

HOPE STREET FUNDRAISER

# Family Reunion 2022

## I BELONG

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2022 | 6-9PM @ THE PAVILION AT DISCOVERY WORLD

There are seasons where life at Hope Street seems to be flying by. It can be really easy to get lost in the “tasks” and suddenly you realize there are a bunch of new faces in the building, and you aren’t sure who is who. Thankfully, there are enough faithful staff, volunteers and members who help fill in the gaps — and are ready and willing with a smile to remind people they belong.

### THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS I’VE SEEN THIS LIVED OUT:

As a staff we have an “open door” policy. This means we make ourselves available to members whenever we are in the office. While we all do our best to drop what we are doing to be present, Rhonda takes it a step further and knocks on people’s doors. She is fondly known as “Mama Rhonda” around Hope Street, and she’s always a willing listening ear, thoughtful question asker and prayer warrior. She makes sure people know when you agree to be a member here, you are seen, cared for and have a community to belong to.

Rhonda, is our Ministry Director and, like everyone on staff, wears many different hats. We are grateful for her faithful compassion and willingness to meet people where they are at, and yet also for providing a gentle nudge towards something greater.

We offer a number of classes at Hope Street that touch on people’s holistic wellbeing. We want to offer support and care in the areas of: mental/emotional health, physical well-being, intellectual and of course spiritual growth. People come to us from all different backgrounds and thus have different goals they are hoping to accomplish in their time at Hope

Street. One of those areas is often recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. While there are a number of great resources in the community that we often refer members to, in this last season we have been able to offer a class in house. This class is entitled SELF. We hear so many stories of how this group has impacted members in our community, the most common theme is: I feel like I belong at the table.

Clem, one of our faithful volunteers, has created a time and space where people can be together and share their journey towards healing. Clem has been vulnerable and willing to share his story, and it’s opened up the doors for our members to, in turn, share their own.

Culture can be a powerful thing, bringing people in the right direction, or quickly deterring them down the wrong path. At Hope Street we have experienced the benefit of a framework that shapes culture. While this framework was established by adults, we have seen it best lived out and carried on by our kids in the building. I can still remember the first kids that walked through our doors to live at Hope Street. We didn’t have much in place for them, but we promised to provide a safe home.

Eventually Kim decided she would carve out Wednesday evenings to



tutor Michael, one of our first Hope Street kids. She would drive an hour into the city, and sometimes Michael wanted to come down, and sometimes he didn't — regardless, she would give him the snacks she brought and say "well, maybe next week".

What started out as one kid, has now morphed into a room full of teenagers eating popcorn, cookies and chips - talking about life, playing uno and most of all enjoying one another's presence. They get belonging better than anyone, and continue to do their

part in welcoming the next person to the table. They are a continual source of encouragement to our community in remembering that sometimes we over complicate things — belonging is about creating a time and space to be with God's people. He's already saved us a seat, our job is to accept the invitation.

The desire to belong doesn't stop when people walk out our door. It just lays the foundation for connection and meaning that will be found beyond our walls.

**AT THIS YEAR'S FAMILY REUNION WE WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY (BOTH CURRENT AND FORMER) WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY BELONGING TO SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THEMSELVES.**

We hope you will join us, as we celebrate the ways each of us belongs to the community at Hope Street.

**ASHLEY THOMAS:  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

## EVENT DETAILS

**We are excited to be returning to Discovery World on Friday, October 14th for our 7th annual Family Reunion Fundraiser!**

This year's event will feature a number of returning opportunities like our Interactive Greenhouse which will capture parts of our community's stories through visual artwork.

This year's auction will be a Live Auction. Not only will you have a chance to place your bid during the event, but we have decided to add a special twist. Leading up to the Live Auction you will have an opportunity to purchase an Indulgence Chocolatier chocolate Bar for \$50. One lucky winner will be selected from the names of those who purchased one of these bars. This winner will get to pick one of the items from the Auction before it even goes live!

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW — BE SURE TO GET YOURS TODAY!**

Individual tickets can be purchased for \$125 while a Table of 8 is \$750. If you are a student, between the ages of 16 and 25, you will receive a discounted ticket rate of \$50. Attire for the evening is cocktail. Please refer to our website for photos and examples from past events.

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

#### LIVE Auction Items

#### Wine Donations

#### Sponsor the Event

#### Volunteer

Looking to get involved in this year's Family Reunion Fundraiser? There are a number of ways to do so both leading up to the big day or directly at the event!

In order to make our Live Auction and Wine Pull possible, we could use your help! For our Live auction we are seeking items that can be added to our larger packages. Here are a few theme examples for these desired items: Fitness, Getaways/Vacations, Sports Tickets/Memorabilia, and Date Nights. For our Wine Pull, if you have a good selection within your home that you would be willing to donate, complete the form that can be found on our event page and submit it to our team. Please note, we ask that all wine be valued at \$20 or more.

Sponsorships are a great way to get involved! We have a number of sponsorship levels available. Your donation allows event costs to be offset and all donations received to go directly to Hope Street!

**For more information on our Family Reunion Sponsorships, email Kendall at [Kendall@hopestreetministry.org](mailto:Kendall@hopestreetministry.org) or access our sponsorship packet on our event page.**

If you are looking to volunteer at the event, we would love to have you work alongside our team. There will be an opportunity to help with check-in, be stationed at either our Interactive Greenhouse or Wine Pull as well as assist in the distribution and selling of chocolate bars. If you prefer to wait till after the event to serve, help our staff quickly tear-down the event!

**For more details in regards to any of the above volunteer opportunities, email Brooke at [brooke@hopestreetministry.org](mailto:brooke@hopestreetministry.org).**

### PLEASE NOTE

**All volunteers will receive a discounted ticket of \$50**

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