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**MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES 2017**

September	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds (Welcome Volunteers & Church Teams for Projects)
September	Repair Fair Event – Williamsburg, KY (MOH Helped Sponsor)
October 5-6	Outreach & Distribution Event – Hazard, KY (Welcome Volunteers)
October 26-27	Outreach & Distribution Event – Sneedville, TN (Welcome Volunteers)
October 31	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramps Builds End for the Winter
November 2	Annual Celebration & Fund Raising Banquet
November 9-12	Zoo For The Hope Food Drive @ Knoxville Zoo
November 17	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Drive Collection Pinnacle – Turkey Creek
November 26	Keyboards at Christmas at Tennessee Theater (Afternoon & Evening Performances)
November 17	22nd Annual Christmas Program and Barrel
December 5	Collection Drives in Knoxville and Lexington
December ?	Pack the Lobby Toy Drive at WKYT-TV Lexington, KY
December ?	LMU Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting (Toy Collection for MOH)

*For more information on dates, locations or updates visit our Website or call the MOH office: 865-584-7571 or Toll Free at 877-627-1909*

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**MARK THIS DATE:  
NOVEMBER 2, 2017  
ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
AND FUND RAISING  
BANQUET  
ROTHCHILD'S  
CONFERENCE CENTER**

*Greetings Dear Friends:*

Only by God's design were we able to witness first hand His glory and majesty as we gazed into the sky during the solar eclipse on August 21. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." (Psalms 19:1) God's creation took our breath away as we watched in amazement the work of our awesome God. The darkness that came upon the earth was soon replaced by the brilliant sunlight. This temporary darkness was a reminder of the darkest day in history—the day Jesus died on the cross for the sins of all mankind. Let us not grow weary in sharing with others the loving and saving power of Jesus Christ—The Light of the World!

The desire of all who serve at the Mission of Hope is to let people know their greatest HOPE is in Jesus Christ. My sincere thanks to all our faithful volunteers who so willingly share this message with the friends MOH serves in the Appalachian area. Sincerest regards,  
Emmette Thompson - Executive Director @ Mission of Hope

## 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOH AND CHICK-FIL-A<sup>®</sup> KNOXVILLE GOLF CLASSIC

The morning teams arrived early on August 11 at Willow Creek Golf Club. They were ready to enjoy a tasty continental breakfast before beginning their 8 a.m. round of golf. The weather forecast for possible showers did not dampen the spirits of any of the morning or afternoon teams. Teams scheduled to begin play at 1:30 p.m. enjoyed a delicious complimentary lunch by Chick-fil-A<sup>®</sup> Knoxville before teeing off.

Our sincere thanks go to Willow Creek Golf Club for hosting this event and to Chick-fil-A<sup>®</sup> Knoxville as the presenting sponsor. The golf classic would not be possible without their help.

Major sponsors for this golf classic are: Fisher Tire; Rather & Kittrell; Duncan Family Automotive Group and Jerry Duncan Ford Lincoln; Lenoir City Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram; Lincoln Memorial University; Management Solutions, LLC; Jim McMichael Signs and Truck Painting; Wintellect; Coleman's Printing and Awards; and Rothchild Event Rentals.

Media sponsors are: WBIR-TV 10; The Knoxville News Sentinel; WRJZ Joy 620 Radio; WIVK FM 107.7; WNML Sports Radio FM 99.1 and AM 990; and News Talk 98.7.



Brenda Lawson and Emmette Thompson with our beloved Golf Classic Committee Chairman Ralph Perrigo who passed away September 2, 2017



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL "PACK THE BUS" EVENT

A school bus parked in front of OfficeMax in Turkey Creek was the collection point for Turkey Creek's "Mission Pack the Bus" event to benefit the Mission of Hope. The donated school supplies help more than 12,000 rural Appalachian children in grades K-8 in the 28 schools served by the Mission of Hope.

The Little Bus was donated by Peterson Busing, and volunteers were on hand to receive donations beginning on Friday, July 28 through Sunday, July 30, from 10 am to 6 pm each day. Those who made school supply donations received free pizza and free frozen yogurt from Turkey Creek eateries Blaze Pizza and Menchie's Frozen Yogurt. On Saturday, Dollywood and WIVK gave out wristbands that

allowed recipients FREE admission to Dollywood or to Dolly's Splash Country on Labor Day.

Turkey Creek and the Mission of Hope extend a sincere thank you to those who made donations. A very special thank you goes to our friend Kiley Niles, Director of Marketing at Turkey Creek, for all her help in planning this event. A big thank you to Jaron at OfficeMax, to Mike at Blaze Pizza, to Alan at Menchie's, and to WIVK and Dollywood for their help with this event.

We are most grateful to each of the dedicated members of our delivery teams and to our many warehouse volunteers, donors and friends who give freely of their time to help make our Back-to-School Program possible. It takes a team to extend the HOPE!

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Volunteers worked diligently to pack hygiene kits, school supplies and backpacks for the students in grades K-8 in the schools served by the Mission of Hope. Volunteer teams then go to deliver and distribute these supplies to the 12,000 students at the 28 schools served by the Mission of Hope. Many parents of students in the rural Appalachian areas of TN and KY cannot afford to purchase school supplies needed by their children.

A very special thank you to our office staff, warehouse volunteers and fantastic delivery teams that made this program a huge and blessed success.

## MOH RECEIVES DONATION OF INSTRUMENTS

It started with a letter from a principal of one of the schools we serve. It was a request for musical instruments for her students that wanted to play music. Her problem was there were no musical instruments available to the school and no funds with which to purchase desired instruments. We began to spread the word of this need, and MOH friends responded by donating used instruments in good condition. When we delivered them to the school which had appealed to us, the principal and volunteer music instructor were overcome with our generosity. Their students would now have the opportunity to learn how to play these instruments.

Last fall, we were blessed to have Gwen Wilkinson as a new MOH volunteer friend. After hearing me share the story of the school that needed instruments, Gwen immediately went to work to help us find instruments. She called on her previous employer in the Nashville, TN area, KHS America—one of the largest distributors of musical instruments in the World. They became interested in Mission of Hope and in the schools and areas we serve. They were sensitive to the need for musical instruments in the schools that did not have them and no available funds with which to purchase them. And, yes, you are right! KHS America donated a truckload of brand new musical instruments. Gwen and I drove down to their distribution center to pick up the instruments. We were welcomed by KHS America President, Tabor Stamper, and many of the employees. We loaded our truck with all types of instruments—drums, guitars, flutes, clarinets, trumpets, xylophones, etc.

We will never be able to say a big enough thank you to KHS America and to Gwen Wilkinson for deeming the Mission of Hope worthy of their compassionate generosity. Now we can share HOPE through music as we encourage children and adults to learn and develop their musical skills.



## MISSION OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Mission of Hope Scholarship Program helps those students that dare to dream. It was a special time of celebration as we honored the college graduation of five more of our scholarship recipients. We have watched them grow and mature in amazing ways. Many have faced incredible and sometimes overwhelming odds just to stay in school. Many have endured hardships, personal challenges and family tragedies that could have ended their pursuit of getting a diploma.

Our scholars have persevered—they didn't quit! Their determination and efforts were rewarded as they walked across stages with heads held high to receive that coveted diploma which was once only a dream for them. This is HOPE FULFILLED!

In May and June of this past school year, MOH volunteers visited each of the 13 high schools we serve to award the winning graduate a \$2500 scholarship from the Mission of Hope. These scholars and their parents were honored with a dinner on July 21 at Cumberland Inn in Williamsburg, KY. They were assigned a MOH mentor to be their friend and helper as they begin their college days. Each scholar was also presented with a computer with carry case, printer and software.

This will be our ninth year to award \$2500 scholarships to a total of 15 students: 13 graduating high school seniors, one Alice Lloyd student and one LMU student. In the fall of 2017, MOH will have 49 students on active scholarship.



Mission of Hope 2017 Scholarship Recipients

### Donations to Mission of Hope may be made in three ways:

**Check:** Mail to Mission of Hope, P. O. Box 51824, Knoxville, TN 37950

**Credit/Debit Card:** We accept VISA/MC/Discover. Visit our Website at [www.missionofhope.org](http://www.missionofhope.org) or call our office at (865)-584-7571

**Recurring Donations:** Call our office at (865) 584-7571 to set up.

If you have questions about a donation, email us at [accounting@missionofhope.org](mailto:accounting@missionofhope.org)

## OUTREACH AND DISTRIBUTION EVENTS



**ONEIDA PARK EVENT**



**SNEEDVILLE SPRING FEST**

Mission of Hope brought a day of fun, food, and music to the kids and families in Oneida, TN, on June 28, for its annual **Oneida Park Event**. Summer Botts shared with us how this ministry has impacted her life, from school-age to her current college days. Summer is one of our scholarship recipients who is a junior at Tennessee Tech majoring in sociology with a concentration in social work. She is so grateful to her Mission of Hope family and the impact they have had on her life. Their trust and belief in her abilities give her confidence to be successful in her chosen career.

MOH partnered with ALQI to host their special event. We had all types of food and fun and entertainment. We were blessed to have 23 people ask Jesus into their hearts, and we prayed for many others. A very special thank you goes to all of our MOH volunteer heroes for their compassionate spirit and hard work. It was a real team effort and a blessing to behold.

**The Sneedville Spring Fest** was created 20 years ago as an event for all of Hancock's youth to have a fun-filled, Christ centered day. On June 6 it seemed that all youth along with their parents came to Spring Fest. The cold weather and rain forced this event to be held inside the gym at the old Hancock High School. What at first seemed to be a bad thing worked to our advantage. The weather was too cold for families to do outdoor activities. Since our Fest was about the only thing going on indoors, the whole county decided to be a part of the action. It was a wonderful event. Our biggest problem was more people than expected and volunteers really had to work and work hard!

Special thanks go to Mission of Hope for their special financial help to make this event possible and to the Merry Clowns that drove up from Loudon and to David Lynch who with God's help brought nine people to Christ.

The Mission of Hope teamed up with **Powell River Baptist Association to host its second Summer Outreach Give Away Event** at First Baptist Church in Jonesville, VA. Items given away included food, clothing, household items, etc. and Bibles and Tracts. Lynnette Johnson, Missions Coordinator for the Powell River Baptist Association, sent us the following message of appreciation:

From the bottom of my heart I extend a huge thank you to all the MOH volunteers that participated in the Summer Outreach here in Powell River Baptist Association on June 30, 2017. This event reached 122 households, 231 adults, and 147 children. We were blessed to have 14 receive the gift of salvation. Your generosity has been well received. It is my hope that many lives will be changed as a result of all the efforts that went toward making this day possible! Praise and thanksgiving to our Lord God Almighty who is worthy to be praised!

## HOPE ACADEMY

Hope Academy was held the week of June 12-16. The goal for the week was to bring hope to the families of rural Appalachia through educational opportunities. Ginger Forbes from Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church was the leader of this family mission trip. The activities were held in Kenvir/Evarts, KY, at Black Mountain Elementary School. Volunteers taught life classes to the parents on money management, literacy, and hygiene basics. They also led the children in enrichment experiences.

After attending classes for the week, the families of Black Mountain had the opportunity to shop in the Hope Store for gently used furniture, household items, small appliances and outdoor equipment. Hope Academy is one of the most incredible and amazing special Summer Mission Trips of the year.

Thanks to Editor Mary Sue Miller, MOH Staff members Shirley Plant, Diane Webster, Lesa Medley and Laura Peck, Coleman's Printing and Awards, and Direct Mail Services for their help in compiling, preparing, printing and mailing our Newsletters.

Thanks also to Laura Peck for doing a great job maintaining our Website at [www.missionofhope.org](http://www.missionofhope.org). Please visit our updated Website to keep informed of MOH activities.

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