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*We apologize* if you are getting this newsletter a little later than normal. It has been a difficult time in our lives having to redistribute Sr. Sandy's duties and to find where she kept all of her information. We have tried as best we could to keep up with all the donors and contributors since her passing. We thank you for your patience, your help and your prayers during this reconstruction. We want to make sure we properly thank everyone who has contributed and hope that you will understand that if we have not acknowledged your help or made any mistakes, please let us know. We will certainly make amends in our next newsletter. Meanwhile, with love . . .

*We thank you* for your understanding.

## Corporate Friends Come Through Again Hope Fundraisers Shore Them Up

We are happy to report the following corporate donors and our dedicated friends who have so bountifully supported us.

- General Electric Employees' Community Fund - \$13,000
- Crossett Family Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation - \$7,000
- Glen Wright Fund of Greater Cincinnati Foundation - \$15,000
- Castellini Foundation - \$3,000
- Hope Challenge Grant - \$69,400 in cash and 38,500 pounds of food
- Yard Sales - \$1,404

## Mermaid Tea contributes \$1,632.00

A few years ago two of our regular volunteers were inspired by a lady who presented formal teas. June Cole and Debbie Barber planned a gathering and invited friends to June's home for a social gathering of tea and scones. Each guest paid a small amount for a delicious experience and the monies were donated to Hope Emergency. Everyone enjoyed it so much that it has become a tradition to have a tea every year during the grant challenge months of March and April.

Together with a group of friends from the deep water aerobics class at the Clermont YMCA called the 'Mermaids', June and Debbie 'plunge' (no pun intended) headfirst into making it a yearly occurrence. Everyone gets into the act including two of Mrs. Cole's daughters, Brooke and Sally who take the day off from their work and act as the servers and do the cleanup for the tired hostesses.

This past March the group of 30 guests donated \$1,632 to Hope. Coming up in April, 2016 the tea will again be held at June's house. The event is by reservation only and will be posted at the Clermont YMCA and is limited to 30 guests. Along with the tea and goodies, entertainment of some kind is donated for the guests' pleasure.

## Charity Begins Today

Today somebody is suffering, today somebody is in the street, today somebody is hungry. Our work is for today, yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not yet come — today we have only today to make Jesus known, loved, served, fed, clothed, sheltered, etc. Today do not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow might not come. Tomorrow we will not have them if we do not feed them today.

- Mother Teresa

## Special Dedication to Sister Sandy Bates

This special issue is dedicated to a lady of faith who has battled cancer far longer than most people knew. She never complained and continued at her job of serving the Lord to the very end. "Sandy would probably turn over in her grave if she knew she was getting all of this attention for she liked to remain in the background, quiet and unassuming. She was really a dynamic leader and we will all miss her.

### Letter From the Editor:

*It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart that I produce this issue of the Hope Emergency Newsletter. Sr. Sandy and I have worked closely on this project since its inception and I find it hard to concentrate on its content without her help to guide me throughout the process. Thanks to all those who have stepped up to help me, all sharing the same emotions.*

*It was only two months prior to her passing that I attended a luncheon at Hope for all the volunteers. That was the last time I saw her personally and as I was introduced, Sandy remarked that I was her best friend. Many times Sandy had given me accolades and pats on the back but it was the first time she ever voiced my being her "best friend". I can still hear her compliment and I am honored to have reached that level of her friendship. We shared a lot of "best friend" moments, seriousness, merriment and sadness - often comparing the parallels of our lives. Our growing up backgrounds were similar, our ideas meshed and most certainly we thought our fathers must have been kin in a past life.*

*I think all of you will agree that below that stern "principal like" façade, Sr. Sandy had a deep love and compassion for those she served. She had a most infectious "whooping type" laugh whenever something struck her funny. I saw a deep sadness whenever there was a client whose personal problems she could not solve, yet profoundly she impacted their life with her quiet kindness. Goodbye, Sr. Sandy. Through your accomplishments and your dedication to the poor, you were a "best friend" to many - especially to me.*

*Joy Bierman, Editor*



### In Her Own Words

For those of you who were not able to attend final services for Sr. Sandy we have chosen to reprint the eulogy presented by her sister, Bonnie Roberts. Bonnie cited Sr. Sandy's own words in a reflection of her life she had written in 2007. Thanks, Bonnie.

### Tribute to Our Beloved sister, Sandy Bates by Bonnie Roberts

On behalf of the Bates Family, I would like to thank all of the Friends of our beloved sister Sandy that have joined us in this celebration of her incredible life. Thank you also to the Ursuline Sisters, who have

been part of the fabric of the lives of the Bates family for more than 6 decades—starting when Dad taught alongside the Ursulines at Fayetteville Elementary and leading to Sandy's entry into the Ursuline Community. Sandy and I both were fortunate enough to be educated here at Brown County, and spoke so often of how the love and guidance of the Ursuline sisters helped us create lifetime friendships, learn to think independently, love unconditionally, live faithfully & gracefully, and find our voice in this world mine, opinionated and outspoken, Sandy's - quiet, but with equal conviction and immeasurable strength & faith that she showed even through the last few days of her life. Finally, thank you Lucia- for your special love and devotion to Sandy - as her dear friend and caretaker. We are truly blessed to have you in our family.

I'd like to share with you, in Sandy's own words, a reflection on her life that she wrote in 2007 titled "Had not the Lord been with us":

*When I was born my parents were members of the Methodist Church. I was baptized in that church. When Dad started college at Xavier University he made the acquaintance of the Catholic Church through the Jesuits there. He and Mom took instructions in the Catholic Faith and the three of us were received into the Church when I was about a year old.*

#### **Absurdity or miracle? Or both ?**

*After graduation Dad was offered two teaching positions, one was at Covington Catholic where he had done his student teaching. The other was Fayetteville High School, in a small rural town an hour or more east of Cincinnati. He chose Fayetteville because he wanted to farm as well as teach. So he uprooted my mom and my brother and me and we moved from North Bend, Ohio to Fayetteville.*

#### **Absurdity or incredible miracle ??**

*Sr. Xavier Ladrigan was the first Ursuline I met when I went to first grade at St. Martin school. Since the nuns taught in the*

## In Tribute to . . .

All the Ursulines who taught us at St. Pete's, Dayton  
by **Dr. Joseph & Elizabeth Donovan**,  
Dolores Berish - Chatfield Librarian by **Barbara Luebbers**,  
Don & Joy Bierman by **Charles & Helen Bierman**,  
Diane Bissonette by **Judith Squire**,  
Sr. Marjean Clement by **Douglas Link**,  
Ed & Erma Murphy by **Cookie Boler**,  
Good work at Hope Emergency by **J Barker**,  
Great Nieces & Nephews by **M. Efkeman, OSU**  
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Isadore & Lydia Brown by **Kenneth & Lydia Breckel**,  
Judith Castellini by **Bridget O'Connor**,  
Kevin McGee by **Charlia McGee**,  
Margaret Penn by **Dolores Harrison, Patricia Higgins, Lori & Alan Slaughter**,  
Michael Glassmeyer by **Jeanne Glassmeyer**,  
Mother's Day Remembrance by **Dr. Karen Kohrman**,  
Nora Mikesells 100th B-Day by **Robert & Alberta Villing**,  
O'Connor Family by **Michael & Jacqueline O'Connor**,  
Our Birthdays by **Michael & Jeanne Glassmeyer**,  
Prayer request for Lauren Rhoten by **Robert Ryan**,  
Prayers for Baby Twyman by **R. Kevin & Mary M Rowe**,

Riley Abigail & Logan C. Jones by **Bonita Roberts**,  
Robert Castellini by **Michael & Jacqueline O'Connor, S.R. & S.L. Watts**,  
Rosella Karl by **D.L. & R.C. Karl**,  
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Sr. Anne Maher by **Sharon Redmond**,  
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Sr. Lucia by **M. F. Wagner**  
Sr. Lucia & Sr. Sandy by **Joseph & Phyllis Drilling, Douglas Link, Paul & Christine Wagner**,  
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Sr. Marjean Clement by **Synapse Corporation**,  
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Sr. Sandy Bates, Sr. Mary Ann Jansen by **James & Cecilia Krusling**,  
Sr. Sandy's Birthday by **Raymond & Sharon Lamping**,  
Staff & Volunteers @ Hope by **Emily Stroud**,  
Sue Clark's Birthday by **Keith & Terry O'Brien**,  
Tammy Oldham by **William & Geraldine Harness**,  
The Ursuline Sisters by **Robert & Leslie Goodhart**,  
Tina Falgner by **Tina Marie Falgner**  
170th year of Julia Chatfield's arrival to Brown County, Sr. Phyllis Kemper inducted as Congregational Minister by **Richard and Karin Burwinkel**

### The following donations were made in memory of Sister Sandy

Debra Barber, Thomas & Susan Barhorst, Patrick & Rhonda Bates, Mary Jo Baumgartner, Verna Berry, Donald & Joyce Bierman, Mary C Blum, Brad & Nancy Brockhoff, Larry & Rosanne Brubaker, Angela Buechner, Castellini Foundation, Richard & Margaret Cates, John & Diane Clark, Raymond & Ruth Clough, Thomas & June Cole, James & Jane Cook, Melinda Creamer, Kalvis & Melinda Danenbergs, Carol Deimling, William & Margery DeJonckheere, Erna Dennis, Patricia Donnelly, A.M. Dulle, E.C. Nurre Funeral Home, Jim & Kathy Emerson, Edward Fischer, Jr., Rick & Vicki Fraley, Ron & Margaret Gaither, Jean Galasyn, John Gerhard, Edward & Jane Gilfilen, Michael & Jeanne Glassmeyer, James & Maureen Globig, Janice Graham, Patsy Grote, William & Therese Grote, III, William & Dolores Gulick, Jill Hallahan, Allen & Susan Hamann, William & Geraldine Harness, Judy Hoffman, Patricia Hogan, Holy Cross - Immaculata Church, James & Suzanne Hopper, Larry & Kathy Hutchens, Mary Sue Imbus, John & Ann Isleib, Nancy Johnson, Carole & Linda Kemper, Fr. Jeff Kemper, Douglas & Cheryl Kern, Robert Knueven, Paul & Patricia Kollner, James & Cecilia Krusling, John & Victoria Kundrat, St. Gertrude's Church Ladies of Charity, Carol Lamphier, Raymond & Sharon Lamping, Mary Letty Lavelly, Joseph & Patricia Leary, Pamela Lenz, K.W. & J.M. McCoy, Jean McNamara, Brian & Carol McNeal, Herbert & Teresa Messer, Patricia Mezger, Bonnie Mock, Keith & Terry O'Brien, John & Mary Catherine Overbeck, Stephen & Judith Peelman, Janet Peters, Jack & Sylvia Pfankuch, Amy Porter, Viola Powers, David & Gayle Radlin-

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### BC Board asks for Memorials

At the Annual Reunion day for the School of the Brown County Ursulines, the Board asked if the BC Alumni would consider making a special Christmas donation to Hope Emergency in memory of Sr. Sandy.

Sister Sandy graduated from the school, taught there for many years as well as being a dormitory "Mother".

The Board thought it fitting to remember her in this way. Donations can be mailed to Hope Emergency Program, P.O. Box 214, Fayetteville, OH 45118.

### Sister Lucia celebrates her 50th Jubilee

Sr. Lucia Castellini celebrated her 50th year as a Brown County Ursuline. Friends and family gathered at the chapel at Chatfield College on August 29, 2015 to celebrate her happy occasion. The following donations were made in her honor.

Richard & Dolores Berish, Verna Berry, Joy & Don Bierman, Diane Bissonette, Nancy Brockman, David & Sarah Brown, Richard & Karin Burwinkel, Richard & Margaret Cates, Bill and Cindy McCafferty, Kalvis & Melinda Danenbergs, Erna Dennis, J.C. & K.A. Emerson, Edward Fischer, Jr., Ron & Margaret Gaither, Mary and George Gesenhues, James & Maureen Globig, Norma & Doug Green, Michael & Maria Grote, Tim & Mary Frances Grote, William & Therese Grote, III, Walter & Nancy Grote, Jr., Allen & Susan Hamann, Barbara Hammond, Fr. Robert Hater, Alice Herfurt, Rob Heichel, Judy Hoffman, Larry & Kathy Hutchens, Carole & Linda Kemper, Fr. Jeff Kemper, Majorie Kemper, Judy Johnson, Judy Kolsto, James & Dovile Krempasky, Raymond & Sharon Lamping, Sr. Debbie Lloyd, Daniel & Barbara Mardell, Bill & Cindy McCafferty, Kay O'Rourke, Cathleen O'Toole, Michael & Christine Ryan, Dorothy Jones, Sharon McLeod, Rebecca Shemenski, Mary Ellen Slover, Joyce & Joe Snider, Richard & Nancy Stegbauer, John Tafaro, The Ursulines of Brown County, Tim Schutte, Sr. M. Efkeman Ursulines of Cincinnati, Sr. Phyllis Kemper, Sr. Lawrence Sickman, Sr. Patricia Homan, Sr. Ellen Doyle, Dianne Vollman, Paul Wagner, Jerome Wagner, III, Claire Thornton Wilger, Fletcher & Kathryn Zimpfer, II

## In Memory of . . .

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 Paul Werring by **Judith Werring**,  
 Pauline Bailey by **Jack & Valerie Bargaquast**,  
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 Stan D. Neumann by **Janet Neumann**,  
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### *In Her Own Words (continued from Page 2)*

*public school in Fayetteville until the early 60's I have memories of grade school that include Sr. Patricia, Sr. Catherine and Sr. Ann. I also have memories of CCD, camp, vacation school and high school that nurtured my love for the Ursulines.*

#### ***Absurdity or incredible miracle ??***

*I often marvel over the "what ifs?" the life journeys that may have never happened if certain paths in life had not been taken. What other miracles/absurdities would have occurred in my life ? What if Dad had chosen to teach in Northern Ky ? Would I be a Benedictine or a Notre Dame sister? Or would I have chosen a totally different path to follow ? Looking back it doesn't seem like a difficult endeavor for God to put my parents and me in touch with the Ursulines.*

#### ***It just seems miraculous, meant to be.***

And from that miracle, came the Gift of Sandy who touched so many lives- teaching here at Brown County, St.Vivian's, Fayetteville Middle School and St.Louis; Assistant Principal at Guardian Angels school, and with Lucia, leading such vital and important ministries-First Step and Hope Emergency. This world was a better place while Sandy was in it-our family stronger. We will need to work hard to live up to and be faithful to her legacy -focusing on kindness, forgiveness, acceptance; making family a priority; strengthening and mending relationships, and challenging ourselves to share more of the gifts of our time, talent and treasure with others.

The last time I saw Sandy prior to coming last week to be by her side, was on June 12<sup>th</sup> at our home in Connecticut- which also happened to be my mother's birthday. She & Lucia made their annual trip to visit us and we had a lovely dinner with my Connecticut family. The passage from her "Book of Grace Filled Days" for that day is especially meaningful now. It reads...

**"All our skills and talents come from God. We can choose to develop our gifts, or we can spend our lives excusing ourselves. We can say "I don't have time to be who I'm called to be". If you are not using your gifts, pray that God's gifts will be poured out in your life. In time, he will show you where and how to use your gifts"**.

In Sandy's honor, it is my hope that we go forward choosing and not excusing-using God's gifts and living her legacy.

Thank you, and God Bless you and all of your families.

## DJ: A miraculous absurdity brought Sister Sandy into our lives

*Reprinted with permission from Denny Janson, Aug 7, 2015*

There is no debating the impact nuns have had on my life. All positive, I should add. Other than those instilled by my parents, most of the worthwhile lessons imparted to me as a youngster came by way of women of faith.

Now, nearly six decades on, I am still learning from them. Specifically, Sister Sandy Bates, who over the past two years has taught me and many others how to deal with the end of life.

By and large, the taskmasters who shaped my character (as well as my cursive handwriting) were prone to pious, somewhat authoritative names. Sister Marie Stella and Sister Mary Stanislaus come to mind. Then I met Sister Sandy. Her name as light and elevating as the woman herself.

Sister Sandy and her longtime friend and associate Sister Lucia Castellini lived next door to an apartment building I manage in Milford. I was introduced by another of their Brown County Ursuline colleagues, Sister Ellen Doyle, who has lived in my property for nearly 30 years. The stability they lend the neighborhood is incalculable. Kind of like the aid and comfort they have brought to their clients, friends and the needy of Brown County for nearly a half century.

Little did I know at the time I met her, and never over the course of the two-plus years I knew her, did she let on about her terminal illness. That only became apparent in recent months, when Sisters Ellen and Lucia apprised me of her periodic hospitalizations. It was this time last week that she made the decision to forgo more treatment and embrace the inevitable. She passed away Saturday at age 66, shepherded to her eternal reward on a sun-drenched Tuesday on the premises of Chatfield College (<http://www.chatfield.edu/>) in Brown County.

The Mass was a celebration of the miracle that was her life and work. Born to Methodist parents, they converted to Catholicism while her father was attending Xavier University. He declined a teaching opportunity at Covington Catholic High School to pursue one at Fayetteville High, where he could indulge his other passion, farming. Thus planting the seeds of an extraordinary woman and her career of giving back.

Sister Sandy attended Brown County Ursuline and went on to serve the community for 48 years, uniquely attuned to the needs of one of the state's most deprived enclaves. Of its 43,000 residents, 64 percent of Brown Countians are receiving some kind of aid. Sister Sandy and her colleagues not only minister to their spiritual needs, but those of the body as well. Hope Emergency is a FreeStore-like food bank servicing the less well off. It's a pursuit in perfect alignment with her self-perceived role on earth. "All our skills and gifts come from God. We can choose to develop our gifts for others, or we can spend our lives excusing ourselves," was one of her mantras.

In reflection on her life that her sister Bonnie shared with the congregation, Sister Sandy spoke of the miraculous absurdity that brought her to a place where her gifts were best utilized. The good fortune that led her father to pick up stakes in North Bend, Ohio and strike out for more fertile fields, both literally and figuratively. "It was just meant to be," she offered.

"Sister Sandy," long-time friends relayed, "was a woman of great conviction and immense strength. This was a better world for her having been part of it."

I would humbly add that I'm the better person for having known her. To the many who knew and loved her far better than I, my deepest condolences.

## Use of Donated Funds

- Between January 2015 and August 2015, Hope welcomed 6,297 families, 16,273 individuals.
- At the beginning of the 2015/2016 school term, Hope distributed school supplies to 500 students.
- Last Year, Hope provided Christmas food for 1000 families, and gifts for 819 children. And did you know that all year long some of our volunteers are collecting new and used children's books? Each child on a family shopping list receives a book. This was one of Sr. Sandy's favorite things. She loved to give books to the young ones, giving them every opportunity to read. Next time you are at a yard sale or thrift shop, look for some book bargains. Each year we need one thousand books.

### Don't Forget Our Quilt Raffle

If you haven't yet purchased your raffle tickets for the 3rd Annual Quilt Raffle. Drawing will be **Tuesday, November 24, 2015** for this beautiful machine pieced and hand quilted creation. There are tickets still available. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Call the office for more information (937)364-1055. Last year we netted \$4,334 on the beautiful "My Secret Garden" quilt. This year, as of September 30, we have sold \$1,836. Don't miss out. Call the office for your tickets.

### Wish List

**Special Wish:** Ten (8') folding tables to be used for yard sale set up, volunteer luncheons and special distributions and functions.

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An Update to our software program Adobe PageMaker which we use to produce the layout of this publication and other graphic documents. Cost: \$370.

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### Want to Help?

We are in need of Diapers (sizes 3,4,5 and 6; Diaper wipes; Shampoo; Conditioner; Bath soap/body wash; Men and Women's deodorant; Feminine products (pads, tampons, panty liners and Poise pads; Toothbrushes and Toothpaste; Laundry detergent; Dish soap; Toilet Paper; Men, women, boys, girls socks and underwear of all sizes.

### Holy Cross - Immaculata Parish Collect for Hope Emergency Program

*Nancy Feldman, Contributor*

In 2008, HCI began collecting items for Hope. What began slowly has snowballed over the years. We began concentrating on collecting personal care items for the Hope clients, as these were items that could not be purchased with food stamps, which many of the clients depend upon.

We keep a supply of shopping bags in the Hope basket at the side of church for parishioners to take and return with needed items. Each week, the bulletin contains a short list of the most needed items, and the response is gratifying. I have a number of friends and parishioners who give me cash to shop for those items.

What started out as a delivery about every six weeks has turned into a trip about every two weeks or sometimes more frequently. The front room of my home is the storage area for items collected, and, with the help of some loyal friends, my SUV gets packed to the brim when the "storage room" gets too full. We collect not only personal care items. Donors also bring non-perishable food, clothing and small kitchen items.

In addition to collecting the personal care items, a number of friends save their plastic water/soda bottles which I then use to portion larger items like dish soap and laundry soap. I keep a supply of labels for each, and catch up on my TV programs while I pour the various liquids into the smaller bottles. By doing this at home, it saves the Hope volunteers from having to do this job when there's always so many other things that need to be done at the facility.

### Q & A's

**Q:** Do you know why spiders don't need to read books?

**A:** They learned it all on the Web!

**Q:** Did you ever wonder why Jack-O-Lanterns look so mean and angry?

**A:** You would feel angry too if someone cut a hole in your head, scraped your insides out, carved you up, and then stuck a lit candle in your mouth!

## HOLIDAY DATES TO REMEMBER

To remember these important dates, clip this information sheet from the newsletter to help you in your shopping for Hope Emergency Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs.

### THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### HOPE EMERGENCY WILL BE CLOSED

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday, November 30, 2015

### CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

Delivery Date for Giving Tree Donations for Schools, Churches and others

Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Because of our "choice" method of distribution, we prefer all gifts be **UNWRAPPED** so clients can see their gift selections. If you want to share wrapping paper, please just attach it or send it with your gift. We try to give each family some wrapping paper, ribbons & tags so they can wrap their Christmas packages themselves.

### CLIENT SHOPPING DATES

Monday, December 14, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday, December 19, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We ask all volunteer shoppers to arrive a half hour prior to their shift.

### HOPE EMERGENCY WILL BE CLOSED

December 20, 2015 to January 4, 2015

We serve families with children ages newborn to 16 and children of any age if they have Special Needs. Donations for all age groups are needed and much appreciated by the families.

**Below we have listed examples of items needed to fulfill the Christmas Program:**

**BOYS:** Board games, tools, sports equipment such as: footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, race tracks, dump trucks and toy vehicles, watches, building blocks, Lego sets, models and shirts, pajamas and tennis shoes (especially Sports logo hats and apparel).

**GIRLS:** Watches, arts and crafts kits, coloring books, workbooks, dolls and new stuffed animals, jewelry, hair accessories, straighteners/curling irons, purses, board games, perfume/body wash kits, pajamas and flannel pants.

**CLOTHING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:** All Sizes - Coats, T-shirts, jeans, pants, hoodies, pullover tops, sweat shirts, fleece shirts, toboggans, scarves, gloves.

**FAMILIES:** We encourage and our clients appreciate board games, puzzles, arts and crafts kits, coloring books and movies.

**SIZES:** (Girls and Boys) newborn/infant, toddlers 2T-5T, early childhood 4-9, preteen 10-12, Teen 14-16, Adult 00-38 jeans/pants Small through 3X. Shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, fleeces, sweatpants and coats Small through 3X.

**PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE:** Movie passes, itunes, old Navy or GAP gift cards. Our clients do not have access to these stores. However, if you would like to choose gift cards, we ask that they be from Wal-Mart or Kroger.

**QUESTIONS:** You may reach us at Hope Emergency, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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