



Hope Revealed

Beacon of Hope Ministries
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YEAR # 9 IN REVIEW

Stats July '10 to June '11

- **7,903** lives touched by one or more services of Beacon of Hope! Praise God that He has allowed us the honor of shining hope to each one of these people, His children!
- **2,670** counseling sessions provided (a **19.4%** increase), **248** of those sessions were in the Portland area
- **2,135** food boxes given away (increase of **32.9%**)
- **2,572.5** volunteer hours provided by over **118** different people
- **\$92,580** estimated value of food given away
- **37** men participated in Community CARE
- **31** students at area schools received educational counseling/tutoring
- **23** families (**96** people) were adopted at Christmas

*He hath made
everything
beautiful in
His time.*
-Ecclesiastes 3:11

10 From July 2011 to June 2012, we will be celebrating our 10th year of ministry! God has been so faithful to Beacon of Hope, its staff and clients these past nine years and we anticipate great things for the next nine plus years to come.

Beacon of Hope has been **SHINING HOPE** to thousands of people through our counseling ministry, food pantry, mentoring, educational tutoring and case management.

We invite you to join us in this year-long celebration as we continue to **SHINE HOPE** to

those who are broken and hurting. You can participate with us in several ways. **First, pray** for Beacon of Hope, the staff, the clients, the Board of Directors, and that we would be faithful to God's leading. **Second, support** us through a financial gift. This gift could be a one-time gift or an on-going gift as a **HOPE PARTNER.** You could adopt a counseling room in our new office space. Because we do not charge our clients for any of our services and **because we fully rely on God's provisions** to meet our needs, that means **we need you to partner with us financially.**

Celebrate!

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From the Desk of the Director

May 2002, Joan Crowe and I met to discuss a vision that God had given to her. I began praying about this vision and soon the vision became mine as well.

June 20, 2002 Beacon of Hope was officially incorporated as a non-profit ministry. Now, over nine years later we begin our 10th year of ministry. The vision remains steadfast, to be a ministry that is growing in services provided and people served by continuously seeking God's leading. Our ultimate goal is to grow God's kingdom through compassionate ministries that meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and families.

Our desire is to be faithful, obedient servants. We now have a staff of 13 (Praise God!) which includes 4 licensed therapists, 4 master level interns, an employment specialist, a part-time receptionist, an administrative assistant, and two outreach coordinators. Our ministry is well equipped to continue to fulfill the vision God has given us.

God has been so faithful by providing us with so many faithful supporters! We could not do what we do without you. That sounds cliché, but it really is true. YOU are making a difference one life, one family, one counseling session, one food basket at a time with your financial support. We have had 85 faithful Hope Partners over the years with 39 currently giving on a monthly basis.

But seek you first
the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be given you.

~ Matthew 6:33

Praises & Requests

- † A solid end to year #9
- † 10th year of ministry!!
- † A clear vision for the future
- † 7,903 lives impacted
- † 21 % growth in services
- † God's Goodness
- † A healthy pace of growth, not to get ahead of God's leading or fall behind
- † Summer drought (giving deficit)
- † A successful Friends Dinner on Oct. 6, 2011
- † Year #10 & two outstanding grants waiting for results
- † Possible expansion of counseling in Grand Rapids
- † Increased budget needs



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You are cordially invited to our 8th annual

Friends Dinner ~ Thursday, October 6, 2011

at the Haworth Inn & Conference Center

in Holland at 6:00 pm.

This will be a wonderful evening with you, our friends, in which we will share in the blessings of what God has done in and through Beacon of Hope these past nine years. We will be challenged as the vision is cast for the next decade of ministry begins for Beacon of Hope. We look forward to having you as our guest! There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you please RSVP. Also, feel

free to invite someone to join you as we celebrate our 10th year of ministry

together. To RSVP, please email kristinthompson@beaconhope.net

or call 616.396.4956.

Your help is needed. At our Friends Dinner this fall, we will be casting a vision project with a monthly need of \$367. First, I invite you to attend. Next, I invite you to consider your involvement with Beacon of Hope. Could you give a one-time gift? Could you increase your Hope Partner pledge or become a Hope Partner? No matter the size of your gift, when given with joy God takes it and multiplies it!

7,903 lives have been impacted this past fiscal year. Wow! Praise the Lord! Healing, restoration, peace, joy, grace, forgiveness – all shining rays of hope that have been given to these broken and hurting lives.

Thank you for partnering with us for the past nine years. You are a vital part of Beacon of Hope and a blessing to us and our clients. We look forward to shining more rays of hope into more and more lives in this our 10th year.

Honored to Serve,

Kyle Thompson MA, LPC
Executive Director

Beacon Briefs.....

☒ **City View Baptist Church** (NW Grand Rapids) invites BoH to the city! The church hopes to soon have a ministry center up and running that would include the BoH Counseling programs. Please pray for this new opportunity.

☒ **Thank You** to the Michigan District Church of the Nazarene for allowing BoH the opportunity to share a ministry moment with your Assembly gathering in July.



☒ **Go Green:** Once again we're offering the opportunity to help us be good stewards of the resources we've been entrusted with. Going Green is not rooting for a certain sports team, but rather, receiving this newsletter in your e-mail in-box. If you'd like to receive a PDF version of the Hope Revealed newsletter, please email kristinthompson@beaconhope.net. Thank you for helping us be good stewards and... go green.



☒ **Welcome** to a new ministry partner, Project Ponytails. You can check out their website at www.projectponytails.com

☒ **Save the Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2012 for our 6th Golf-A-Thon event.



☒ **Sharing Opportunity:** Would your church or small group like to hear more about Beacon of Hope? Be encouraged by the great work God is doing? Be motivated to serve? If so, contact our offices and reserve a date to have the Thompsons come and share with you. We are passionate about what we are doing and would be thrilled to share God's goodness with you.

☒ **On Track July Challenge Continues:** We are continuing our July challenge of making up our budget deficit. As our ministry has grown, and in order to sustain our current growth and impact in client's lives, BoH needs to average over \$8,000 in support each month. Please prayerfully consider a gift of any size to help us catch-up. Thank you in advance for your sacrificial gifts.

"And HOPE does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." Romans 5:5