

SPARC HOPE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2019

Our SPARC Hope branding is off and running with a great new look, new promotional materials and an expanded mission to include Single Parents, both Moms AND Dads.

Our current roll of clients includes 12 Life Plan parents, 5 additional Food Pantry participants and 2 "Bridge" (working toward a life plan) clients. Combined, approximately 32 children are also benefitting from our mission. We also have 23 families in our intake process working toward being a client. This quarter, we will be rotating our spotlight from our single parents to our volunteers.

Brew At The Zoo

Last year's success and good time begat a repeat volunteer stint at the "Brew at the Zoo" event this August. Approximately 3 dozen volunteers helped sample a lot of local craft beers and other brews to a sold out event at the Louisville Zoo. Attendees were able to meander through the zoo to see animals, sample food, beer, wine and hear music during the event. SPARC Hope earned, at latest count, over \$1700 for their efforts. Thank you volunteers!



Cocktails & Collections

This annual event was held in September and featured local artisans displaying their wares along with select cocktails and hors d'oeuvres provided by Dining Elegance Caterers and hosted by Kim Nichols, who generously opened her home for the event. Local artists donated a portion of their sales to SPARC Hope. Additionally, ticket sales for the event and some very generous donations accounted for a total collection of over \$15,000 on behalf of SPARC Hope! We thank ALL involved in this great event.



Spotlight ON VOLUNTEERS



Phyllis Huffman has been involved with SPARC Hope for years. Her and her husband Larry have supported us financially in many ways. When we moved over to our Brinley office, Phyllis came over to help us decorate the office, and assist in various ways. I knew Phyllis's background from Pegasus Transportation, and asked one day if she would take a look at our financials. Well, that started us on an amazing journey. Even as a small non-profit that has been around since 2003, we were still not capturing all of our income, etc., so we were not able to give people the #'s that they needed to look at to supporting us financially. Now, with Phyllis's support, we are BBB Certified, Guide Star Compliant, have our annual report and 990's on our website, and have our budget in place. We are also capturing all of the numbers in a way that makes sense! She, like Penny, comes in anywhere from 2 days a week, to 5 days a week, depending on what is going on in the office, and how she can assist! Another wonderful volunteer who gives us her all!

Volunteer

Call our office or go to:
[sparc-hope.org/volunteer/](https://www.sparc-hope.org/volunteer/)

To learn more about SPARC Hope, please sign up to attend one of our monthly tours – Your Journey Begins Here:
<https://www.sparc-hope.org/tours-your-journey-begins-here/>

Testimonials

This section is dedicated to giving updates or vignettes about our clients. In our last newsletter we celebrated Katelyn's passing of her nursing boards. We can now follow THAT up with the news of her recently being hired by the Pediatric ICU at the U of K Hospital! What a great success story and demonstration of what SPARC Hope can facilitate for its clients.

The following is a paraphrased note that Laura and Staci received from one of our clients that really demonstrates the impact we are having:

"Good afternoon ladies. I want to say thank you both from the bottom of my heart. I earned back the initial deposit on my LG&E bill due to 12 consecutive months of on time payments. Those payments were made by SPARC HOPE!! There is now a credit balance to go toward the following month's bill. I am so grateful! To have a positive credit history with LG&E (for me) is major. I am not going to lie; it is tough when the income doesn't meet the needs of the family...but I press on anyway. My time is coming. I will not always be in the red or in a bind and I am claiming that for me and my family. Thank you and all you do for me and my family through this program."

Still Time To Get Involved In 2019!

3rd Monday Meals Program - a portion of your purchases for the evening go to support SPARC Hope. sparc-hope.org/restaurant-nights/

Become a Monthly Giving Partner - sparc-hope.org/general-donation/

Support A Single Parent: sparc-hope.org/support-a-single-parent/

Link your Amazon account with AMAZON SMILE. sparc-hope.org/community-rewards/

Register your Kroger Plus card to tie in to Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Just go to Krogercommunityrewards.com to log in or register your card. Select I am a customer, then choose Sparc Hope, or #ST357 and enroll.

DONATE PANTRY ITEMS: Food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, over the counter pharmacy items and paper products (including Size 5 diapers and 4/5T Pull ups) are always welcome. At present, we are especially in need of adult and children's vitamins (as flu season approaches) paper towels, laundry detergent, ethnic hair care products, and "free and clear" products such as laundry detergent, lotions, and soaps. We are also in need of canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, and Juice!

Visit our Bidding for Good Christmas Auction: <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/item/browse.action?auctionId=341694578&ctemail=info@momsclosetcenter.org&ctmid=245393717>

Visit our website for information on our name change from Mom's Closet to Sparc Hope & our BBB certification!



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How to Help

Above all, PRAY for our mission's success. We are currently facing having to find a new facility for our pantry and offices and need to find something at as low a cost as possible.

Coming up in November, we will be starting our **END OF YEAR GIVING CAMPAIGN**. If you are one that makes end of year donations, please consider SPARC Hope. Also, in November, we will start our Angel Gifts for our families. Please check us out on our Facebook Page, or call our office.

Upcoming

November 18 (5-9 PM)

Brasserie Provence
(must mention Sparc Hope)

December 16 (5-9 PM)

The Village Anchor
(must mention Sparc Hope)

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