"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

House of Hope Ministries – March 2017

## Newsletter

Board Members and Volunteers at HOHM are reflecting on the first 80 days of 2017 and the hardships of a record setting winter. We have experienced closure due to snow blocking our parking and the Woods family snowed in at home twice in less than a month. In 71 years of living in Central Oregon we have never been snowed in. All that being said we have still served the needs of our Veterans and the community with our services.

HOHM-Hope Center, has provided these services in the first 80 days of 2017: Meals-126, showers-102, laundry-38 loads, Veterans-29, Internet-44, Art-8, Library-6, Food bags-199 people, most people take from two to five bags of food.

HOHM-Fund Raiser-Poker Run, is scheduled for May 20, 2017 location:

Deschutes County Fairgrounds-Expo Center. Wildhorse Harley Davidson has donated a 2003 Anniversary Softtail Custom bike for our Raffle. Our event has the pleasure to offer music by The Decades, a band from Portland. See our Poker-Run event flier, March 27<sup>th</sup>,2017 on our web site: <a href="https://www.houseofhope-bend.org">www.houseofhope-bend.org</a>. Please come and enjoy a drug and alcohol free fun day. Funds raised at this event will provide support for our Hope Center Drop-In program, allowing us to continue our services.

HOHM-Special Thanks, to new donors who have joined our \$10.00 Plus Campaign in 2016. You have made a great impact on our financial requirements, allowing us provisions for our services.

HOHM-Special Thanks to volunteers for working very hard in our R-COG community garden, HOHM is looking forward to spring and our community enjoying our R-COG garden in Redmond. We plan to open in May, depending on weather. Beds/plots are 4'x14'x12". We ask for a \$25.00 donation for the season per plot, to cover the costs of water and mushroom fertilizer. We will do all watering so people don't have to stay home and water their garden. Our garden soil is very close to organic, we ask that gardeners not use chemicals of any kind in our beds.

HOHM-Volunteer Needs: Our Hope Center Drop-In program needs more volunteers to continue our services. Hours of need are four hours per day (Tues.-Sat.) job requires: compassion, discernment, guiding people through community resource materials, signing people up for services, listening and mentoring, and validating each person who comes through our doors.

We believe our community is stronger and healthier when we work together. Please join us as we reach out to meet the needs of our community. HOHM is dedicated to sharing Hope, Faith and Love to all people in our community.

Sincerely, HOHM/President Darlene Woods

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