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MEET OUR REFUGE OF HOPE KIDDOS!

Because of you... we are able to provide them 7 hot, nourishing meals every week with extra food to take home!
This winter they will also receive hats, gloves, socks, and blankets to help keep them warm.

Thank you dear friends for helping the Refuge of Hope children and their families!



Thank you!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE!

- Overwhelming Blessings! -

We are excited to report two blessings connected to Refuge of Hope's Capital Campaign this year!

The first blessing we want to share with you is the very real possibility of ground breaking in early 2018. We currently have over \$2 million in cash from pledged payments and donations, and with this trend of generosity, we are quite hopeful for construction to begin in the spring.

However, the ability to start construction depends on pledged funds turning into spendable dollars. We want to be the best possible stewards of our financial donations and, as such, won't start building until we are certain the resources necessary to totally complete this project are in hand.

Our second blessing is the most important. This campaign began in February of this year and, from day one, has been covered in prayer. Weekly prayer requests and praises were sent out to the steering committee and others. Prayer was an integral part of each meeting's agenda.

Please join us in thanking God and praising Him for His blessings on our behalf. The building will enhance the ministries at Refuge of Hope as we continue to help homeless men transform their lives, and provide meals and more to hungry families and individuals.

During this Christmas Season we reflect on God's great love to each of us. It is through His Son, Jesus Christ, we base our ministry of caring for the poor and needy. Through safe shelter and hot meals we are able to share that love with each man, woman, and child we serve.

***Wishing you and your family
a blessed Christmas!***



This block of land, on 2nd Street and Orchard NE, just a few blocks from our current location, is the site of Refuge of Hope's new facility



Envision our dream becoming a reality... this building situated on the land above. God willing, construction begins in 2018!



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



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How You Gave U-Londa the Chance She Needed!

In May of 2016 you read the inspiring story of how U-Londa received the help she needed to change her life by volunteering in the kitchen at Refuge of Hope. That issue of the newsletter is still available to read on our website at refugeofhope.org.

U-Londa has been on staff with Refuge of Hope since July 2014. Over the past few years she has grown in her leadership skills and is now running the Meal Ministry.



Even though U-Londa has been sober for many years, there was one thing from her past she needed to resolve... getting her driver's license reinstated from another state! That process has taken her more than a year to achieve. She diligently completed every requirement and is now a licensed driver in the State of Ohio. It was no easy task but she never gave up.

"My co-workers are an amazing support system," said U-Londa. "They

encouraged me when I thought I could not finish the complicated procedure. They prayed with me, and never gave up on me."

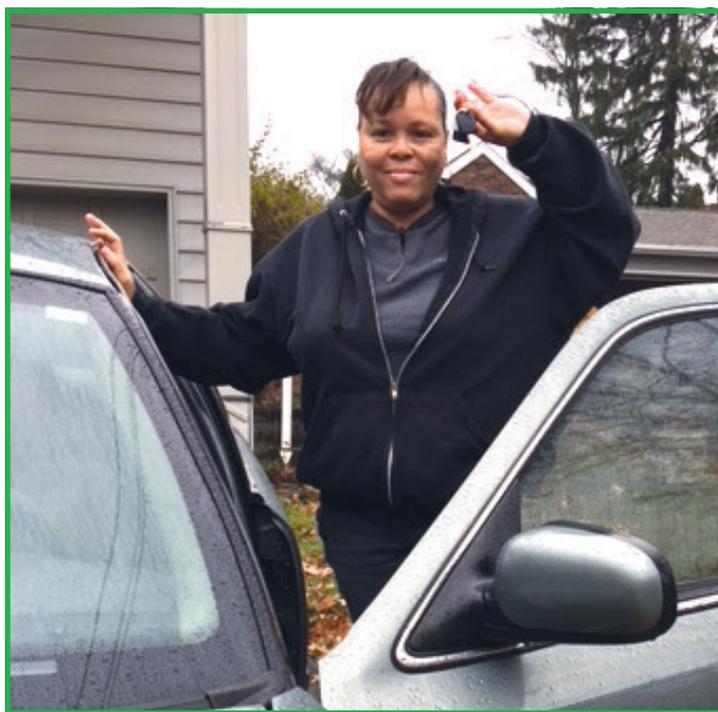
Then God provided a wonderful gift to U-Londa. A generous donor had an extra vehicle and heard about her journey. After prayer and consideration he donated that car to Refuge of Hope requesting we in turn give it to U-Londa!

"That news was just overwhelming," she said. "Why would someone give a car to the mission for me? And then I

remembered how God provides for our needs and answers our prayers!"

There are so many ways to bless others and U-Londa knows that from experience. She understands how serving meals and working with the resident men, and others in the community, can make a difference in their lives.

You share in the success of U-Londa and so many others at Refuge of Hope! Your donations and prayers touch lives in ways that are miracles to those who receive the blessings. Thank you for your compassion to so many in our community.



Yes, I want my gift today to make a difference in their lives! I know by providing meals, shelter, and Hope to those in need they can have an opportunity to change their lives.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Gift Will Help Men, Women, And Children EVERY. SINGLE. DAY. Thank You So Much!

\$50.00 \$100.00 \$150.00 Other: \$ _____

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover Exp.: _____ CVV# _____

Card Number: _____ Signature: _____

Thank you on behalf of those who benefit from the work of Refuge of Hope Ministries made possible through your generous gift. Tax deductible information will be mailed with your donation receipt.



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THANK YOU!

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- A Giving Family -



“It has been a joy to work with Rebecca, Elizabeth, Craig, and Aaron (pictured left to right) to help so many people! We are very excited the Joseph Family chose to become part of the Refuge of Hope family,” said Jo Ann Carpenter, Director of Development.

“At my brother’s birthday party, my sisters mentioned how well Refuge of Hope’s event was received at their boutique. My brother then mentioned his store was going to be collecting coats for Refuge of Hope in December. When it was my turn, I announced to them I had been working on the website and capital campaign materials for the mission through the agency where I work. We had a good laugh out of the fact that we were all supporting Refuge of Hope in different ways, but never mentioned it to each other,” Craig Joseph said.

Three years ago **Craig Joseph**, Creative Director for **Cassel Bear**, along with some of his workmates helped Refuge of Hope create and design our new website. This past year, he led the Cassel Bear team to assist us in producing our Capital Campaign printed and digital materials.

In October of this year, **Mainstream Boutique**, owned by **Rebecca Joseph Paliswat** and **Elizabeth Joseph Hilton**, hosted a Fashion Fundraiser at their Washington Square store. Refuge of Hope staff was invited to spend the day in the store talking with customers and Mainstream made a generous donation to the mission after the event.

Aaron Joseph, owner of **Horizon Audio**, recently offered a discount on remote starters for your car if you brought in a coat! All coats will then be donated to help the men, women, and children at Refuge of Hope!

Joe and Beverly Joseph inspired a “giving back to the community spirit” in each of their children. From all of us at Refuge of Hope- thank you Joseph Family!