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## September Newsletter

### Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to September! I hope this newsletter finds you well as we transition into this beautiful month.

On this anniversary month of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, we come together to honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001. We remember the heroes, the sacrifices, and the resilience that emerged from the darkness. Let us pause and reflect on the power of unity, the importance of compassion, and the unwavering strength of the human spirit.

I want to give a huge shout-out to the team at Keystone Signature Properties for their consistent and selfless dedication to volunteerism. Once a month, their team volunteers for several hours to make our organization better. They have made a profound impact on the lives of many. Their commitment to giving back is truly exemplary, and we extend our deepest thanks for their ongoing support.

We seek compassionate individuals willing to serve as volunteer drivers to assist with intern transportation needs. If you or someone you know can spare some time and willingness to make a difference, I invite you to step forward and help us provide a smooth and safe commuting experience for our interns.

As summer's warmth fades away, we look forward to embracing the beauty of fall. The changing colors of leaves, cozy sweaters, and pumpkin-spiced treats create an atmosphere of comfort and joy. It's also a reminder of the ever-changing seasons of life. Let us approach this season with gratitude, embracing the transitions that lie ahead and finding beauty in every step we take.

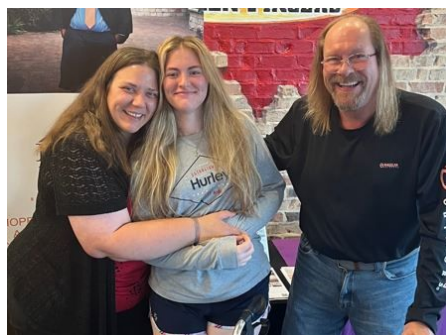
I hope these updates and reflections bring a sense of connection and encouragement to your September. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



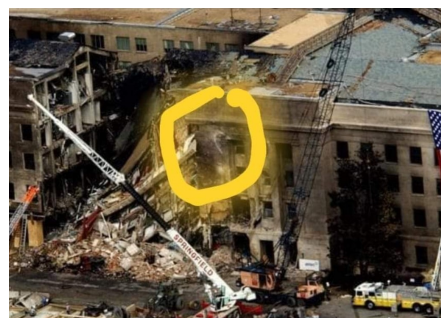
I am wishing you a blessed and fulfilling month ahead.

God Bless,  
Brandon Anderchuk

## Volunteer Highlight



Katherine, daughter, Leah, and husband, Mark



The circled part is where Katherine's roommate's desk was when the plane hit.

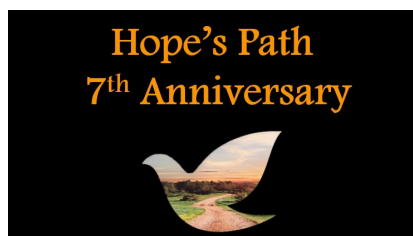
### Katherine Williams Experience in Washington, DC on September 11, 2001

In the Fall Semester of my senior year of college, I signed up for a “semester abroad” in Washington, DC, to take care of my history credits. The program was in collaboration with other Christian colleges across the U.S. There were 24 students in total. We lived in apartment-style dorms and took classes at night on Social Justice and a Christian Worldview in Political Law. We also had to get an internship with something in the “political” arena to count towards our history credits. For most of my classmates, it was an easy placement. They were majoring in poli-sci or pre-law and got placed in their State Senator’s office as a Clerk. However, I was an English Education Major- what do you do with that? After much work, I was finally placed in the office of the former First Lady Laura Bush as a Secretary.

Because it took so much longer to find an internship for me, everyone else started their positions at the end of August, while my first day was scheduled to be September 11, 2001. I got up that morning, ate breakfast, and took a shower. When I got out of the shower, my cell phone was ringing. I noticed that I had eight missed calls from my mom. Worried something was wrong with her or my dad; I called her back while trying to get dressed. She immediately asked if I had the TV news on- I said no. With a rather forceful tone, she told me to go turn it on. It was 8:47 AM, and the first plane had just flown in the World Trade Center’s North Tower. I quickly ran downstairs to the main lobby, where the Program Director was. She was watching the news as well and was silently crying. We stared at the huge jumbo screen TV and watched in horror as the second plane crashed into the South Tower. I had no thoughts, no emotions, just numbness. I was slowly aware that there were no sounds outside either- odd for a downtown metropolitan city. No taxi horns, no people talking- deafening silence. Then the news reporter spoke over the images of the Twin Towers that a 3<sup>rd</sup> plane had just crashed into the Pentagon- it was 9:45 am.

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## Campus Happenings



### Hope's Path Celebrates 7th Anniversary

With immense joy and gratitude, we come together to commemorate our seven-year anniversary at Hope's Path. What began as a humble start-up has blossomed into a sustainable organization that has touched the lives of over 50 young men since 2016. This milestone is a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing a Christ-Centered, loving, and supportive environment for those in need.

Over the years, Hope's Path has become more than just a physical space. It has become a true home, a sanctuary where individuals can rebuild their lives, realize their potential, and find a renewed sense of purpose. Each person who has walked through our doors has contributed to the resilience and growth of our community.

As we reflect on our journey, we are reminded of the countless stories of transformation and the incredible strides made by our interns. We have witnessed young men overcome adversity, develop life skills, pursue education and employment opportunities, and ultimately, find **HOPE** amidst challenging circumstances!

We are eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve our community, and we look forward to the many more years of transformation and empowerment that lie ahead. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey!



## Program Vehicle Need

Currently, one of our ongoing needs is a reliable vehicle that can be used by our residents who have obtained their driver's licenses. This vehicle would serve as a means of transportation for them to attend job interviews, classes, and medical appointments. It would provide them with the independence and mobility necessary to navigate their path toward a brighter future.

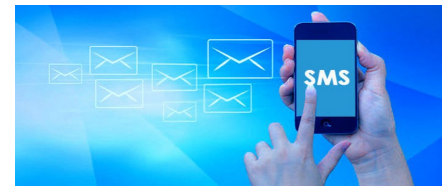
We understand that donating a vehicle is a significant decision, and we want to assure you of the profound impact it will have on the lives of our residents. Your generosity will not only assist in their personal growth and progression but will also enable them to become self-sufficient members of society.

Moreover, we want to emphasize that donating a vehicle to Hope's Path is a tax-deductible contribution. We will provide the necessary documentation for you to claim the full benefit of your donation.

If you or someone you know is considering making a tax-deductible contribution by donating a vehicle, please reach out to us by emailing [info@hopespath.org](mailto:info@hopespath.org) or giving us a call at **281-465-8121**. Our team will be more than happy to guide you through the donation process and answer any questions you may have.

## Sign up for Text Alerts

If you have not signed up to receive text messages from Hope's Path, please do so by clicking [here!](#) This will allow you to be the first one to know about our upcoming events, community updates, and more. You may unsubscribe at any time by texting "stop"..... so what are you waiting for?



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