

HOPE 4 Youth March Board Update

It was great to see those of you attending our board meeting last week; it was powerful to review our impact and momentum regarding H4Y's work. We start the year full of energy, momentum, and positive change. THANK YOU for being part of our mission!

HOT topics on the horizon...

- **Board leadership | Follow up needed** – Thank you for your willingness in participating in the board assessment, the link closes on April 8th. It dropped in your inbox on Tuesday March 25th. Please reach out if you didn't receive this email notification or need me to request it being resent.
- **Partnership with *Hope for the Community*** – We are thrilled to share we have the appliances in house and have our first order ready to be delivered next week. We believe our issue of food insecurity has been solved through this developing partnership. While there are a few challenges to overcome, we are working through them one at a time. We will provide a full recap at May's board meeting.
- **Building HOPE Project** – As shared at the board meeting, after three LOIs in the Northtown Mall area, we have exhausted all options there and have moved on. We are exploring a Blaine location off Hwy 65 – more to come! I have re-engaged city staff at both Blaine and Fridley to keep us on their radar.
- **Comprehensive Campaign** – I continue to meet with individuals "in the know" pertaining to capital campaign work. We tested the idea of a *Naming Campaign* with our Dvlpmt Committee and campaign consultants. We are pivoting our proposed Naming Campaign to an enhanced *Comprehensive Campaign* vision. I have three meetings this week but will update you soon.

UPCOMING EVENT

YOU'RE INVITED

Saturday, May 3rd



Join us for our largest fundraising event of the year for an inspiring & exciting evening!

5:00 - 10:00 PM

WHERE? Bunker Hills Event Center
12800 Bunker Prairie Road NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

- Auction Items/Baskets
- Bottles of Wine/Liquor for Cheers 4 HOPE
- Invite your network
- Share an A Night 4 HOPE social media post

✚ **Advancement updates** – Our [A Night 4 HOPE](#) annual fundraising spectacular will be an amazing experience with fun, incredible food, and a meaningful program. [Nevin](#) will be joining us for the evening. We are officially sold out of tables; however, we still do have individual tickets available; reach out to Nikki with questions. Please register ASAP if planning to attend.

✚ **Program progress** – Our youth outreach efforts continue to require more time and talent from our team. Our new youth intakes continue to stretch our space in the Anoka facility however, we are finding creative ways to support and empower our youth. Our investment in our pilot job readiness program is taking shape. If you are interested in participating, please reach out directly to Mark.

✚ **Administrative connections** – We are working on the new facility expense model as well as our estimation of facility expansion costs. We have formally instituted strengths coaching for any staff interested in improving their performance and engagement at HOPE 4 Youth. We are living in the now but focused on the future!

With this, I will wish you a wonderful start to Q2!