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Hi NAME,

This year has been challenging for all of us as we have faced the challenges of COVID 19, systemic racism, and political polarization. We are together in our struggle to remain hopeful and grateful. We find Andrea's story both gives us hope and fills us with gratitude. It shows us that our work at Community of Hope does have a lasting impact on the families we serve. In Andrea's words, "I am very happy that I was given the opportunity to learn and grow at Community of Hope because I do not know what the outcome may have been had I remained in the other living situation or tried to do something else. The transition time that Community of Hope provided for me was vital in where I am now and I am extremely grateful. I think one of the biggest things I really try to do now is continue to show others the kindness and compassion that I was shown during my time in this shelter and to be an example of the change I want to see in the world."

**We hope Andrea's story encourages you too. Your contribution today creates hope and fills many lives with gratitude.**

A year and a half ago, Andrea and her children, Angus and Maizey, moved into Hope House. She jumped into life here and quickly made friends, doing everything with all her heart. Four months later, Andrea moved into stable housing. Our staff and the RentWell class helped her focus her search. Then

I advocated for myself to come to Community of Hope after being at a different clean and sober housing living situation for 8 weeks after treatment that was not working out well for me and my kids.

—Andrea

a family who supports Community of Hope was looking for a renter and wanted to give preference to a Community of Hope family. It was a great match!

**Your contribution today helps families find stable housing.**

Andrea worked hard to establish a routine, attend outpatient treatment, live within her budget, and develop a structure for her family. She found mentoring and the regular conversations with staff helpful.

**Your contribution today gives the gift of dedicated, talented staff to mentor families like Andrea's.**

Negotiating relationships was a big area of growth for Andrea. She began to learn to recognize positive relationships and to nurture them by working out difficulties. She also learned to set clear boundaries when relationships were not healthy. Through mentoring and the skills she learned in the Trauma Recovery, Parenting and Domestic Violence classes, she gained new insights and directions.

Andrea continues to talk to others about the things she learned here. She remembers and uses the information about forgiveness and reconciliation from one of the Trauma Recovery classes she took. It helps her to stay on the path to negotiate safe relationships.

**Your contribution today helps provide classes that have lifelong impact on parents like Andrea.**

Building relationships... was another significant part of Andrea, Angus and Maizey's time here. Even after they moved out, Andrea came back to visit regularly. The relationships she developed at Community of Hope were significant to her. Angus continued to be friends with a boy who lived here. Andrea helped his mother get him into a school program for kids with behavior challenges that is helpful for both boys and where they can continue their friendship.

**Your contribution helps create a community in which families can thrive.**

Andrea was recently certified as a Peer Mentor, a goal from the time she was here. She regularly leads meetings to support peers in their recovery. She runs a dog walking and grooming business as she looks for a job in her field.

**Your contribution today helps parents achieve career goals.**

As much as Andrea grew in her own journey, she never quit thinking of others. She became active in neighborhood efforts to advocate for homeless families. She pursued relationships with folks who live on the streets in our neighborhood, sharing resources, food, and supplies with them and building friendships.

Andrea uses the power of her story to compel and agitate others to action. She publicly shared her story in a meeting that recruited people to testify in favor of the zoning and code changes that went before City Council. Her ability to articulate what Community of Hope provided is profound and helps build creative imagination for future housing opportunities, and her story was an integral part of getting those changes made at the city level. She is bold, she is brave, and she is stirring the waters in our community in powerful and transformative ways.

—Lauren Hawk

Andrea eagerly participated in classes and took the information to heart. She had many conversations with staff about how to implement the skills in her life and relationships. It is such a blessing to see the changes in her life as a result of the simple information that has deep impact.

—Linda Jo Devlaeminck, teacher



## Your contribution's impact is multiplied when it enables families to give back to their community in amazing ways.

NAME, thank you for your generous gift for the families that live here. It is such a blessing to have your support. Your gifts, prayers and support are even more important as we work as a team to support families like Andrea's. Can you make a generous financial gift at this year-end to help us even more? Thank you for all you have done and thank you in advance for your gift today.

**Linda Jo Devlaeminck**

*Program Director, Community of Hope*

**Harmony McDonald-Piersen**

*Program Director, Community of Hope*

..... P.S. ....

We want to give an update on our long term plans:

Harmony McDonald-Prinsen has started working with Linda Jo as the Program Director and will take over next year. Linda Jo will assist part time for another year until she retires. Harmony has more than 10 years experience working in local social service non profits and has a Masters in Public Administration and Non-profit Management. We are excited to have such a dedicated and talented person leading Community of Hope! Your contribution today helps fund that transition.

We are working with our developer to secure funding to buy our building and land and to build affordable housing. We are partnering with two other churches in Portland who also want to build affordable housing on their own land in order to meet the size requirements for funding. Once complete, we can open a second site for families who are homeless.



Thank you so much for your continued support. With the changes and challenges that Community of Hope and the families we serve face in the upcoming year, we need the support of our generous donors now more than ever. We anticipate increased financial stress because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the improvements and changes we have planned for our programs.

**All gifts received by Christmas will be matched up to \$12,300 so don't wait to give the gift of hope for our vulnerable families!**

# Our 2020 impact .....

In the 2019-20 fiscal year, Community of Hope served:



39

families, including

58

children.



The parents attended

374

hours of education to help them navigate life challenges.



40%

of those we served were BIPOC ..... (Black, Indigenous, People of Color).

Families who completed an ..... exit interview rose an average of

7.5%

in their scores on a ..... CD-RISC resiliency test.

100%

of those who completed our program found housing. ....



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Yes! In 2020, I will partner with Community of Hope to positively impact lives. I want parents and children in Portland to find healing after trauma, hope after despair, and stability after uncertainty.

My 2020 Year-End gift is for the amount of:

\$20     \$50     \$100     \$200     \$500     Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to give Hope this season. Please mail a personalized thank you for this gift I am giving in their name:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My gift is by check (enclosed and made payable to Community of Hope): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to give monthly to sustain families with Hope: \$ \_\_\_\_\_