Support our youth through an in-kind gift or contribute to any of the needs below

Residential Care Needs

- 2 sets of dishes
- 2 sets of cups
- 2 sets of bowls
- 2 sets of silverware/silverware holder
- 2 sets of kitchen towels
- 2 sets of pot holders
- 2 microwaves
- 2 toasters
- 2 glass bake ware sets
- 2 sets of pots and pans
- 2 cookie sheets
- 2 sets of kitchen utensils
- 2 can openers
- 2 dish drains
- 2 kitchen garbage bags
- 2 sets broom/dustpan
- 2 small dining tables with chairs
- 4 sets of towels
- 2 shower curtains
- 4 sets of wash clothes
- 2 shower rugs
- A couch
- Several chairs
- 4 end tables
- 6 lamps
- 5 dressers/chest of drawers
- 5 night stands
- 4 laundry baskets
- 4 alarm clocks

Independent Living Needs

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body wash/ soap
- Brushes/ Combs
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste
- Hair ties
- Hand sanitizer/ soap
- Water bottles
- Twin size comforters
- Twin size sheets
- Towels
- Wash cloths
- Dish towels
- Craft supplies/ kits
- Scrapbook supplies
- Sports bras
- Underwear
- Socks
- House slippers
- Flip flops
- Pajama's

To donate or for more information contact Rebecca Morton at 859-497-0628 or rebecca@familyconnectioninc.com

Mission Group Opportunities

Mission groups at Hope Hill are a great opportunity to use your God given talents, skills and abilities to minister to the youth in the program. Group activities can focus on physical labor, ministry or a combination of both. We have facilities to accommodate up to 20 in the Rice Family Life Center and 32 in the Bunkhouse. You can schedule one day, a weekend or a week to support our ministry by giving of your time and abilities. During your stay there are opportunities to interact with the youth through a chapel service, recreational activities and sharing a meal together.

Please contact Paul Sanders at paul@hopehill.org or 859-498-5230 to get on the calendar early, as our summer season fills quickly. You can also find more info on our website hopehill.org.

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Receiving and Giving

For those who haven't been on Hope Hill's campus recently, changes in the landscape are evident, such as the new indoor equine riding arena that allows participants in the Equine Assisted Counseling Program to ride year round. But this equine environment is not planned solely for campus residents; Hope Hill wants to reach out and give to the outside community by providing a venue for clinics, summer camps and helping at risk youth.

Thankfully, the arena and equine program have been the recipient of some generous supporters, and Hope Hill acknowledges the influential involvement of all its partners. As with most new undertakings, the equine program has seen its ups and downs since its inception; however, according to Alison Chambers, Program Manager, the donation from Sandy Lansdale and her family following the passing of Sidney Lansdale, "put us into action." Sidney was a horseman, and his family wanted to honor his memory by contributing his equine equipment to a worthwhile and quality recipient. Their donated equipment and finances opened doors, enlarged the program and enabled each girl a minimum of 12 weeks in this specialized program building self-confidence and self-esteem. The Lansdale family is just one of the many partners who have a role in Hope Hill's rebuilding of lives.

Sidney Lansdale riding one of his championship horses

The feedback from the equine program is positive, such as that of a former resident who called back and said that the choices and decisions she makes with her family today result from what she learned in the equine program. Other exciting comments from participants are, "I learned to trust and to listen through riding... the horse is just like me, stubborn, but underneath, I really care."

As caring people question how they can contribute, Alison refers them to a list of ongoing needs as well as current needs such as rainbow reins ($25), breakaway safety stirrups ($30), and riding breeches ($30) just to name a few. Money, volunteer time and equipment all help keep this meaningful program up and running on Hope Hill's campus!

M. Oldham

Equine Program Needs

Rainbow Reigns ($25/ea)
Breakaway Safety Stirrups ($30/ea)
Riding Breeches/ Jeans ($30/ea)
Paddock Boots ($40)
Mounting Block ($50)
Horse Related Books & Magazines
Cutback Saddles
Neoprene English Girths
English Saddle Pads
Riding Helmets (Troxel, Tipperary, Ovation)
English/ Walking Horse Bridles
Lead Ropes
Halters
Fly Spray
Fly Masks
De-wormer
Grooming Supplies

To Volunteer Contact:
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Life Changers Spotlight

Life Changers are people who invest in the lives of youth by supporting, loving and mentoring them through difficult times in their lives. In each newsletter we will put the spotlight on someone who has had a significant impact on the youth at Hope Hill.

Beth Barrier is a wife, mother and youth leader but also a teacher on staff at Hope Hill Children's Home Alternative School. Multi-talented and gifted, this former Miss Basketball of Kentucky has also filled in as interim recreation coordinator and chaplain. Notably, she has been defined as someone who goes "above and beyond."

For Beth, being a good teacher on this non-traditional campus involves the added element of having a positive impact in the lives of these teen-age girls. Remembering the needed support and encouragement she received during her teen years and beyond, Beth now "passes it on" as she supplies a needed hug or "I love you" if a student has had a bad day. "Sometimes students just need someone to be real with them and to converse one on one, " Beth states.

It doesn't take but a few minutes of talking with Beth to see her love for the girls at Hope Hill and her determination to be there as more than a traditional educator.

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Hope Hill - A Children's Home - A Treatment Center

How many children have lived in these houses, walked these grounds?

Ruby Kitchen's dream, her passion, was to create a safe place where hurting young lives could be salvaged and become productive young adults, taking a significant place in their communities. That is still the vision of the present ministry. But that dream cannot be achieved without the investment of dedicated staff on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level.

God is such a God of detail and order that I often mention that each girl is here by divine appointment. God has entrusted their care and future into our hands even if it should be for a short time - a time to show love, compassion and home. Love in that they are God's creation. Compassion in that life has often abused them. Hope in that God has a purpose and provisions to make something beautiful of their lives.

I can recall one new arrival who came with a lot of baggage including abuse and abandonment. She came angry at the circumstances life had dealt her. I watched the subtle change in her. She began coming to chapel and little by little the harsh lines began to soften. Change was taking place.

Now, she is a member of our weekly Bible study. I marvel as I listen to the new direction, the new focus she speaks from. Has she arrived? No, she is still growing but so are you and I. She knows she is loved; she knows there is hope. She too will pass through our program, but she can reflect on days when she was safe from abuse, days of genuine love, and relationships that we hope will have an impact on her future.

All of this requires lots of time and energy, not to mention finances. One day when I get to Heaven I am looking forward to seeing faces of men and women who will say, "Remember me? I was once a student at Hope Hill." Will it be worth the investment? Absolutely!

Paul Sanders

Hope Hill - Fighting the Fight

Elvis Alicea, Program Administrator at Hope Hill Children's Home states, "I used to believe if we could at least help one hurting child then it was worth it. Today I believe we need to help as many hurting children as we can with all the resources we have."

According to statistics, "there are approximately 100 monthly overdose deaths in Kentucky...1 in 5 Kentucky teens abuse prescription drugs...Kentucky is dealing with an epidemic," we see that Alicea's goal is timely. The substance abuse problem is real, and Hope Hill is addressing the problem and helping the casualties become whole again.
John Walker, head of the Chemical Dependency Program, sees Hope Hill's program as eclectic. Developing evidence based practices, completing a working trauma treatment model and equine assisted counseling are just several of the more recent components in Hope Hill's program.

In keeping with the goal of looking forward rather than becoming stagnant, Hope Hill plans to have pre-independent living quarters, to see more graduates living independently and successfully, and to be a freestanding treatment facility.

There is a cause, and Hope Hill Children's Home and those who partner with them are responding!

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Youth Participate in National Day of Prayer

The 1st Thursday of May has long been established as the National Day of Prayer. A day where people are asked to turn to God in prayer and mediation. In recognition of this day the youth and staff at Hope Hill met around the flag pole on May 3, 2012 to lift our country and leaders up in prayer.

One staff member said, "As a faith based organization it is important for us to keep our focus on God and help these young ladies see the importance of lifting our nation's leaders up in prayer. The Bible says, 'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'" (2 Chronicles 7:14)