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# Thanksgiving Offering

*God wants you to take the blessings  
you have received and share them with  
others who you encounter, especially  
those who are in need.*

*– Romans 12:13*



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For specific details on our fifth recipient please see the printed brochure at the Thanksgiving Offering Kiosk. For the safety of all the individuals involved with this organization we cannot post certain details on-line.

*Request: \$24,000 – training, dignity, and empowerment*

The individuals that will benefit from this program currently live well below the poverty line. It is a daily struggle for these individuals to provide basic necessities for themselves as well as for their families. Individuals who are involved with this program will be empowered with a skilled trade, customer service, and financial management training. These skills will help their families live sustainably. Our support will be restoring dignity and hope to the poorest of the poor.

Grant Me Hope's (GMH) mission is to find forever homes for foster children before they age out of care alone facing homelessness.



Our three goals are to:

- Educate the public about the plight of foster children
- Recruit more foster families
- Get as many children adopted as possible.

We professionally producing introductory videos for foster children who hope to be adopted. These videos are aired by partnering TV stations, and pushed out on social media in an effort to recruit more adoptive families for foster children. We provide this service in Michigan, Ohio, Georgia and South Carolina.



*MacKenzie's House – housing for 10 women*

Foster children will continue to age out of care facing homelessness and a tough transition into adulthood without the support of parents to guide them as they apply for jobs, begin budgeting and work towards confident, competent independent living.

As such, GMH is opening three Grant Me Hope Homes right here in West Michigan and will house up to 32 youth. Each home will have house parents to guide the young adults as they find and maintain a steady job, receive budget counseling, and learn lots of basic life skills.



*The Rock – housing for 16 men*

**Request: \$35,000 towards the purchase of vehicles**



*Amazing Grace – housing for 6 women*

Reliable transportation is an absolute must for these residents to be successful. The vehicles will be used to transport residents to and from school, employment, medical appointments, grocery stores, family outings, etc.

Visit [grantmehope.org](http://grantmehope.org) for more information.



World Orphans provides care for orphans and vulnerable families. We believe in ministry through relationships. Each country, church, family, and child that we walk with is unique. This requires thoughtfulness and adaptability for each circumstance.

The Refuge Initiative was launched to meet the growing needs stemming from ISIS advances in northern Iraq and Syria. We build communities of hope by providing homes for refugees in partnership with the local government, coming alongside each refugee family, and restoring dignity by building pathways back to independent living.



The Refuge Initiative develops micro-villages in partnership with the refugees, placing their specific needs first and empowering them with autonomy.

**Request: \$13,000 for Dental Equipment & Supplies**

We have expanded the medical clinic to include a dental clinic. Funding will provide dental equipment and supplies for the dental clinic. The dental clinic is expected to provide dental care for more than 2,000 people per year.

With your help we can continue holding out a beacon of light for these hurting people and fulfill Jesus' call to wholistically care for 'the least of these'.



Visit [worldorphans.org](http://worldorphans.org) for more information.

Benjamin's Hope is a "Live, Learn, Play, Worship" farmstead community where people of all abilities are transformed by the love of Christ.



Autism now affects 1 in every 36 children born. The growing prevalence of autism challenges communities across the country to seek creative and sustainable ways to help people with autism enjoy lives of purpose. A fiscally sound, debt-free,

faith-based organization, Benjamin's Hope is a thriving example of public/private partnership.

32 people live in 6 beautiful farmstead homes. Their families have the gift of knowing their loved ones are enjoying lives of purpose and belonging, and that they are receiving high quality care. This work requires over 100 remarkable staff, called "Sidekicks" to come alongside the men and women of Benjamin's Hope.



**Request: \$35,000 towards building 2 additional homes**

The addition of two homes on the 52-acre campus will serve 12 more adults. Some of the current residents are moving at a slower pace as they age. The addition of a home designed to support people with changing health needs will also help ensure that people can stay at Ben's Hope.



**"The Ben's Hope Way"**

*Committed to loving God and others, we fiercely respect the dignity, intelligence and value of all humans. We are creative, courageous and committed to excellence. Through the love of Christ, we live the abundant life together.*

Visit [benjaminshope.net](http://benjaminshope.net) for more information.



Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity has been seeking to put God's love into action since 1990, by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Through their affordable home ownership and critical home repair programs, they partner with individuals and families who make 30-80% of the area median income, who struggle to access affordable housing.



Rather than give houses away, they journey with homeowners as they complete educational classes and sweat equity hours, and then sell affordable mortgages that never exceed 29% of the homeowners' income – keeping each family from becoming cost-burdened.



Today, Lakeshore Habitat has built over 160 homes for families who are now homeowners in homes they can afford. In the past 5 years they have increased their new builds by 600% as the need for affordable housing continues to grow.

**Request: \$25,000 for the Vista Green Neighborhood**



Our largest development, Vista Green is located at [285 W 36th St.](http://285 W 36th St.), Holland and will include 18 Habitat Homes and 24 Jubilee homes, a nature playscape, gazebos and more to encourage community. Take a drive and see the progress soon.

You can learn more about what Lakeshore Habitat is building by visiting [lakeshorehabitat.org/builds](http://lakeshorehabitat.org/builds). Lakeshore Habitat can only continue their mission with the help of many volunteers and donors who help keep houses affordable. Reach out today to get involved as a volunteer: [volunteer@lakeshorehabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@lakeshorehabitat.org).