



April Newsletter



Message from the Executive Director

April is a wonderful month and the chance we get every year to celebrate Resurrection Sunday, as I am sure you just did. Author Janine di Giovanni says, “Easter is meant to be a symbol of **Hope, Renewal, and New Life.**” As I heard the Easter message this past weekend while attending church with my family, the word *hope* was used numerous times. This led me to ponder what *hope* means for the young men at Hope’s Path. The word *hope* can be used as a noun *or* a verb; our organization incorporates *hope* as a verb! Merriam-Webster defines ‘*hope*’ as “to cherish a desire with anticipation: to want something to happen or be true”. Many of the young men that have called Hope’s Path home at some point in their journey came from a situation of feeling hopeless and then found new *hope* for their future! Our cornerstone verse at Hope’s Path is Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know that plans I have for you declared the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a **HOPE** and a future.” This is a good reminder to all of us that Jesus IS hope, and no matter what our background is or was, we are renewed in Christ.

April is bringing so many blessings to Hope’s Path. Here are just a few of the highlights happening this month: The graduation of TWO interns! The most successful charity golf tournament in our history! Being featured as one of the Christian nonprofits at the Woodlands prayer breakfast! Volunteering with the Ironman Texas event! Presenting at the Houston Philanthropy Circle! Onboarding several new volunteers! Adding a new Director to our Board of Directors! God is certainly orchestrating a lot of *Hope* this month! Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Hope’s Path and our Mission, we appreciate it more than you know. Have a blessed rest of your month.

Congratulations to our Recent Graduates



Chris shares his testimony:

"Hope's Path has provided me with a place to call home and stepped into my life when I felt I had no one else. I felt a sense of belonging. Various elements helped me get to where I am today. A strong group of mentors surrounded me, restored my faith, regained my confidence, taught me to create and maintain a budget, and helped me to launch my career in the glass industry. I was so fortunate to develop many relationships within my community while living at Hope's Path."



Torrey shares his testimony:

"While I was at Hope's Path, I was able to build wonderful meaningful relationships within Hope's Path. I was able to transition from the Foster Care System to normalcy during my stay. Hope's Path helped me get into Rice University, as well as get my first vehicle. Now, with their help, I am on the path to a stable life full of exciting advancements and new adult experiences."

Annual Golf Tournament Update

Our 3rd Annual Hope's Path Golf Tournament was held on Monday, April 3, and was a **huge success!!** Thank you all for your support! We had 112 golfers, 28 teams, 20 volunteers, perfect weather, and raised close to **\$90,000**. It was a great day to create awareness and support for our Mission. A HUGE shoutout to our volunteer Golf Tournament Committee (Brent, Holly, Susan, and Stephanie), team captains, sponsors, Hope's Path Board of Directors, and the staff for making this event one for the record books!



Meet our New Board Director, Monica Brashear

Hope's Path is excited to introduce a new Director to our Board of Directors! Monica is a twenty-year resident of The Woodlands and has spent the past decade practicing



residential real estate for Sotheby's International Realty. She is a five-star agent and the top producer for Sotheby's in The Woodlands. She has been recognized in The Wall Street Journal, Texas Monthly, and Modern Luxury. Monica also owns and manages a portfolio of investment properties for The Brashear Group LLC. Before her career in real estate, she practiced law for fifteen years, first as a felony prosecutor and later as in-house legal counsel for a privately held corporation. Monica graduated with Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Kentucky and an MBA degree from Rice University's Jones School of Business. She also maintains a Texas real estate license as well as law licenses

with the Maryland and Kentucky Bar Associations. Monica relishes the time she can spend with her husband and two sons. Her hobbies include making anything better!

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