

## HOPE 4 Youth August Board Update

Happy wrap up of a great summer!

HOT topics on the horizon...

- **Building HOPE Project** – We are at the final stages of obtaining our bridge loan and subsequently purchasing our Blaine property. Please see a couple of pertinent points in the progress.
  - As of Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>, we have exercised an additional and final 30-day extension period pertaining to our purchase agreement due diligence for 8565 Central Ave property.
  - We hope to close on both the bridge loan and the property by the second week of September.
  - We are working on the communication timeline of our new home but will be focusing our initial communication with our youth, board/staff, donors, volunteers, program partners, and community neighbors. We will not be engaging in a general awareness campaign until we have opened the doors and have demonstrated we are an asset to the community and of no concern.
  - Once the property acquisition is complete we will begin our private phase of the *Mission Expansion* element of our comprehensive fundraising campaign. Although I shared an 8.31.25 deadline to provide leads to LaChelle, please know any time someone bubbles up in your network of whom I should connect with, simply reach out!
- **September 18<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat** – Thank you to the Strategic Steering Committee and the Executive Committee for your help in planning our 2025 board retreat. Please watch for the *Retreat Packet* on September 10<sup>th</sup>. I will ask you to review the contents of this prior to our time together on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Plan for an energized and engaging time together – Kendall's Chophouse will provide a wonderful meal!
- **Heartland Tire Golf Classic** – On Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> we were the beneficiary of over \$176,000 from the 11<sup>th</sup> Heartland Tire Golf Classic. Over 120 golfers joined us at Bunker Hills for a perfect day of golf. As you have time, it would be wonderful for you to email your appreciation to Heartland Tire President Beau Mitchell ([bmitchell@heartlandtire.com](mailto:bmitchell@heartlandtire.com)). Their time and financial support is significant!

➤ **Advancement updates** – Please share the [Darkest Night 4K](#) event link with your friends, family, and networks; registration is open! Please see several upcoming events – please join us where and when you can!

➤ **Program progress** – Our need to strategize solutions has never been more real. Our youth visits continue to exceed any recorded month YTD. We will be spending a significant amount of time at the board retreat unpacking our three cornerstones and how to most effectively communicate our work and success; we are excited to hear from you.

➤ **Administrative connections** – We are wrapping up our annual Employee Engagement Survey. We will share a recap with you in October with our improvement opportunities. Our initial review of the results is incredibly positive.

With this, I wish you a wonderful start to Fall....  
See you on September 18<sup>th</sup>!

In gratitude, LaChelle Williams

### SAVE THE DATE September EVENTS

**RAMSEY HAPPY DAYS**  
Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
Meet our team & learn more about HOPE 4 Youth!

**ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OPEN HOUSE**  
Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
4 PM - 7 PM  
Opportunity to interact and learn more about our public safety partners & meet our team to learn more about H4Y.



**CLAYS 4 YOUTH**  
Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
12 PM - 6 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sporting Clays fundraiser benefiting HOPE 4 Youth

**HUNT 4 HOPE**  
Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
12 PM  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pheasant Hunt Fundraiser benefiting HOPE 4 Youth

**HOPE FEST**  
HOSTED BY ALEXANDRA HOUSE  
Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM - 1 PM  
Family-friendly walk event to raise awareness of domestic violence

please see our [2024 Impact Report](#)