



WHEN I WAS A BOY I USED TO THINK THAT STRONG MEANT HAVING BIG MUSCLES, GREAT PHYSICAL POWER; BUT THE LONGER I LIVE, THE MORE I REALIZE THAT REAL STRENGTH HAS MUCH MORE TO DO WITH WHAT IS NOT SEEN. REAL STRENGTH HAS TO DO WITH HELPING OTHERS.

- FRED ROGERS -



Winter 2024

Dear Friends of the Hope Center,

Sometimes you figure it out as you go along, and see where the journey leads.

When we opened the doors of the Hope Center seven years ago and started serving the families of our community, we began by offering people hope in their areas of struggle. This vision has carried us to where we are today; having established our place in the world between what is needed and what we do well.

Our **past** carried times of challenge as we continued helping students with their studies (through our longest-running program, Fresh Start Tutoring), at a time when social distancing was the norm and learning was taken from the classroom to the screen.

Presently we are a hub of both education and care, offering weekly grief support, and a ladies' group that fosters fun, friendships, and generates financial support for the other programs at the Hope Center. Our Senior Moments Lunch Club Alzheimer's Respite allows caregivers to borrow back a little bit of their lives and schedule their medical appointments, enjoy an afternoon out and about, watch TV with a bag of chips, or just take a nap on the couch.

Our vision for the **future** is to become even more involved with the next generation. It's our desire to pilot a program for students that addresses a huge need in our area. *"The kids need something to do,"* one grandma shared with us. We're up for the challenge but we can't do it alone. We ask for your support so we can continue and advance the free programs we offer to families who need to know that somebody cares and people are willing to help. This year as you plan your holiday giving, will you consider adding the Hope Center to your list?

Thank you ever so much for your consideration!

Diane Sio

Director

We are a faith-based nonprofit that serves and supports our community through programs and partnerships.

Serving Families Since 2017



Another successful year of tutoring!



Respite guests and volunteers have a fun way to exercise their lungs!



Ladies' group activity is all about making paper roses and new friends!

Donation Form : (Please make checks payable to the Hope Center of LeRoy.)

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Enclosed is my donation of _____

(Please note: we do not share your information.)

(Credit Card or PayPal account donations may also be made on our website: hopecenterofleroy.org)

Please deduct \$ _____ from my credit card as a one-time donation.

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3 digit number on back of card: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

(We do not keep your information on file.)



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