Winter 2026 Newsletter

COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER

Foundations o HOPE 2026

BIG NEWS!

We are excited to share meaningful news with our donors and partners!

As of January 1, 2026, Community Hope Center officially owns the land and two buildings we call home. This milestone was the result of a careful and intentional process that took the majority of 2025 to complete. While it required time and perseverance, securing ownership was a necessary step to move CHC forward and prepare for the important renovation projects on the horizon. Because of this progress, we are now positioned to improve our facility, remain compliant with food safety regulations, and continue serving our community with stability and confidence.

With your help we can *RE-IMAGINE* CHC!

- ***$100*** provides groceries for two families.
- ***$500*** stocks our shelves with fresh produce and dairy.
- ***$1,000*** or more brings us closer to fully equipping CHC.

Donate Now

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A Note From our Development Director:

We are especially excited as we look ahead to the facility improvements planned for 2026. Thanks to your incredible support, we have successfully raised our first $100,000, allowing us to make the required down payment to begin this important construction project. To complete the full scope of work and remain debt-free, we are still seeking $350,000, and we are deeply grateful for the momentum and encouragement already behind us.

As the project progresses, we will continue to share updates with you over the coming months. Your partnership truly makes this work possible, and we are honored to walk this journey together.

I would love the opportunity to connect, whether by hosting you for a personal tour of our facility or by speaking with your church, organization, or group about the work and impact of CHC.

With sincere gratitude,
Christy Schult

Please feel free to contact me at:
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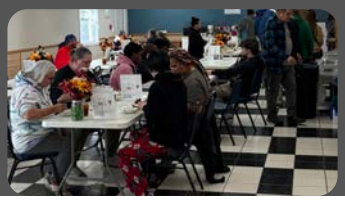
RE-IMAGINE our facility

For 37 years, CHC has served the community. We need your help to continue!
Your support will ensure CHC can meet the requirements, protect food safety, and continue providing hope and essential resources to families in our community.

Every gift brings us one step closer to meeting this urgent need!



Building HOPE for 2026: Exciting Facility Updates Ahead

To support the continued growth of Community Hope Center and ensure we meet required standards, we are preparing for a three-phase renovation project designed to strengthen our facility and protect the services our families rely on:

• Phase 1: Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade
We will convert both buildings to three-phase electrical service. This essential upgrade will allow us to install solar panels, increasing efficiency and long-term sustainability while helping reduce rising utility costs. We are currently working closely with Ameren on the implementation and installation plan.

• Phase 2: New Roof on the Main Building
A new roof will ensure our primary building remains structurally sound and protected, safeguarding food storage areas, workspaces, and the people we serve.

• Phase 3: HVAC System Installation
Installing a comprehensive HVAC system throughout our primary building is a required compliance standard for any facility that stores or distributes food. Remaining in compliance is critical to continuing support from our key partners. Without these upgrades, we risk losing resources that directly impact the families who depend on us.

These renovations are more than construction projects. They are strategic investments in the future of Community Hope Center. Together, we are building a stronger, safer, and more sustainable foundation so we can continue offering hope to every family who walks through our doors.

A Look at 2025...

- **21, 634** Individuals served
- **331,598** Pounds of food distributed
- **9,252** Family Visits
- **300** Requests for navigation services
- **344** Children received toys at Christmas

CHC Annual Golf Tournament 2025 The Woodlands

SAVE THE DATE: **MAY 15, 2026**

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
18 HOLES + CART
3 DRINK TICKETS
BREAKFAST, LUNCH & SNACKS
COURSE GAMES
50/50 RAFFLE
PRIZES

$125 per person
$500 per team

Woodlands Golf Club
2839 Harris Lane
Alton, Il 62002

Space is limited. Last year's tournament sold out! Register early to secure your spot.

Contact: Christy Schult 618-979-4009
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A Note From our Executive Director:

This has truly been an extraordinary year! One marked by growth, provision, and blessings that could only come through Jesus. I want to pause and reflect on what God has done through you and to thank you for your faithful support, prayers, and generosity.

Because of your partnership, we were able to secure vital funding that allowed our mission to move forward in powerful ways. We developed plans to upgrade our building's electrical systems, ensuring we can better support future ministry needs. We also received the incredible blessing of a promised gift that will allow us to replace our aging roof.

Each of these milestones represents lives touched, needs met, and God's faithful hand guiding every step. I am deeply grateful for every prayer lifted, every volunteer hour given, every thoughtful decision made, and every sacrifice offered by our team, board, and supporters. Your faithfulness has helped position CHC for a future filled with hope and opportunity.

As we look ahead to 2026, we know there will be new challenges, but we step forward with excitement and expectation. I truly believe the Lord is leading CHC into a season of continued growth, deeper impact, and abundant favor.

Thank you for being part of this journey.
We could not do this work without you!

Ann Crane
Executive Director

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Help Us Build Hope!

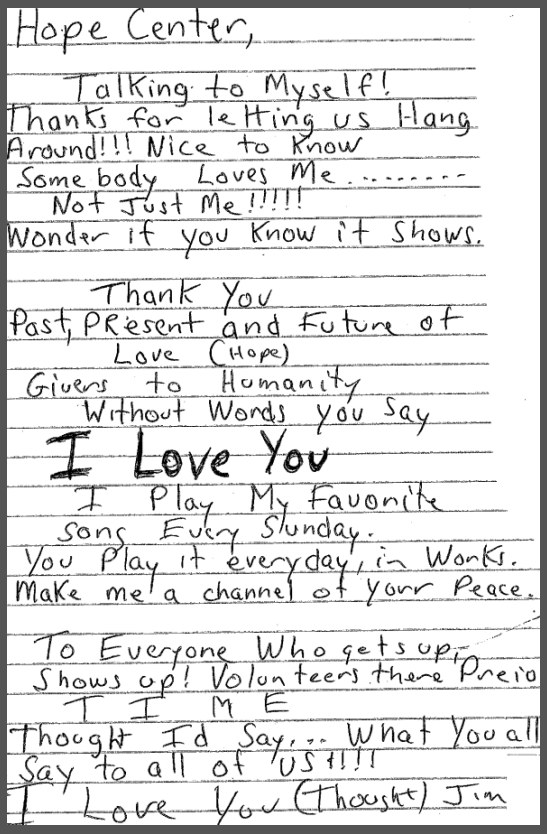
Give Today – Every dollar makes a difference.
Spread the Word – Share our mission with friends, family, and coworkers.
Get Involved – Volunteer your time and talents.

Thank you to our donors!

Did you know...
It takes 50 volunteers every day to run CHC

Ann Crane- Executive Director
Christy Schult- Development Director
Steve Thompson- Finance Director
Sherry Keller- Volunteer Manager
Ashley Santoni- Community Navigation Manager
CoAnn Connoyer- Administrative Assistant
Lester Hahn- Warehouse Manager

TRIVIA NIGHT 2025



Hope Center,

Talking to Myself!
Thanks for letting us Hang
Around!!! Nice to Know
Some body Loves Me.....
Not Just Me!!!!!
Wonder if you Know it Shows.

Thank You
Past, Present and Future of
Love (Hope)
Givers to Humanity
Without Words you Say
I Love You
I Play My Favonite
Sons Every Sunday.
You Play it everyday, in Works.
Make me a channel of your Peace.

To Everyone Who gets up,
Shows up! Volunteers there Prei0
T I M E
Thought Id Say... What You all
Say to all of US!!!
I Love You (Thought) Jim

Guest of CHC

An Evening of Gratitude

Donor Event

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS