



Project Hope Happenings

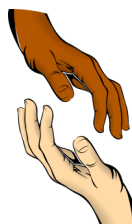
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Let Us Rise

Robert G. Ingersoll, a popular orator in the late 1800s, urged the public to take care of one another with the idea that "We rise by lifting others." In this edition of Project Hope Happenings, we will explore that idea of rising as tied to Project Hope, a ministry dedicated entirely to lifting others.



Some features in this issue include ways to support Project Hope during the upcoming Omaha Gives event (Rise Together), a listing of our current Board of Directors (Rise Through the Ranks), and a reflection on a client interaction (Rising Spirits). This is only a snapshot of the lifting and rising that happens within Project Hope, but we are thankful for supporters like you who help make it all happen.



Rise Together—Omaha Gives!

Omaha Gives! is a 24-hour online giving event organized by the Omaha Community Foundation to grow philanthropy in Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie counties. The goal is to inspire the community to come together and give as much as possible in a 24-hour period to support the work of public 501c3 nonprofits in the metro area. Bonus dollars and prizes amplify charitable donations to make each dollar go further. Omaha Gives! will take place this year on May 25, so be sure to mark your calendars. We can't wait to see the Omaha community band together through giving!

How can you help Project Hope during Omaha Gives?

- **Donate**—Visit OmahaGives24.org on May 25 to make your donations.
- **Schedule a Gift**—For your convenience, you can schedule gifts ahead of time between April 1 and 24.
- **Spread the Word**—Tell your friends that you will be giving to Project Hope during Omaha Gives! and that you need their help. Be sure to let them know why you love supporting Project Hope.
- **Post about Omaha Gives! on Social Media**—Let your friends and followers know how they can give and how their donations can help us win matching and prize funds.
- **Cheer Us On**—On May 25, watch the leaderboard on OmahaGives24.org and share updates of our progress on social media.

To learn more, visit OmahaGives24.org.

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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

Rise Through the Ranks—Meet Our Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors conducts and manages the business and affairs of Project Hope. We are grateful for these individuals who utilize their time and talents to jointly guide Project Hope into best serving those in need. Below is a list of our current board members and the reasons why they love supporting Project Hope.

Susan Ties, President

Occupation: Retired, Director of Human Resources

I became interested in Project Hope after a presentation at our church by Lori, the Executive Director. Her passion about the work they do was so moving that I just had to become a part of it. I love being the face of Jesus to those who come through the pantry and am so blessed to be a part of a congregation that wholly supports the feeding of those in need. Making a difference in someone's life circumstance is a blessing and a response to Jesus' command that we help one another.

Terri Grunke, Vice President and Holy Cross Representative

Occupation: Registered Nurse at Methodist Hospital

I love supporting Project Hope because I think what we do is important and has a positive impact on families in our community.

Jennifer Schell, Secretary and St. Matthew Representative

Occupation: Homemaker

I love supporting Project Hope because I think it's extremely important to take care of the hungry and people in need. I also love working with all of the fun volunteers and meeting new people every week.

Erin Booth, Board Member

Occupation: Project Hope Volunteer

Society often views low income people as the weakest link. Since we are only as strong as our weakest link, I want to help build us all up. I want to live in a community that is doing well, so I support Project Hope to make a difference.

Rev. Roland Jank, Jr., Advising Member

Occupation: Parish Pastor, Mount Olive Lutheran Church

I support Project Hope because it is a Lutheran agency extending the arms of Christ to the needy in our Omaha community.

Susan Lauman, Past President

Occupation: Legal Secretary

I know what it means to be hungry and for there to not be enough money for food or food in the house. It is a calling of my heart to make sure that others have a place to help them not know that deep pain and ache.

Additional Members:

Amy Bowen, Dean Fricke Representative

Cindy Hoff, Shepherd of the Hills Representative

Pastor Diana Kuhl, Advising Member

Tom Prohaska, Board Member



Raising One Another Up—Director's Note



"Therefore encourage one another and edify one another, just as you are doing."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (AMP)

We all need to have a word of encouragement. It makes all the difference with how we perform in our jobs, in the home, or even in our ministries. So often it's easy for people to focus on the negative, such as the mistakes we may make and the hopeless situations we feel we're in. Just one word of encouragement can change all that. It inspires us to carry on and give it our best. It makes us feel appreciated and know that we do make a difference.

As we go about our days, let's be mindful of the people with whom we come in contact and speak an encouraging word. It will brighten their day!

Encouragement we so desire, for it is this that lifts our spirits higher.

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Blessings!
Lori

Rise and Shine—Shining a Spotlight for National Volunteer Week

We have many individuals who provide hope and inspiration by giving their time at Project Hope. Without their help, Project Hope would not be able to function. We are thankful for our volunteers year round, but during National Volunteer Week April 10-16 we enjoy shining extra light on them.



To help show thanks for our volunteers, we encourage you to stop by our Facebook page that week at [Facebook.com/ProjectHopeIncOmaha](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectHopeIncOmaha) and give them a shout out for all their work!

Rising Spirits—Amanda's Reflection



I was working with an older gentleman to collect his information and input it into our computer system so he could get a food pantry. He was sitting in a chair across the desk from me, but he wouldn't make eye contact and only gave minimal answers such as, "Yes, ma'am." Despite his tall stature, he sat timidly hunched, as if to protect himself. It seemed as if he were waiting for a verbal assault, whether through rudeness or sharpness of tone, and that broke my heart.

When someone cowers in front of my barely-over-five-foot self, I can't imagine the oppression they've faced. I can't fathom living a life in which you anticipate harshness in every interaction. I can't believe we live in a society that lets this be okay.

I often feel lost and overwhelmed when I really think about the brokenness of society. I sometimes wish I were good at pushing truth under a rug so I could live in ignorant bliss. I don't know any easy answers to "fix" our problems, but at the very least I know I can control my interactions with others.

I spoke to that man with the kindest tone I could muster. I made simple, light talk, and he slowly opened up to me, both verbally and physically. At the end of our few minutes together, he finally looked me straight in the eyes and said, "Thank you. You have a blessed day."

Kindness is such an easy gift to give; why does it have to be so rare?

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

Pantry Services in 2015 and 2016

MONTH	2015 HOUSEHOLDS	2015 INDIVIDUALS	2016 HOUSEHOLDS	2016 INDIVIDUALS
January	487	1,095	288	644
February	364	717	265	500
March	437	971	344	657
April	429	917	-	-
May	346	744	-	-
June	397	899	-	-
July	423	963	-	-
August	353	713	-	-
September	339	826	-	-
October	444	1,041	-	-
November	737	1,653	-	-
December	402	901	-	-
Totals	5,158	11,440	897	1,801



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to get up to the minute updates from our pantry!