

## **Quarterly News**

September 2025

## Summer turns into a busy fall

As the days of summer wind down, we turn our eyes towards a new season. Children are back in school, and the family's routine becomes more scheduled. Autumn brings cooler temperatures and the colorful change of the world all around us.

One change that has taken place in the launch of a refreshed website for **Hope Restored**. Check out the new design and discover all the ways that we strive to fulfill our mission of *Bringing peace*, *ending violence for every man*, *woman* & *child*.

Every summer is busy with some fundraisers. We are so thankful to the organizations that allow us to raise funds. Volunteers served up ribs at the Miller's Ribfest in May, sold raffle tickets at the annual Blue Suede Cruise at Summit Motorsports Park in July and sorted & sold donations at Roll-it-Forward in September.

The **Without Thorns** men's movie & cookout in August was a success, bringing men from multiple churches for an inspirational time together. The movie highlighted the need in our society for good male role models. Every attendee was challenged to take action and many committed to either attending a future growth study or becoming a mentor.

This month, we started a men's study group that meets for one hour, for 6 weeks. The curriculum is titled, 'Dads That Make a Difference and walks the group through the importance of fathers in the life of their children.

Finding Freedom is an 8-week group for domestic violence victims beginning on Tuesdays in October. This group is for any woman who has experienced domestic violence or are currently in an abusive relationship. More information can be found in the Program Update section.

We are heading into October, which is *National Domestic Violence Awareness* month. On the first Saturday in October, we gather at the Huron County Courthouse to offer hope. Everyone is invited and encouraged to wear purple.

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## Spotlight News

## **FUNDRAISING 101**

What emotion do those words evoke? Is it excitement or dread? Too often we cringe when receiving communication from a nonprofit organization because we know that it will often be a request for a donation. I would like to offer some information that may dispel some commonly held myths.

First, a nonprofit organization WANTS to make a profit. It is important for more money to be taken in than going out. The difference is that all of the profits go right back into the organization to benefit the people served.

Secondly, most grants have a very narrow focus and are for specific programming.

There are few that will provide funding for administrative fees such as rent for space or internet to administer vital programs.

Finally, **Hope Restored** currently receives zero government funding for the programs and services that we provide. This allows us to be innovative and offer services that make a marked difference in the lives of individuals and families that we serve. We want to break the cycle of domestic violence and help those who have experience it to heal.

- You can become a monthly donor. Every amount is important - no matter the size
- You can designate your donation to go towards a specific area.
- · Your company may even match your donation.

Go to our website for more information.

Program Updates



OCTOBER 7 8-weeks

Tuesdays 6-7:30pm

- · Are living in an abusive situation?
- Have you experienced abuse in a past relationship?
- Do you want to move forward into safety and navigate healing?

DO YOU JUST NEED SOME HOPE?

**Finding Freedom** is a 8-week\* domestic violence care group for women that supports them in a safe and confidential environment. We welcome any woman who is currently or has experienced relationship abuse.

Community Outreach



Join us on the first Saturday in October to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We gather to acknowledge abuse, remember lives lost and provide information on resources in our community.

• Date: 05 October 2024

• Time: 10am-11am

Location: Huron County Courthouse,
2 E Main Street, Norwalk, OH

All are welcome



Thank you for reading!

• 10/4/25 - Hope Gathering

• 12/13/25 - Christmas Angel Gala



