course. It is a fun, family friendly day where we celebrate the work done at Hope and raise funds to continue to help all women who need our services. As we continue to serve more and more of these women each year, we hope that you will support Hope by running (or walking!) and asking your friends and family to support women, babies and families in Marion and Polk counties by sponsoring you.

To register, download a sponsorship form, sign up as a volunteer or for FAQ's, please visit our website HopeforSalem.org or scan the QR code provided.



Fundraising Opportunity

With parties and BBQ's popping up on our summer calendars, **it's the perfect time to partner with Hope** through the BottleDrop Give program.



If you already have an account through Oregon Bottle Drop, you can transfer funds from your personal account to Hope's non-profit account. Another option is to pick up blue bags at the clinic, fill them and drop them off at a Redemption Center near you using Hope's unique scan code on the bag.

More details are available on the 'Ways to Give' tab at HopeforSalem.org.

A Gift of Education

Education is an important part of Hope's services for women. We know that when a woman feels fully informed and supported, she is more likely to choose life. One way in which Hope provides education is through our Parenting Initiative with curriculum that helps moms, and dads, be more prepared for pregnancy, childbirth and parenting.

We are thankful and blessed to have received a grant from the **Huddart Family Foundation** to cover the expense of our parenting curriculum for a full year. Thank you Huddart Family Foundation! Your gift will make an impact that will last a lifetime for each family who participates in the program.



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for the 2024 Hope Run!

Saturday, August 10th @
Minto Brown Island Park

Early-bird pricing ends July 22nd



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