Suite Hope has been purchased

Philippians 4:19 reads, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." We believe there is a need in Anchorage, Alaska that the Lord is calling us to meet through Suite Hope. The need is for loving-kindness to be extended to the destitute people in our city. Our Executive Director and other staff have recently been reminded of the biblical story of Hosea where a man is charged by God to marry and pursue a prostitute, Gomer. In this story the Lord uses the marriage between Hosea and Gomer as an example of His loving kindness towards His people. The Lord lavishes His children with never-ending, never-failing, immeasurable, holy love. We are charged to be as holy as the Lord and as a Christian non-profit it is our hope that the Lord's holy love overflows from us to our students in our job training program. Our students who can now have safe, transitional housing at Suite Hope as they graduate from our program and search/obtain employment.

It is our hope healing can be found in Jesus, through His loving-kindness, by the women who will use their housing vouchers at Suite Hope. The women who need a safe home away from their abusers, drug dealers, and/or pimps. At Suite Hope we do not want to be just another housing program, we want to be the doorway where our guests find restored hope, renewed hearts and transformed lives through Jesus. All that is required from our guests is that they knock. "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with loving-kindness and compassion," Psalm 103:1-4. Thank you to everyone who has supported the purchase of Suite Hope. So far we have raised over $650,000 out of our $1.7 Million goal. Visit our website to learn more about how you can donate!
Our New Year Newsletter looks a little different than our other newsletters. Recently our Community Relations Coordinator attended an art gallery that featured photos of people experiencing homelessness. These photos were printed on cardboard. She loved the concept because the photographer who captured these photos was developing relationships with the people he was capturing...taking pictures of the person beyond the cardboard. With our first newsletter of the year she wanted to use a similar concept. Our hope is that the people in our city who hold these cardboard signs wouldn’t be looked at for what their holding, but looked at with compassion and kindness. The person holding the sign that says “God Bless You, I need some help” they have a heart, they have a story. Our hope is that their hope would be restored, their hearts renewed and their lives transformed.

WILL YOU LOOK BEYOND THE CARDBOARD WITH US?

IT'S A BLESSING TO HAVE A HOME INSTEAD OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS WHEN YOU ARE HOMELESS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS REASONS FOR HOMELESSNESS, I'M GRATEFUL TO SUITE HOPE FOR CARING ABOUT US!

FEED ME HOPE GRADUATE LIVING AT SUITE HOPE

ON FEBRUARY 26TH, DURING FUR RONDY FROM 3PM-7PM, WE WILL BE HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE EVENT AT SUITE HOPE. JOIN US IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP AROUND THE FIRE AND IF YOU NEED PARKING FOR FUR RONDY WE WILL HAVE SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION OF $5.
Hello I am Shawn Hays!

I am beyond thrilled to be joining the Downtown Hope Center team as the new Program Director. My responsibilities are to direct the Clothing Room and Shower House, and Women’s Shelter. I come to the ministry with almost a decade of experience in the social services field, primarily working in food security and shelter services. I earned my Master’s Degree in Public Administration in 2014, focusing on improving food security for the homeless. When I am not at work, you can find me outdoors, spending time with my five grandchildren or traveling.

NEW STAFF MEMBER
Shawn Hays | Program Director

LIVING AT SUITE HOPE IS QUIET, PEACEFUL AND SERENE. MY APARTMENT IS CLEAN AND VERY COMFORTABLE. I'M GRATEFUL THAT I'M LIVING HERE. CURRENT FEED ME HOPE STUDENT LIVING AT SUITE HOPE

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MY HUSBAND’S PASSING, I HUNG UP MY CLOTHES IN THE CLOSET. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT IN OVER TEN YEARS. SOMETHING SO SMALL, A GESTURE, HAS BEEN A BIG IMPACT ON MY LIFE. THANK GOD FOR THE INCREASE! I STILL HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING I'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR. FEED ME HOPE GRADUATE LIVING AT SUITE HOPE AND WORKING AT DHC

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Chris More | Employment Specialist

For 2022, I am prayerful that we will see our students whom reside at Suite Hope be able to demonstrate a higher level of spiritual growth and job readiness upon their Graduation. A safe warm place to call their own each night while enrolled in FMH cannot be underestimated. I believe with my whole heart Suite Hope will make a tremendous impact and improvement in the lives of our students. It will cause a ripple effect of blessings; not only while they reside there, but it will better set them up to sustain their employment, as well as their own housing, down the road.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11