

THE CENTER LOVE IN ACTION

BY the Numbers for February

- Showers given-204
- Lunches-510
- Sign-in for assistance-873
- Thrift5 shop vouchers-18
- Families helped with rent- 12

Partners at The Center

Friendly Thrift Store
Food Pantry
Skate Church
Tennis Club
Family Solutions
QC United
Harm Reduction
Forever and a Day Events
Street Team Outreach
Neighborhood Connection
Solid Rock Café
The Way Church
House of Refuge
The Sanctuary Church
Eastern Iowa Assistance



HOPE by Pennie Kellenberger



HOPE: a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen

There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off." Proverbs 23:18

Hoping in God will never lead us into despair, because He has a plan for all of us who look to Him. He has a future that is full of hope.

A friend of mine recently asked me what are my hopes for 2022 for The Center. On the surface I was able to answer quickly, but found myself for several days really thinking about this question. The quick answer was to maintain a positive budget and to love and serve people for Jesus. BUT as I thought about that how do we as an organization do that AND stay hopeful?

As one of the leaders of this organization I am beginning to understand that hope is active. It carries with it a heavy emotional price when outcomes are not reached. So my first thought is I must stay active and engaged in all areas of our organization. This is not the time to be passive.

Hope also requires commitment. Hope for us does not allow us to sit quietly on the sidelines. expecting change to happen. We understand that trying does not always mean succeeding, but when you keep moving on it improves your chances.

Hope in the future that is unsure means we must be bold and courageous. Decisions that we make must have a tone of courage. We serve a mighty God, He is able to lead us in all times.

So back to the question, what do we hope for? We must ask ourselves and now YOU our supporters, What are you willing to commit to hope for, what are you will to stay engaged with, can you be with us as we BOLDLY and courageously enter into spring. We understand we cannot do everything we did last year, but we are hopeful that the LORD has new things for us to do. The Center has a job to do in this community and we will continue to hope in new, challenging, and God-glorifying opportunities to build the Kingdom.

Endowment for The Center

We are hopeful you will support THE Center for generations! Remembering The Centers endowment fund at The QC Community foundation in your financial planning will directly impact the lives of people in our area. Learn more about this giving by contacting us.

There are a variety of ways to give:

- * Will or Trust Fund
- *Life insurance
- *IRA
- *and more

We hope that you are willing to be the future for THE CENTER! Contact: Community Foundation of the Quad Cities
852 Middle Road
Bettendorf, Ia 52722
563-326-2840

Street Team Homeless Outreach: Hope For Those Who Are Suffering



Our café serves breakfast and lunch everyday. Many days the guest we have in The Center are people who are experiencing homelessness. They find the home-type atmosphere a place where they can relax and re-group.

The spring is a difficult time of year because some people can get caught off guard with the weather. Many of the guest we have are people who have no other place to go. We work with them step by step to secure shelter and basic need.

We serve many people who are housed but are suffering in poverty and need a place of peace.

And still, yet another group of people are our neighbors who enjoy a place to come where people know who they are and love them.

The Center staff has spent many years out in the streets and neighborhoods to invite guest to our "home" to show them radical hospitality.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, and I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, and I was a stranger and you welcomed me"
Mathew 25:35

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God"
Romans 15:7

"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling"
1Peter 4:9



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Public service announcement. Forgiveness of others, forgiveness of the past, forgiveness of the presence is better than erasure and cancellation.

Jesus said "Forgive them Father, they know not what they do."

We need to forgive others their past mistakes, in hopes of better people, better society, and a better tomorrow.

Let's take the best from people, and forgive the past. Not forget and remove the people entirely because of past faults.

You will receive the grace you give to others, or face the discipline you force on others.

Bee forgiving.

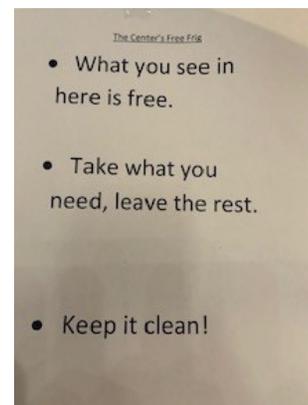
"Send your bread on the surface of the waters, for after many days you may find it."

Ecclesiastes 11:1

Community Care: Free Frig



We have been given a new (used) Frig from our food pantry. We are filling it FREE and Healthy foods anyone can take. We hope to have it FULL of vegetables and fruit for families and individuals that need and want it. When you go to store please remember our Frig TOO. We will help pass it along.



Skate Church: A Fresh New (hopeful) Day

Here is a reason to be hopeful. Skatechurch is changing the lives of 100's of young people! We are under new leadership with Mr. Baker. We have a wonderful bible teacher with Jvon Anderson and Megan Keller. We have several events planned for the summer. To the left is a picture of Olivia one of our young woman skaters.

She was given a new board by our staff. Armanto is one of the top woman skaters in the U.S. In the top picture ae two brothers that come every week, twice a week. We LOVE the hope Skatechurch is bringing to young woman and families.



We Need You! We HOPE you will.

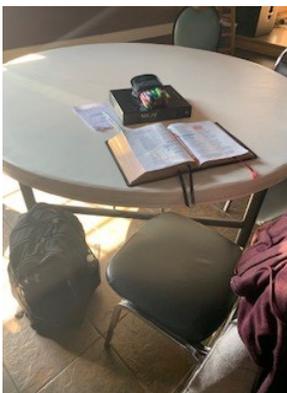
Enclosed you will find an envelope. Please would you consider a financial gift to The Center this spring. We work very hard at being a good steward of the money THE LORD has provided but every month we find ourselves having to chose between serving more people and prioritizing our building needs.

We as a staff pray for funding to come through so that we can better serve your community. We are hopeful that during this season The Lord will use your gifts to help us as we serve people. If you would like to talk more about our budget we would welcome any conversation.

What we need:

- Men's deodorant
- Foot powder/cream
- Bus tokens
- Three sleeping bags
- Woman's tennis shoes
- Rain gear
- Your support is needed

The Center is a TRUE community Center



Far Left: We have a group of people who study God's word everyday.

Middle: We still serve lunch everyday. We average 30 to 40 people a day.

Far Right: Mathew studies at The Center everyday.

Some Words from Our Guest:

“Thank-you for making a place where I can come and just think for a few hours. I am safe here”

“I am glad there is a place that cares that people need clean showers. And you help with laundry, what a way to show me you love me”

“I love the food”



“Pennie and I have been friends for a long time, I like coming to The Center and talking with people”

Personal Note from the Director:



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Hello Friends of The Center,

It is a new season and it brings hope with a great opportunity to reflect as an organization where we have been and the possibilities for the future. I am so grateful to all of our partners for their support. I owe a debt of gratitude to all of our partners. Of course, there is much work still to be done.

As we start a new season, we are thinking of our budget knowing it is not what it needs to be. We are hopeful, with your prayers and support we can continue to serve this community with the same excellence we always have and even better.

The past couple years, (with covid, personal change, and the current world situation), it has been very stressful for me, but I am confident in the LORD.

It has been an honor to serve alongside you and I will continue try my hardest to ensure the success of this organization in the years to come.

Please, if you have any suggestions or comments, stop by and let's talk. I would love it!
Pray for me as I pray for you.

Serving with deep gratitude and humbleness,

Pennie Kellenberger