

July 2023 Newsletter

Happy July everyone! Here at Community of Hope we have been busy with some fun events this summer! We would love for you to check out what's been going on and take a look at some new things happening soon!



Huntsville, we have a massive gap in affordable housing!

We have been listening to our homeless community, our emergency shelters, our day centers, and other nonprofits that support our homeless community. There is a lack of affordable housing in Madison County. This gap hurts our community tremendously. It does not allow our homeless friends to find housing therefore they remain homeless. This gap impacts organizations that graduate homeless individuals to housing as there is little to no options, therefore our friends remain homeless. According to a press release from National Low Income Housing Coalition President and CEO Diane Yentel, "Decades of chronic underfunding for housing assistance have resulted in a housing-lottery system where only 25 percent of eligible households receive the housing assistance they need."

This problem is why Community of Hope was founded. We took a step back years ago from our service to the streets and decided to relentlessly work towards filling the gap found in affordable housing. This problem needs Madison County residents and leaders to join together to help. If you would like to research more on this issue, below are the articles from local news outlets.



Affordable housing out of reach for many in Alabama, report finds

If this problem has stirred something in you and you would like to take part in lasting change, please consider donating to Community of Hope.

You can do so by clicking the button below.



Affordable Housing Panel Discussion

@ RFCU Twickenham Center Community Room 11:30 - 1:30





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On July 25th from 11:30AM - 1:30PM at Redstone Federal Credit Union Twickenham, community leaders along with our founder Mandy will be discussing affordable housing in our community. We are grateful to the North Alabama chapter of the American Institute of Architects for hosting this important community conversation.

Mandy was invited as Community of Hope brings a different perspective to this conversation in exposing the gap found in affordable housing and how Community of Hope is addressing this gap. The panel will include representatives from the City

of Huntsville, City of Madison, City of Athens, United Way, Neighborhood Concepts, Inc., Family Services Center, and Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley.

We would love for you join us on July 25th to learn more about this important community issue and how Community of Hope and others are addressing it. Tickets are \$15.00, including lunch from Taco Mama and can be purchased here.

More Info



Park & Perk was a SUCCESS!

A special thank you to Huntsville Utilities Volunteer Board in conjunction with Park and Perk to help us raise money for our mission to provide affordable housing and community to our local homeless. You all showed up in a huge way! Thanks to everyone who came. Park & Perk completely sold out of EVERYTHING and raised \$340 towards our goal!

Thank you, thank you! We can't wait for the next event with Park & Perk and the Huntsville Utilities Volunteer Board.



Partnership event with Trideum

We will be partnering with the Trideum Foundation for an outreach event. The Trideum Foundation is helping by raising awareness for our growing homeless population and providing some instant relief and long term hope by joining Community of Hope in our Prayers and Popsicle Events. During this time we go out to the streets and give out popsicles and provide

prayer and a listening ear to the homeless community. We are looking forward to this event and the future partnership of our dear friends at the Trideum Foundation.





A Word from our Founder & Chief Goodness Officer, Mandy Kilgore

Our chronic homeless desperately need you. Hope remains just out of grasp for the most despised outcast in our community. Together we can make a lasting difference in their life. Together we can bring them home. They need you.

Here's to Goodness! Mandy



We want to hear from you!

We have been spending time growing our relationships with our donors. During that time we have heard some tremendous stories on why you are financially giving to the mission of Community of Hope. We would love to invite you to share your story with us so we can share these inspiring stories with others who are giving or considering giving towards providing long term change and hope for our homeless community. Click below to share your story!

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