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# ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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## OVER THE LAST 8



Helped  
**106,489**  
individuals through the  
New Hope Center

Assisted  
**541**  
homeowners



Provided  
**26,720**  
kids with school  
supplies

# VISION

The vision of 6 Stones is to be a catalyst of hope that transforms lives, homes and communities.

# VALUES

In all we do,  
we will be:  
Christ-centered  
Unified  
Honorable  
Respectful  
Compassionate  
Service Oriented

# MISSION

6 Stones is building a coalition of churches, businesses and others that provides solutions to meet the needs of our communities.

# YEARS, YOU HAVE

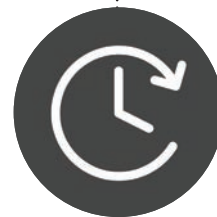
Blessed  
**22,659**  
kids with  
Christmas gifts



Volunteered over  
**267,302**  
hours



Invested  
**\$9,003,043**  
in our community



# CPR

by Sam Atchley

I cannot thank the wonderful folks  
At Six Stones for giving me & my wife  
A fresh start in our home.  
Our home & yard had been neglected  
terribly while my wife was ill and I  
could not keep up with everything and  
take care of her while I was at it.  
It not only helped get the house in  
order, it lifted our spirits.  
Thank you Six Stones  
THANK YOU!!!

Sam Atchley



volunteers

150 1,116 1,632 2,126 2,574 2,668 3,403 3,773

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

homes

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016



18

42

62


58

66

84

98

113



As love stories go, there are few more beautiful than Sam and Dorothy's. Married for almost a half century, the couple went through just about everything together. They spent a lifetime behind the scenes in the music industry. They embraced the thrill of uncertainty that comes with buying a home and starting a family. They wrestled with life-threatening illness. The strain of it all caused their house to fall into disrepair. Fortunately, the Community Powered Revitalization (CPR) program found its way to them. But long before volunteers turned out to restore their home, they knew how to love.

Sam remembers every detail of his first meeting with Dorothy; from her wardrobe to the look on her face when he vowed to marry her to the way she stomped away, indignant at such a forward proposal. He remembers the timeline of their budding relationship, from the first Coke at Clown Burger to the fear of signing up for a monthly house payment of \$199 in August of 1970. They shared three full and beautiful decades.

"We both spent our life getting into the music industry as deep as we could," Sam said during an interview with 6 Stones. "We worked with lots of major acts and had a lot of fun. We went to the awards shows and CMA shows and things like that... We basically just had a really good time. Life was good.

"Unfortunately, we had a family disaster. Our son committed suicide in 1998. He took our heart with him and we pretty much quit. I know that sounds ridiculous, but we basically just quit. For the next two years, we didn't hardly leave the house except to buy groceries. Then my wife's health went down. First one thing, then another. Here we are."

After years of stretching his talents and dollars, Sam found himself working at Home Depot. He split his time between Dorothy and that job until her health began to fail and he could no longer leave her alone. With their hospital bills rising and the home beginning to decay, Sam found himself in need of help but without the time or resources

to seek it. In the end, it was a leaky faucet that brought him to the City of Eules and, through them, Community Powered Revitalization.

The city employees who came to fix his plumbing also brought a CPR application form, which Sam was more than happy to fill out. He didn't expect the magnitude of service that would come from that simple act, but he says that he needed every bit of it.

"This place looked terrible before they showed up, and when they left I could be proud of it again," Sam said. "In two days, these people -- these wonderful, precious people -- came out here and donated their time. [They] cleaned up my mess. I truly can't thank them enough... It's humbling. I think that God stepped in and just showed me what He could cause to happen... It's mind-boggling. It makes a difference in whether we can continue to live here or not. It's just that simple."

Dorothy passed away shortly after our interview with Sam. Within days, the volunteers who had connected him to 6 Stones were helping him to host a memorial at Bear Creek Cemetery. But for Sam and Dorothy, death is not the end. It's just the start of a new chapter. And that chapter is just as packed with love as the previous ones.

**On April 8th and 9th, 2016, Sam joined with other volunteers from the City of Eules to restore a home just a few miles away from his own.**

While he was holding fence posts in an effort to let go of his grief, the men working beside him were working tirelessly for their own reasons. This program isn't just about fixing houses. It's about restoring homes; transforming communities. This year, another 137 homeowners got to share in that experience, just like Sam.

CPR is much bigger than one man's story. But the beauty of 6 Stones is that, because we collaborate with all kinds of people from all kinds of places, stories like his collide with each other and become something even more incredible: the singular story of an incredible community.

# COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

**11**  
**GROUPS**

**56**  
**CHURCH PARTNERS**



# OPERATION BACK 2 SCHOOL

<b>3,676</b> elementary	<b>2,820</b> elementary	<b>1,744</b> elementary	<b>2,512</b> elementary
<b>n/a</b> secondary	<b>n/a</b> secondary	<b>1,375</b> secondary	<b>2,604</b> secondary
<b>3,676</b> total	<b>2,820</b> total	<b>3,119</b> total	<b>5,116</b> total

<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>1,099</b> elementary	<b>3,640</b> elementary	<b>2,640</b> elementary	<b>2,640</b> elementary	<b>2,132</b> elementary	<b>2,132</b> elementary	<b>2,132</b> elementary	<b>2,132</b> elementary
<b>n/a</b> secondary	<b>n/a</b> secondary	<b>628</b> secondary	<b>628</b> secondary	<b>1,850</b> secondary	<b>1,850</b> secondary	<b>1,850</b> secondary	<b>1,850</b> secondary
<b>1,099</b> total	<b>3,640</b> total	<b>3,268</b> total	<b>3,268</b> total	<b>3,982</b> total	<b>3,982</b> total	<b>3,982</b> total	<b>3,982</b> total

# RUN FOR HOPE



**1,940**  
RUNNERS



**\$60,575**  
FUNRAISED

# NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

**\$30,076**

**\$76,100**

2013

2014

2015

2016

**\$10,906**

**\$42,714**

# BLACK & BLUE FOOD DRIVE

**66,500**  
FOOD ITEMS





# COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Marcus Brame



Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Marcus made his way to North Texas by the path of the vagabond. Bounced across the south by a series of poor choices, potent addictions, and pernicious employers, he once languished in abandonment. He's been addicted, hungry, and homeless. He's hated, feared, and worried. After two and a half years of volunteering in the 6 Stones Community Garden, however, he's more stable than he can remember being. Something good has grown out of his circumstance. Something deep-rooted and flavorful.

"A whole lot has changed for me, even with my life, coming here. Everything - my perspective and everything - has changed. I have changed for the better," Marcus said. "I feel like, if I can give this person some food, they won't go hungry tonight... I know how it feels to go hungry. I've been there. I don't want to see that happen to nobody."

Marcus was hooked on hard drugs from a young age, and it took several relocations and the threat of having his children taken away to straighten him out. He eventually turned over his supply and paraphernalia to police in Tennessee, paying a \$2,000 fine for possession of the contraband but otherwise walking away unharmed. His wife helped him to get clean, but tensions between them later drove the couple to split.

Fresh off a divorce and only recently freed from addiction, Marcus relocated to North Texas with next to nothing. His only connections in the area were his former in-laws, and he found himself trapped in the same cycle of poverty that claims thousands of men and women every year in America. Without resources, it's difficult to obtain resources, and Marcus had left





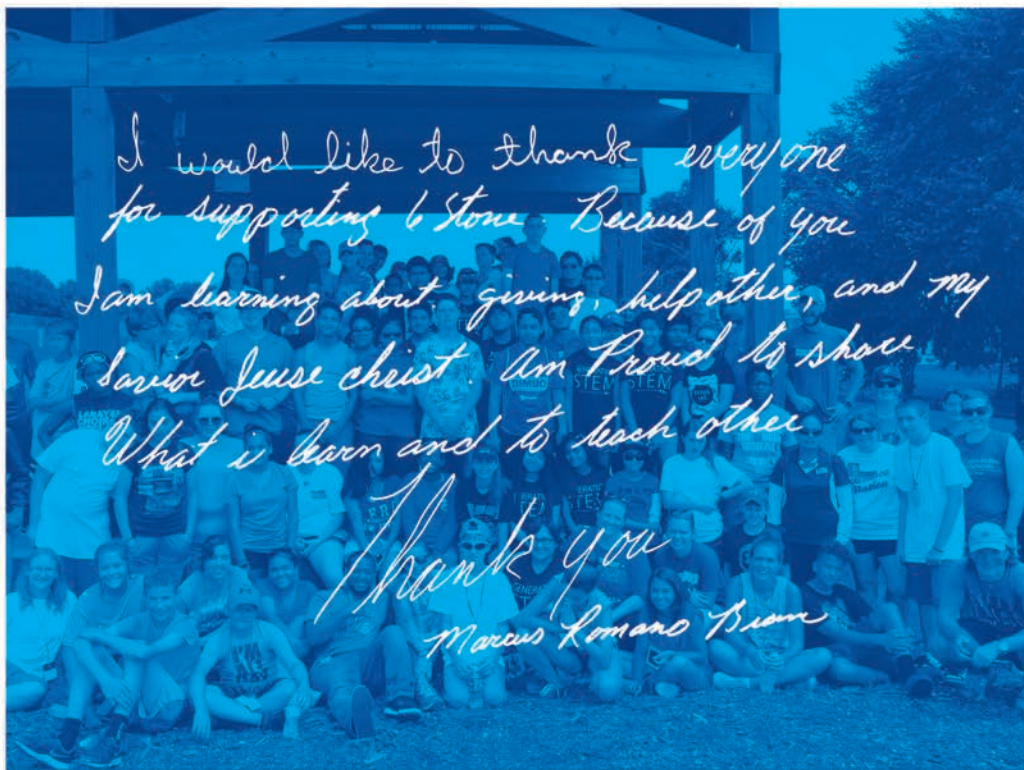
everything in Tennessee. What little he had was being shared with his daughter.

During his season of homelessness, Marcus relied on local food pantries, including the New Hope Center. He eventually found work, and even a fiancée, but the relentless march of poverty continued to hold him back. Desperate for transportation and unable to renew his identification, he was caught driving with a suspended license. Facing fines beyond his means, Marcus spent another brief season in jail before being sentenced to 120 hours of community service.

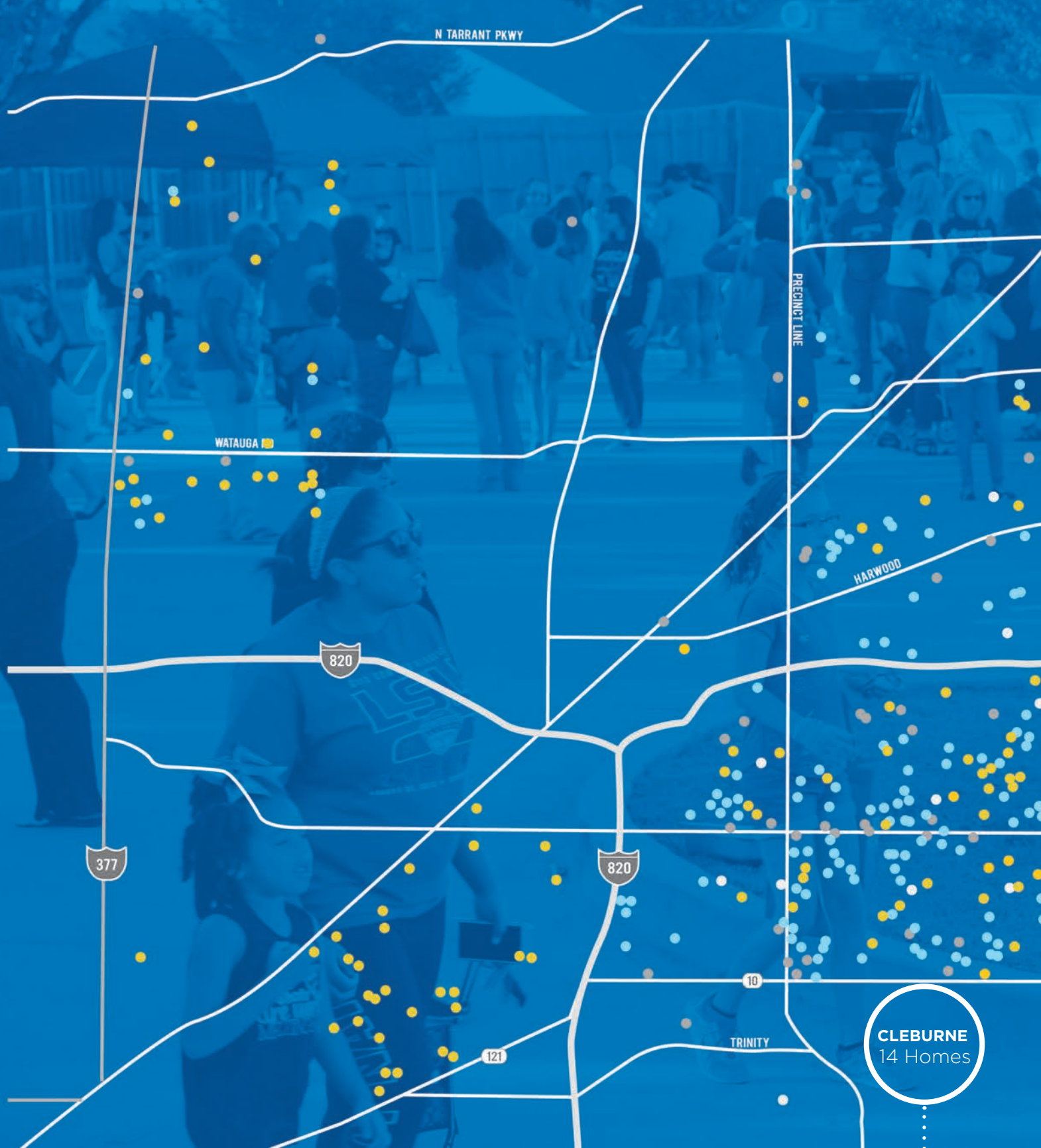
He chose to serve at 6 Stones.

Once rebellious and addicted, Marcus became a staple of life in the Community Garden. For a time, he rode his bike to work and to 6 Stones with comparable regularity. Now that he's settled into a new job and an apartment, however, only Saturdays are reserved for his most sacred rite: a walk to the community garden and a morning of labor.

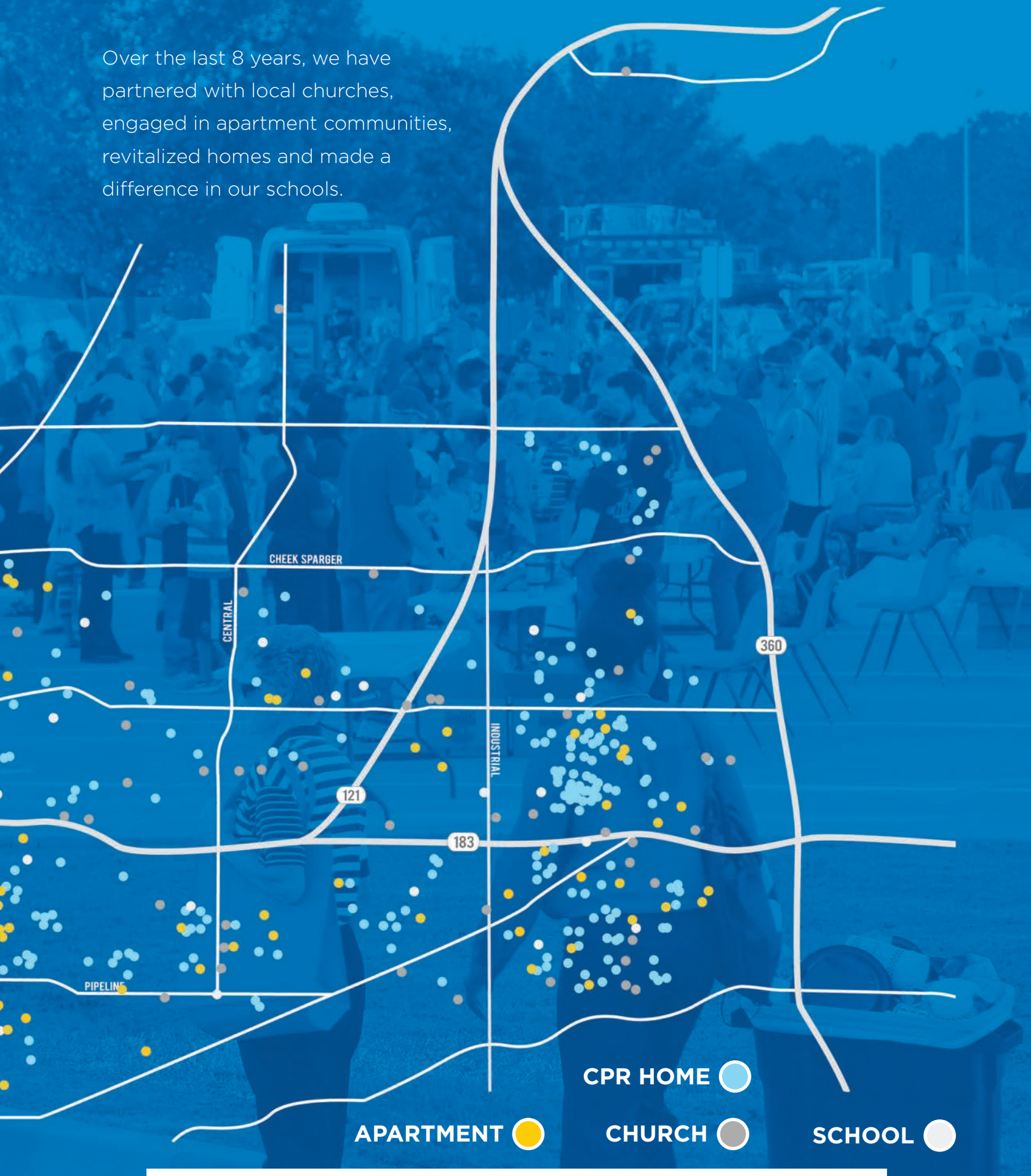
"I love doing the garden. I love planting seeds. Because that's what God wants us to do: we plant seeds," Marcus said. "He plants seeds in us, so I'm going to plant seeds for Him, to give back to the community."



# COMMUNITY WIDE IMPACT



Over the last 8 years, we have partnered with local churches, engaged in apartment communities, revitalized homes and made a difference in our schools.





# NIGHT OF HOPE

By Michelle Lewis

In 1995, Michelle left her corporate job to start climbing a different ladder. While working as a temp on the bottom rungs, she met a winsome security guard and set off on a whirlwind romance. The couple married later that year and welcomed their first son in 1996. Five years later, her husband — a former marine serving in the Army National Guard — returned to full time service after his unit was activated following the September 11th attacks.

Michelle became a full-time mother, and the family learned to live in transit as their father was reassigned from base to base. North Carolina became Florida became Connecticut became home, and another son joined the ranks along the way.

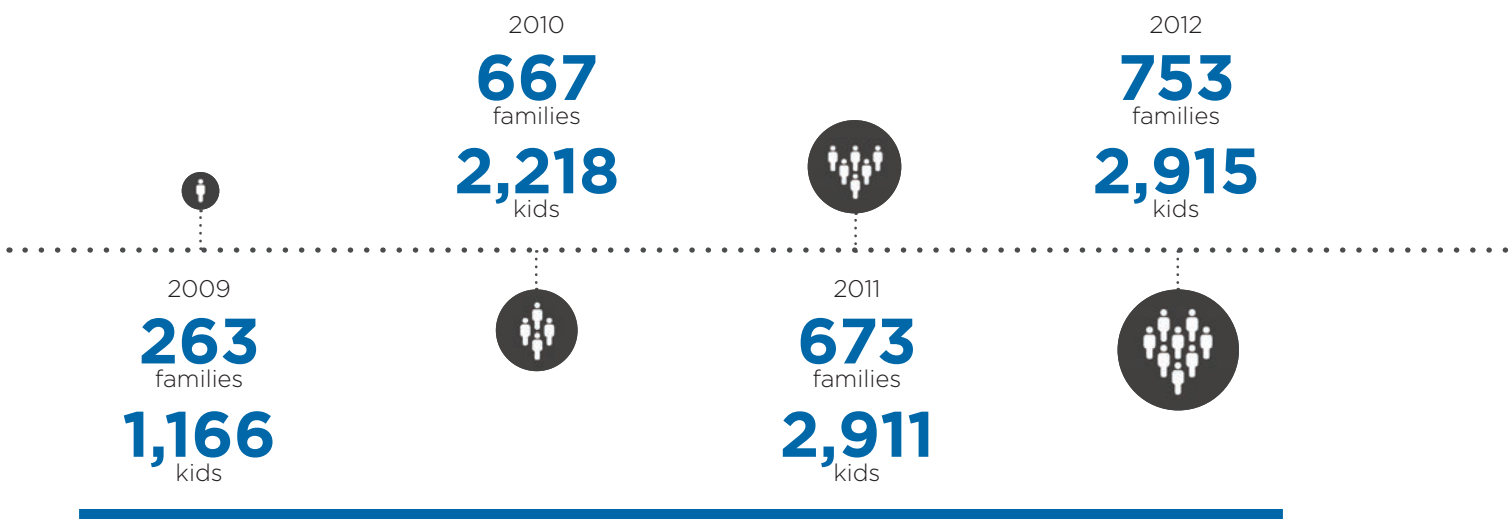
As her children grew older, however, Michelle was concerned that they would never enjoy a stable social or educational environment. So when the order came for the family to relocate to Michigan in 2011, they decided to put down roots in two locations. Michelle and the children returned to her home state of Texas and, for the first time in 15 years, she found herself alone.

“I needed to make sure that the kids were stable, and then being a Full-Time Mom, I had to transition into being a working mom. Because you can’t survive with no money,” Michelle recalled. “Being a Full-Time Mom is a great job, but you don’t get paid very well.

“All the savings that we had come down with were gone... I put in an application at Target and finally got a little job in human resources. But I wasn’t going to start until the end of October, so then I thought I really did need to go and get some help.”

Even while she was struggling to feed her family, Michelle had resisted asking for assistance outright. She had heard about 6 Stones through her Connection Group at First Eules, but “pride got in the way” and kept her from visiting the New Hope Center.

Michelle stretched herself thin until Cindy Jones, a 6 Stones board member, encouraged her to allow someone else to help. It took a couple of reminders, but Michelle eventually came to New Hope. Months later, Jones would once again have to persuade her friend to accept help through Night of Hope.



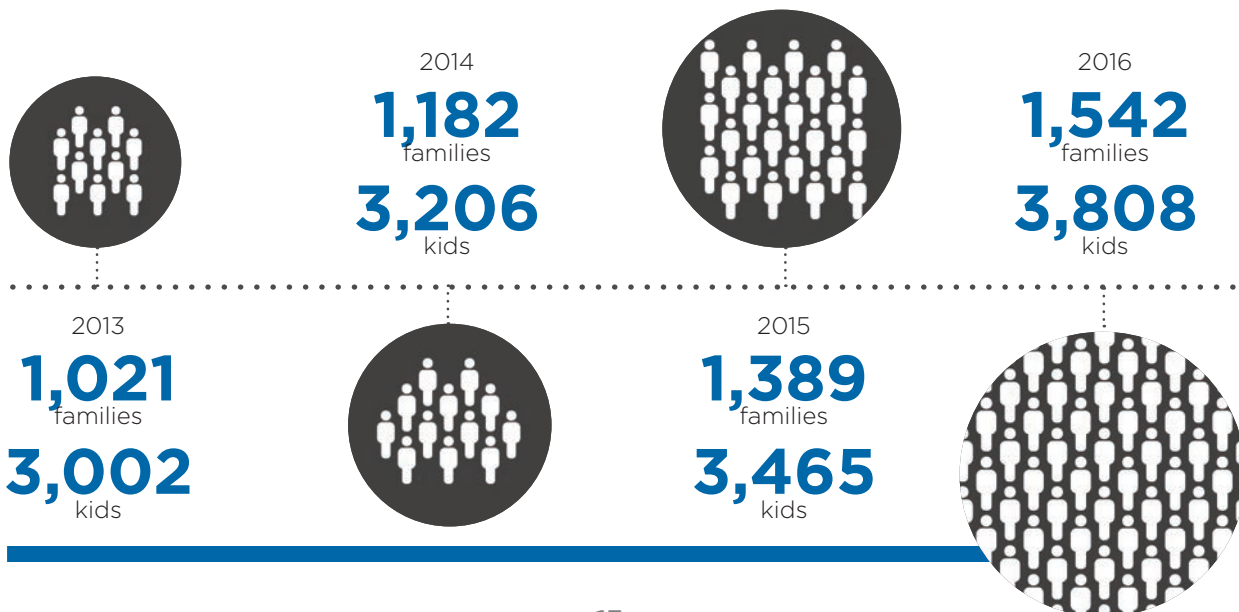
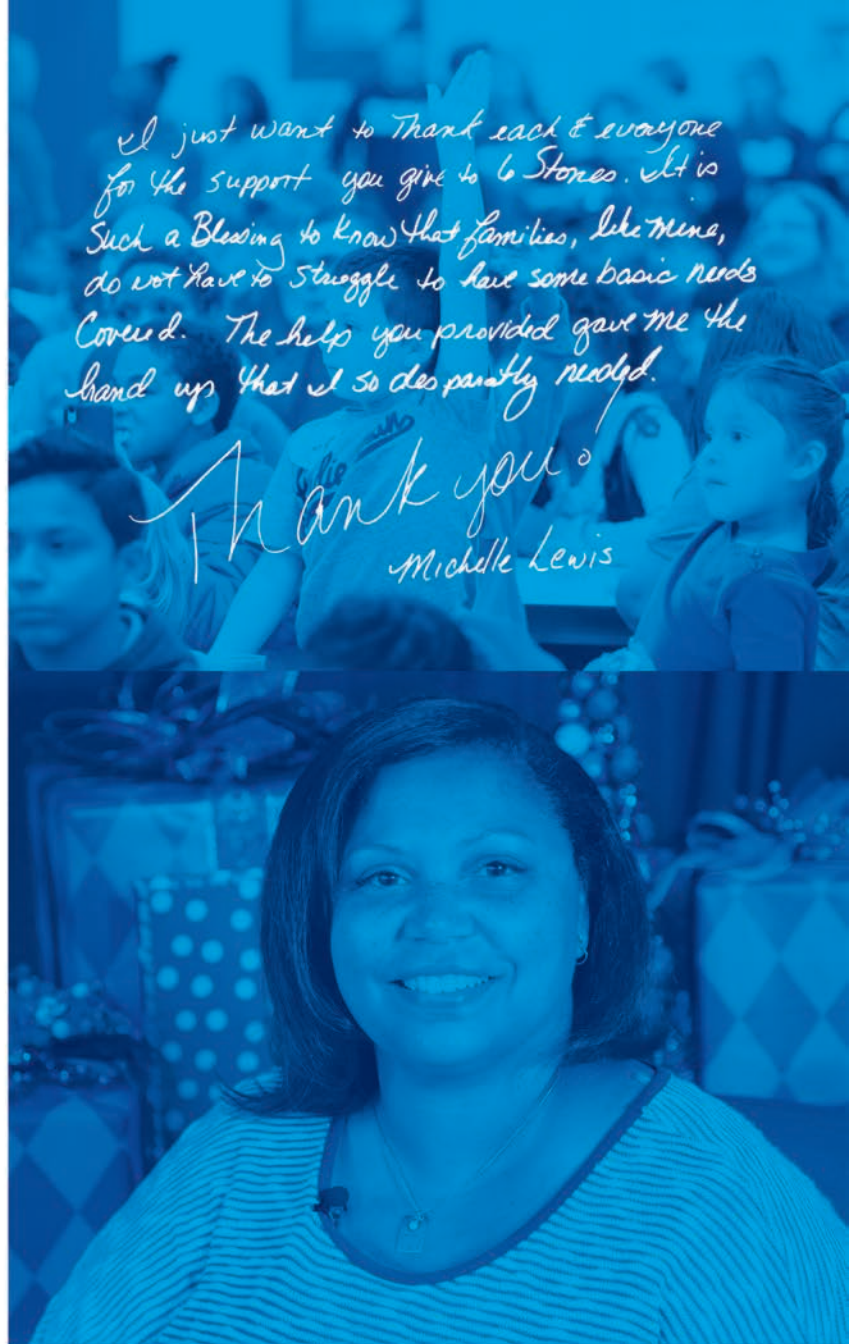
“As a parent, you want the best for your kids. And when you think you’re not providing for them what they need or what they’ve come to think is a priority, you tend to step away. You tend to hide,” Michelle said. Then, thinking about Night of Hope, she added: “That one night, I felt like I was able to provide.”

“I had been struggling with getting food on the table because I was still working Part-Time — not a whole lot of money, not a whole lot of hours — so they gave me a lot of food. And then, the gifts! And honestly, it wasn’t the food and the gifts that got me. It was the love and the understanding and the ‘it’s ok,’ that I got out of it. That made me realize that I did need the help, and that it was ok to accept the help. It was ok to be in a spot that’s hard, just don’t stay there!”

“Night of Hope really did give me hope, by doing so much in my life that was behind the scenes,” she told us. “I hope that in my experiences, that I have brought hope to others. And joy as well. Because I know that, without joy, you can get into a deep pit really fast.”

The next year, Michelle helped to shape our shopping process for Night of Hope as an employee at Target. She is now a consistent volunteer and donor with a Full Time position in Human Resources at Time Warner Cable. Night of Hope didn’t get those things for her, but it did give her the freedom and the peace of mind to pursue them.

Sometimes, all you need is a little bit of hope to get you going.



Betty Sheppard has been volunteering in the New Hope Center for 25 years. She's been here since the program was a single-room venture hosted by First Baptist Church of Euless under the unassuming name "Clothes Closet." From her battle with cancer to the day a grateful client stopped to thank her at the grocery store, her quarter-century of service has been ripe with cherished memories and hard-fought victories. But the core of New Hope – the love, the volunteers, and the sense of family – has always been the same.

"It's not just giving them food and clothing, it's getting acquainted with them. Just loving on them. And they do us the same way. We have clients that come in and give us a hug. It's kind of like one big family," Betty said. "I'm not any better than they are. I just happen to be lucky that I'm not [in a bad position]."

From a distance, the men and women distributing food and clothes seem to be more successful than the ones who come to them for help. But each of us is broken in our own way. You can be financially stable and miserable, wealthy but sick, wanting for nothing and yet feeling as though nothing you have is enough. You may need someone to hug and thank you as much as a person in poverty needs a new coat. You tend to discover that truth only when times get tough.

Several years had passed between doctor's appointments when Betty was diagnosed. Despite a history of cancer in her family, she had been confident of her

own health. In all her years, doctors had never found a problem until, suddenly, they did.

Cancer. Stage Three.

Betty had developed the most imposing health condition in modern medicine, and it was spreading. Her daughter, a survivor of thyroid cancer, told Betty that the coming months could be more than despair and suffering. Her cancer, the daughter said, had brought her closer to God than she had ever been.

So Betty embraced the challenge. Armed with a copy of Jesus Calling and an optimistic fighting spirit, she leaned into the battle ahead of her. And she refused to let it change the way she was living and serving.

"I knew, after a while, that God was with me. During the night or in the morning, I would say 'God I'm going to go in [to the New Hope Center]. Be with me, because I'm going in.' I just depended on Him to get me through the day," Betty recalled.

Betty isn't the first person to find a therapeutic element in volunteering at 6 Stones. But for her, serving was more than a release or a distraction. It was a way of life. If she stopped giving away her time, she would be abandoning the family she had accrued over decades. She would be turning away from a service that she had felt called to perform from the first moment she set foot in the food pantry as it was being set up.



# NEW HOPE CENTER

By Betty Sheppard

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Years later, Betty is healthy and that world – that family – is still growing.

It took months of hard work and an abundance of patience, but the expanded New Hope Center has been up and running since October of 2016. The new space is warm and welcoming, providing guests with the freedom to choose their clothing within an environment that feels more like a retail space than an emergency service provider. But the most important things continue to be the things that happen away from the racks and drawers of clothes.

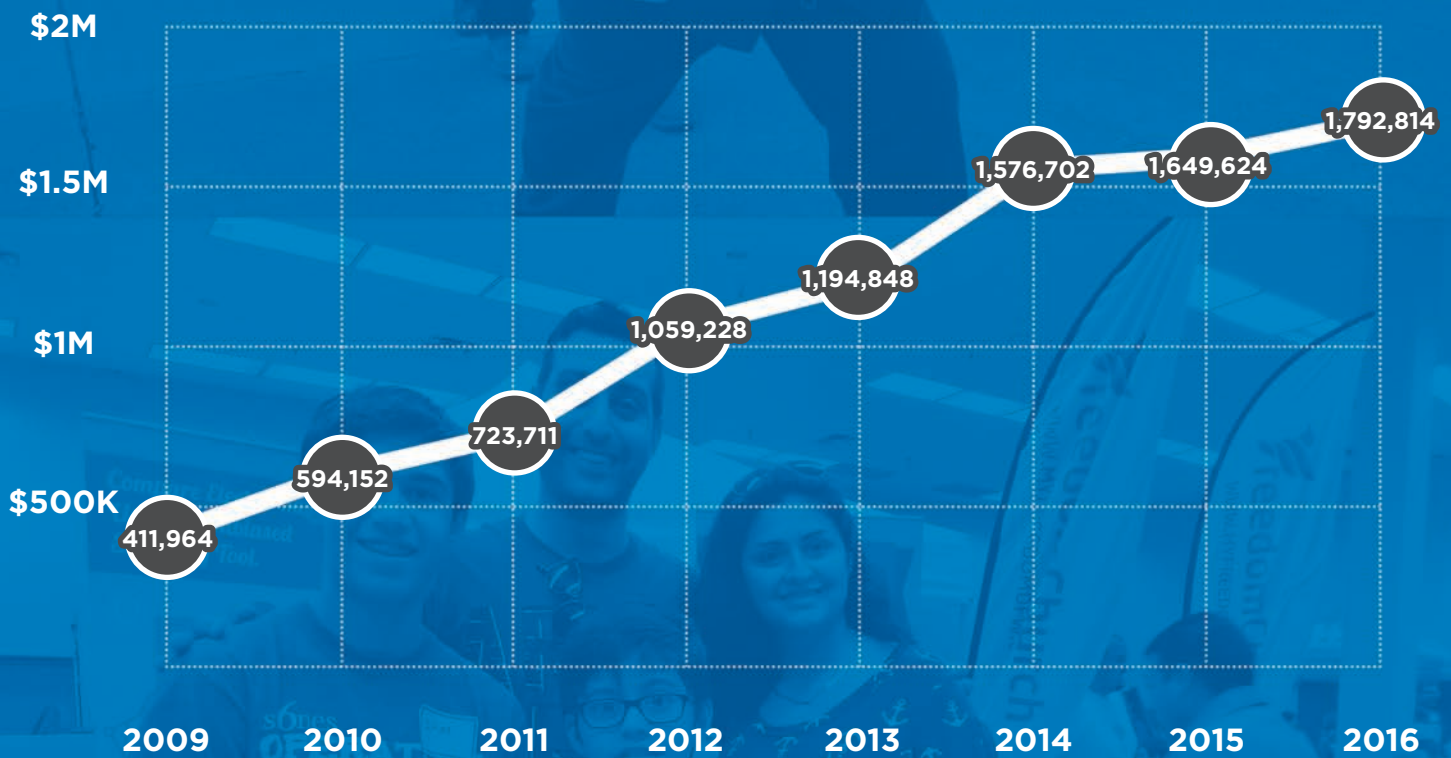
“I think [volunteering] changed my life,” Betty said. “When you start working here, you just see things in a different light with different eyes. It’s something that’s worthwhile, something that helps people. It helps our church. It helps our community. I’m proud to be part of an organization that helps people, and people feel comfortable that they can come here and get help. It just makes me appreciate what I have.”

*Serving at New Hope is a wonderful privilege that allows me to not only help others but to serve God and be obedient to His calling.*

*Without the many donors and volunteers generously giving and sacrificing their time to serve New Hope would not be able to be the catalyst of hope in the community meeting the needs of the people.*

*Betty Sheppard*

# GIVING







# 2017

Something special is happening here in the Mid-Cities  
and this year we want even more communities to experience it!

The following are communities we are actively talking with:

**AZLE, TEXAS**

**BURLESON, TEXAS**

**CEDAR HILL, TEXAS**

**EVERMAN, TEXAS**

**FOREST HILL, TEXAS**

**KATY, TEXAS**

**KENNEDALE, TEXAS**

**LEWISVILLE, TEXAS**

**NOONAN, GEORGIA**

**WEATHERFORD, TEXAS**



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# 2016 AWARDS

## Gary McKamie Catalyst of Hope Award

## Betty Sheppard

### Previous recipients

- 2012 Gary McKamie
- 2013 Dr. Gene Buinger
- 2014 Ken Thompson
- 2015 Steve Lineweaver

## 2016 GAME CHANGERS

CPR | **Lee Robinson**

Run for Hope | **Southgate Constructors**

Operation Back 2 School | **Trinity High School Staff - Mike Harris**

Night of Hope | **121 Community Church - Bryan Bundick**

New Hope Center | **James Dooley**

Community Garden | **Marcus Brame**

Board of Directors | **Kim Campbell**

Community Ministries | **Mark Massey**

Corporate Sponsor of 2016 | **Kelly-Moore Paints**

Corporate Volunteer of 2016 | **Fidelity**

Civic Partner Award of 2016 | **Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce**

Faith Based Organization of 2016 | **Freedom Church**

School Based Advocate of 2016 | **Dalworth**

Partnering Non-Profit of 2016 | **Tarrant County Housing Partnership**

Next Gen Award of 2016 | **NEXT Worldwide**

Inkind Sponsor of 2016 | **World Vision**

## 2016 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

### CPR

Ken Sapp  
Kay Miller  
Gene Shawl  
Pam Shawl  
Jon Rhiddlehoover  
Brandon Sale  
David Henrietta  
Dave Anenson

### Run for Hope

Linda Eilenfeldt  
Lisa Karr  
Kathie Jackson  
Gene Buinger  
Trey Dyer  
Jennifer Allen  
Andy Chesney  
Debi Chesney

### Operation Back 2 School

Tracy Adams  
Reba Briere  
Julie Barker  
Miki Von Luckner  
David Von Luckner  
Phil Adkins  
Rabi Viswanath  
Carlos Gallegos

### New Hope Center

Carolyn & Andy Byles  
Carolyn Keeling  
Carolyn & Don Kelly  
Dee & Calvin Plowman  
Bob Bell  
Steve Lineweaver  
Mark Vera  
Joyce Dodson  
Hank Simmons  
AJ Molina  
Leah Chance  
Ann Glockzin

### Community Garden

Annette Lee  
Gary & Cindy Jones  
Bob Lundin  
Marty Geer  
John Moody  
Christina Preston

### Community Ministries

Casey Lewis  
Robert White  
Joseph Cartwright  
Bryan Bundick  
Grady Watson  
Nick Miller

### Night of Hope

Tom Heffner  
Stephanie Thames  
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Christy Fritts  
Zack Smithson  
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**LORD, IS THIS OF YOU?**



**WHAT IS MY PART?**



**BLESS YOUR COMMUNITY, SO  
THEY MAY GIVE GENEROUSLY.**