



Project Hope Happenings

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A Pumpkin Spiced Hello!

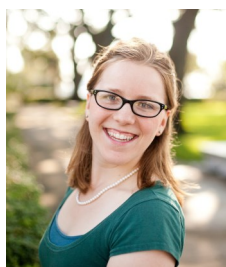
While Omaha creeps its way into the season of blustery winds, hay wagon rides, and enchanting scenery, we at Project Hope have quite a few “changing leaves” of our own.



We are approaching the one year mark of residence here on 60th street (“A Tree Ring of Growth”), in August we welcomed Lutheran Volunteer Corps Member Amanda Zasada to the Project Hope staff (“From the Bright Lights to the Big City”), our physical and online spaces received a sprucing up (“Recent Updates”), and soon we will be heading into the busy holiday season (“Sharing the Holiday Harvest”).

Project Hope would not have this assortment of “changing leaves” without your support, and so we extend to you, with all the sweetness of an apple pie, our heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for helping us ensure everyone enjoys the holiday season with food on the table and hearts filled with love.

- The Project Hope Family



From the Bright Lights to the Big City

Amanda Zasada, a native of Platteville, Wisconsin, joined the Project Hope office on August 17 to complete a year of service made possible by the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. She will primarily serve as Volunteer Coordinator, in addition to working in various capacities within the intake and marketing departments.

Amanda recently earned a bachelor’s degree in vocal music from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. UW-Platteville is located in a primarily agricultural area of Wisconsin, with all of Grant County boasting a population of just over 50,000. Amanda is greatly enjoying the new experience of living in Omaha.

During her time as a student, Amanda served as a music librarian for the UW-Platteville Performing and Visual Arts Department, taught private voice lessons, and worked as a performer and soloist throughout the Dubuque Tri-State Area.

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Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am - 4pm
Tues: Call for hours
Thurs: 9am - 3pm

Pantry Hours & Locations

Main Location:

Mon, Wed & Fri
11am - 2:45pm
3rd Tues of the Month
5pm - 7pm

Satellite Pantries:

Holy Cross Lutheran

4117 Terrace Dr.
3rd Thurs of the Month
5pm - 7pm

St. Matthew’s Lutheran

1725 S. 60th St.
3rd Sat of the month
10am - 12pm

Project Hope Staff

Lori Lindberg

Executive Director

Amanda Zasada

Volunteer Coordinator



We extend our warmest thanks to the following who have given in-kind donations such as food, clothing, and personal care items thus far in the 2015 calendar year. It is through the generosity and thoughtfulness of our many donors that we are able to serve as many people as we do.

Amy Ghegan
Angela Thomas
Anita Larson Andres
Arlene Lee
Ballard Fleming
Barry Arnold
Betty Neben
Bobby Lucas
Bonita Trompke
Brad Abbott
Bruce & Jayne Dean
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Cathy Urwin
Charlie Allen
Cheryl Matthews
Dana Engel
Darcy Cottone
Deb Becker
Diane Burt
Don Kusek
Erin & Greg Salton
Gina Pierce
Gloria Washington
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Gretna Neighbors
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Phillip Becher

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Rejoice! Lutheran Church
Resurrection Lutheran Church
Rick Iske
Rob & Linda Johns
Ruth Johnson
Sandy Leimer
Sarah Marty
Sharon & Nelson Newman
Shawn Lorenzen
Sherry Hansen
Sienna Francis house
St Michael Lutheran Church
St Thomas Lutheran Church
St. Johns Lutheran Church
St. Mark Lutheran Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Millard
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Omaha
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
Susan Dabney
Sven Jasinski
Trinity Lutheran Church
Vicki Littler
Woody Peet
Zena Alexander
Zion Lutheran Church

Recent Updates

- Expanded website to better inform clients and donors
- Updated bulletin boards for visual appeal
- Clothing sorted by size for easier browsing

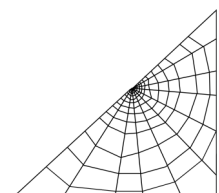
Be sure to drop by to see all the exciting changes in person!

Help Us Spin the Spider's Web

Project Hope is always looking for volunteers! If you would like to lend a helping hand, feel free to contact us about when and where we can best utilize your time and talents.

Example Volunteer Duties

- Greeting clients and verifying identification information
- Inputting client information into our database (specialized training would be provided)
- Guiding clients through the choice pantry
- Loading groceries into clients' vehicles
- Unloading the food truck
- Stocking Shelves
- Sorting through and organizing clothing





A Tree Ring of Growth

Last October we moved to the basement of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on 60th Street and Sorenson Parkway. We have been in our new location for about a year now, and although we are up and running, we seem to be constantly changing our set-up and continuing to organize our food.

We are getting into a groove with our daily routines, but it seems we always have room for improvement. We are in need of volunteers from the community. Our opportunities are varied and can be completed in whatever hours work best for your schedule. We welcome volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (for more information, see the article on the previous page).

We are looking forward to Jonathan Helmberger working on his Eagle Scout project. He will be building an outside storage unit for Project Hope. It will be weather tight, allowing us to store our extra inventory in an out-of-the-way space. Most importantly, it will help Jonathan achieve his Eagle Scout rank, the highest attainable in Boy Scouts of America.

If you haven't made it out to our new location, I invite you to visit. You can come to chat, come to donate, or even come and volunteer. I would love to give you a tour and say "Hi!"

Blessings!
Lori

Sharing the Holiday Harvest

The November/December holiday season is always a busy time at Project Hope. Last year we served nearly 1,300 households, and we expect increased numbers this year. During this time, we give out specialized holiday food baskets with the following items*:



Stuffing (\$2)**
Potatoes (\$3.50)
2 Gravy Packets (\$3)
Mushroom Soup (\$1)

Onion Topping (\$2.50)
Cake Mix (\$1)
Frosting (\$1.50)
Large Jello (\$0.70)

Sweet Potatoes (\$2.50)
2 Cans Green Beans (\$2)
Marshmallows (\$1.80)
Approx. Total: \$22

*Meat choices are not included in this list. If you would like to help cover the cost of meat, please contact us.

**Listed prices are approximate.

Extra donations of these items or monetary gifts would lead to another successful holiday season. Let us know how you would like to participate in Project Hope's cornucopia of blessings by filling out and returning the form below.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I will personally buy holiday food basket items to donate.
- ☐ I will organize a food drive for holiday food basket items.
- ☐ I will cover the cost of **1** holiday food basket **(\$22)**
- ☐ I will cover the cost of **10** holiday food baskets **(\$220)**
- ☐ I will cover the cost of **___** holiday food baskets **(\$22 per basket)**
- ☐ Other: _____

Send completed form and
check (if applicable) to:

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A food and clothing pantry
serving North Omaha and
surrounding areas.

Pantry Services in 2014 and 2015

MONTH	2014 HOUSEHOLDS	2014 INDIVIDUALS	2015 HOUSEHOLDS	2015 INDIVIDUALS
Jan	644	1,553	487	1,095
Feb	442	884	364	717
Mar	605	1,310	437	971
April	648	1,519	429	917
May	511	1,150	346	744
June	609	1,557	397	899
July	649	1,639	423	963
Aug	681	1,617	353	713
Sept	622	1,512	~350	~850
Oct	530	1,168	-	-
Nov	814	1,909	-	-
Dec	475	1,099	-	-
Totals	7,230	16,917	-	-

Numbers are lower this year because of our move in October 2014. We anticipate an increase in our numbers in 2016 as word gets out that we are here and available to help those in need.



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