

HOPE For All Client Stories

Uniquely Nurturing People to Return to “Pre-Crisis” State

We serve people in need who have experienced life-altering crises and traumas. This includes families, veterans, single moms leaving abusive situations, adults in recovery, seniors, adults with disabilities, grandparents raising grandchildren, young single adults without support, students, etc. Here are a few heartwarming stories:

Helping Students Feel Valued

“Tanya” is struggling with low self-esteem, “Mason” is bullied because he wears the same clothes every day, “Leroy” is lacking parental support: they all are struggling in school. Principals, counselors, teachers and other school personnel send referrals to HOPE For All to help these students and their families have clothing and other essentials. When children no longer have to worry about the clothes they are wearing, then they can focus on learning.

Helping a Family After a Terrible Fire

We received a referral to help a displaced family—mom, dad, and 3 children—relocate to a new row house after a terrible and unexpected fire. We visited the family and provided them with a Basket of Hope. Soon thereafter, we brought beds, bedding, dressers, basic furniture, kitchen supplies, and clothing. The mom’s sister and her new baby joined the household and were provided with diapers, crib, and other essentials. The welcome home for the new baby was extra special, since the baby weighed one pound at birth and reached a milestone of six pounds. These vulnerable families were able to have everything they needed to start over in a healthy home.

Little Heart Warrior

“Most people in their 3rd trimester are getting things prepared, settling on a name and getting super excited to hold their bundle. In my 3rd trimester my world was flipped upside down with the words there is something wrong with his ultrasound you have to go see a specialist. In an instant my entire birthplan was changed in a few hours. Say goodbye to the hospital, doctors, everyone I had known and hello specialist. See I found out that in less than 5 weeks I was giving birth to a child that has severe heart problems. He has been diagnosed with Tricuspid Artesia vsd needing repair and pulmonary Artesia. Our little heart warrior, Jack, was born June 12th at University of Maryland in Baltimore where he is currently a resident of the pediatric intensive care unit. He will need several surgeries along the way. My family is asking for you guys to keep him in your thoughts and prayers as we fight this fight!” HOPE For All provided clothing & essentials to this family. We continue to pray and keep in touch with this family.

Grandmother’s Story

I have been through many things in my life.. some good some bad. Some self inflicted and some just life happening. I lost everything I had when I relocated. I returned to another state to pick up everything I owned in this world to find it all GONE!.. I was depressed and discouraged.. Having my 2 special needs grandblessings whom I’m raising and have had since birth. I didn’t really have a plan. My 7 yr old blessing decided at the end of October he didn’t want to live anymore and was hospitalized.. I found a house and had nothing in it.. No beds..nothing..Giving up was not an option for me and then I was referred to Hope4all in Glen Bernie and they came to my rescue. My Blessings were sooo happy.. The 7yr old who will be 8 very soon says "meme we finally have a home again" brought tears to my eyes.. Tears of Joy and Gratitude. So to all the staff, volunteers, donors, and board members that came on Saturday in December and helped to make this special, THANK YOU!! May God Bless You All abundantly..I would like to share my Blessings. Lora

Recovery for a New Life

People also experience difficult adjustments during substance recovery.

A local church contacted us requesting help for an older couple in recovery. One adult was on disability, and both adults were struggling financially. Fortunately, they left homelessness and were renting a portion of a home. We provided them with furniture, tables, lamps, housewares, linens, and clothing for their new beginning.

After 10 years of homelessness and substance abuse, Eric has embraced a new support system to improve his life. Through Anne Arundel County Crisis Intervention and People Encouraging People, he took the first courageous steps towards recovery. Being placed with the Arundel House of Hope has become a big part of his new network. He spends much of his time there as they have become his family and friends. His placement in his new home and the assistance from HOPE For All inspired him. "You guys are giving me strength today," he told us. May God continue to offer him strength as he moves forward with his life.

Female Veteran

We received a referral to help a 36-year old female veteran--who toured in Iraq--and was now struggling with a part-time job. We reached out to her and her 6-year old son. They had no medical coverage and were also living in a mostly empty place with only an unclean sofa. We returned with a full trailer of beds, furniture, housewares, and clothing. They were overjoyed!

A Single Mom's Story

We were blessed to be able to help the Hardy family. We were so taken with this mom and her beautiful children that we put them on our brochure. In April 2017, she came back to speak at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. She described how she lost her job after a car accident, had to move to more affordable housing, and was referred to HOPE For All for assistance. HOPE provided beds, dressers, as well as a kitchen table and chairs. It was touching to hear her speak with such emotion about the impact HOPE has had on her family. She has since started her own business and is looking for additional part-time work. Thank you for sharing your journey with us!

Brooke's Love of Community

While most high school students were studying feverishly for final exams, this student had one other mission in mind. For this Notre Dame Preparatory freshman, community service is a vital part of her martial arts training. Over the last 8 years, Brooke has practiced Taekwondo at Balanced Life Skills, in Annapolis, while giving back to her community. This time for her black belt service project, she wanted to help out with a charity close to home, so she chose HOPE For All. Brooke was impressed with the founder's mission of "love by actions." For almost a year, Brooke collected furniture, clothing, bicycles, appliances, books and toys for local Anne Arundel County families in need. Brooke satisfied her Black Belt community service project but continues to give back, because being a black belt is more than just raising money and collecting items for the poor. It's about offering HOPE to those around her, and offering a hand to those less fortunate.