

Loisann's HOPE House NEWSLETTER

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A Note From Lisa -

Thank you so much to everyone that supported Loisann's Hope House over the holiday period. We have a remarkable and dedicated community of friends and supporters, and we could not carry out our vision of No Family Homeless without your continued generosity. Thank you!

Oftentimes we reflect upon the New Year as a time of renewal and promise. At Loisann's Hope House, every day throughout the year is a time of renewal and hope for children and families facing homelessness. In just the month of December, **we served 64 households, including 100 children!** We were able to give hope over the holidays to **190 clients**, and the need continues to grow. That's why we're asking you to check out our Safe Sleep Initiative featured on page 4 of this newsletter. You can help us bring families out of the cold and into their own warm and secure beds this winter - truly, your impact matters!

This month we will feature Melissa Moore, the Emergency Shelter and Rapid Rehousing Manager, to understand how her role is vital to the core mission of our organization. At Loisann's Hope House, we value tough love without judgment, and Melissa works tirelessly and compassionately to assist families facing homelessness. Also, don't forget to save the date for Bags of Hope 2021 - more information on page 6-7.

Thank you again to everyone that supported Loisann's Hope House in 2020.

With gratitude,

Lisa Crittenden

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Lisa Crittenden, Chief Executive Officer

DONATE TODAY

We especially need the following items:

- Cleaning Supplies
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Trash bags

Contact us today at 540-371-0871
for more information.




No Family Homeless -

Winter weather has finally arrived in Fredericksburg, and with it, the freezing temperatures and snowfall that makes life for children and families facing homelessness even more challenging. As we work to end homelessness in our region, it's important to remember that on any given night, over half a million people in the United States are facing homelessness - that equates to seventeen out of every 10,000 people.* This statistic was measured in 2019, which means we have yet to realize the full impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on homelessness.


At Loisann's Hope House, homelessness isn't just a number. It's the faces of our neighbors and community members. Your child's teacher or daycare worker, the friendly cashier at the grocery store, or the person who delivers your food — anyone can face homelessness, and it is very oftentimes a silent threat, made even more urgent by the sub-zero inclement weather that much of the United States is currently experiencing. But while it may be freezing in Fredericksburg, the families staying at Loisann's Hope House are surrounded by warmth, security and a sense of hope for the future. Thank you to everyone that helps Loisann's Hope House provide a loving home for families facing homelessness, not only during the coldest winter months, but all year long.

*Statistic from the National Alliance to End Homelessness



It's frozen in Fred!

But inside Loisann's Hope House we're feeling **warm, safe, and loved!**



Thanks for helping us grow to be the Fredericksburg area's largest family shelter. Help us keep more children and their families warm.

DONATE TODAY!

In and Around Loisann's Hope House



Something special rolled up to our parking lot in January! It's a 2013 Hyundai Sonata Limited Edition Hybrid car that is certain to change one family's life for the better. This silver beauty is in pristine condition and was generously donated by the McKechnie and Tierney family of Port Royal, Virginia. This isn't the first time that this family has donated a car to a family in need at Loisann's Hope House. Several years ago, they donated a 2007 Toyota Camry to a mother needing transportation to and from her place of employment. Said Mr. McKechnie, "Sometimes having a vehicle is the one thing that can change the course of a life."

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**Do you want to change
the course of a life?**

If you have a vehicle you would like to donate to Loisann's Hope House, please contact Tara Best at 540-371-0831. All vehicle donations are tax deductible.*



Donor Spotlight



Thank you so much to the Campbell family for providing a complete set of household items for THREE families! Their participation brought our Home Sweet Home Initiative to a whole new level! The Home Sweet Home Initiative is designed to provide families with a complete set of household items needed when they move into their own homes. The Campbell family gathered everything from pots and pans, cooking utensils and dishes, ironing boards, towels, laundry baskets and bedding - times THREE! Thank you to this amazing family for the gifts that you have given homeless children and their families.



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The Secure Sleep Initiative



Loisann's Hope House Introduces
the

SECURE SLEEP INITIATIVE

Help us give families a good night's sleep!

WHAT WE NEED:

10 new twin sized
beds for our families

Help us get families out of the cold and into their own warm and secure beds this winter!

**Total amount for 10 beds:
\$4,000**

Donate \$400 to buy one bed
and give the gift of secure
sleep to a homeless child.
Your impact matters!



[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO THE SECURE SLEEP INITIATIVE](https://www.loisannshopehouse.org)

Focus on Emergency Shelter and Rapid Rehousing - An Interview with Melissa Moore



Providing emergency shelter and rapid rehousing to families facing homelessness is at the core of our mission. Melissa Moore, the Emergency Shelter and Rapid Rehousing Manager, works with clients at Loisann's Hope House to help them achieve their goals.

What does your job entail and how does it enhance the Loisann's Hope House mission?

I meet with families to ascertain their homelessness history, income, and housing, mental health and employment needs. Once a family enters shelter they create a plan tailored to their individual needs. Loisann's Hope House, the housing locator and the family will work together to seek affordable housing in the area that meets the family's needs. I connect clients

with service providers in the community and work closely with service providers as a team to ensure the family is utilizing available services.

What is the best part of your job?

I love working with individuals looking for a second chance. Many families are one paycheck away from being homeless. Working with families and watching them achieve their goals and move into their own home is very rewarding. For some families, this is the first time they have ever had a home of their own!

What is a challenge you face in your job?

The challenge in the Fredericksburg Region is affordable housing.

What is your motto?

"I survived because the fire inside me burned brighter than the fire around me."

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Bags of Hope



*Save the Date for
Bags of Hope 2021!*

Nab a DREAM BAG and
help homeless families
achieve their dreams!
Shop the Dream Bag Pop
Up Boutique to benefit
Loisann's Hope House.

Don't miss out!
Two days only!

Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5 at
the Ethan Allen store in Central Park.
Dozens of gently used designer handbags
will be on display ... browse in person or
online to bid or "buy it now!" Register at
<http://bidpal.net/bagsofhope2021>

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY](http://bidpal.net/bagsofhope2021)

Bags of Hope

Donate a Dream Bag

Calling all fashion lovers! We are seeking donations of new or gently used designer handbags for Bags of Hope 2021, taking place March 4-5. Your donated bag is someone's dream bag!

All proceeds from the handbag auction benefit
Loisann's Hope House.



Handbags can be dropped off at Loisann's Hope House (902 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA 22401) between 9AM and 5PM Monday thru Friday. Please call 540-371-0831 for more information.

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