

HADASSAH'S HOPE

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to *reach* and *restore* women in the adult entertainment industry by sharing the *hope* and *love* of JESUS.

A NOTE FROM CEO, TAMI TAUNTON

Second Quarter has been both fruitful and filled with continuous change. Through COVID-19, God has opened so many doors that we would have never anticipated. There have been at least 5 club workers that have decided to permanently leave the strip club industry. One stripper decided to open her own cleaning business, established an LLC and is getting her personal finances under control. With tremendous help from the Church of Eleven22 and others, her business is quickly becoming a success. Our friends at Hope's Closet have supplied clothes to help women move from stripping to participating in job interviews and securing new jobs.

Prior to COVID-19, Hadassah's Hope Outreach team was visiting clubs on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. During the lockdown, the ministry had an opportunity to serve EVERY WEEK. Instead of homemade meals, we provided bags of food. Through generous giving, we were able to provide approximately 2500 meals during the months of March through June!!!

That would not have been possible without the help and donations from church partners including Callahan First Baptist Church, Chets Creek, Church of Eleven22, Christian Family Chapel, Crosswater Community Church, First Baptist Church Fernandina, Hecksher Drive Baptist, Hibernia Baptist, Neptune Baptist, Riverstone Community, Sunrise Community Church, Trinity Baptist Church and Trinity Rescue Mission.

Every great movement
of God can be traced
back to a kneeling
figure.
D.L. Moody

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NEW TEAM

We are growing the business to support the growing ministry. A newly formed volunteer Correspondence Team has been established. We are grateful for the hard work these ladies continue to do and the talents shared behind the scenes to keep the ministry running.

THINGS GIVEN

Examples of items given in the food bags included peanut butter & jelly (loved by all), cans of chicken, rice, noodles, fresh vegetables, cleaning products, and personal care items.

The club workers were awed and so very grateful that so many people came together to help them and their families.



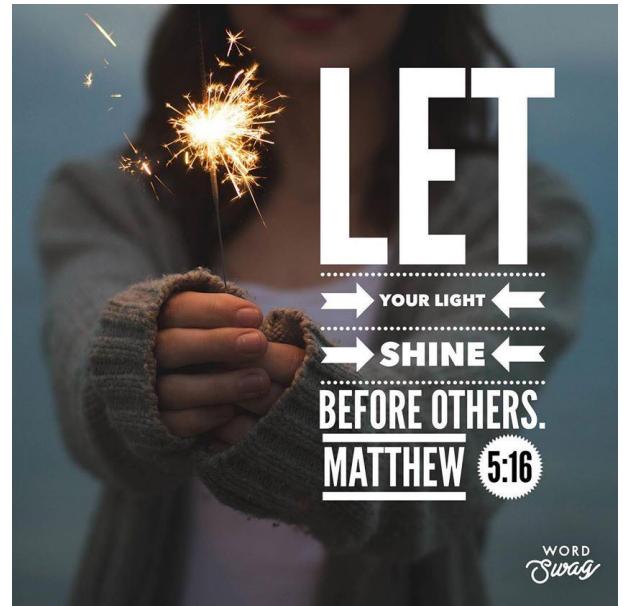
HOMILY FOR HOPE

Our donor community has such wonderfully diverse life experiences and talents. One of our repeat donors is a local small business owner in Jacksonville. When he learned of Hadassah's Hope, he wanted to support the cause of our ministry. Why? He used to own a strip club! He understands at the deepest level how people can enter the strip club industry. But what he also understands is how Jesus can help someone completely remove themselves from that type of work.

With the most recent donation that he sent, he sent us a most kind and loving 8-page letter that he referred to as a homily. He included many thoughts on living a life for Jesus and a lot of scripture that we were blessed by when reading it. Then we realized, it was a Homily for Hope!

We are grateful for his support and below is a scripture that he included in the homily.

Psalm 61:1-2 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call to you as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.



MOMENTUM AND COMMITMENT



Volunteers and Donors alike have remained committed to this ministry. Outreach ladies have helped us administratively, a Cooking Team leader raised money at her church for groceries and others have come in and helped pass out bags of food. For others, they reach out and give words of encouragement, let us know they are praying or just calling to say hello. These efforts have proven to give us a momentum during this time that allowed us to do the ministry completely differently. As a result of the required closures of strip clubs and bars throughout the city of Jacksonville, volunteers are looking for ways to continue to serve the men and women of this industry. Many churches quickly sprang into action providing meals in the strip clubs in which we minister. Special thanks to Callahan First Baptist Church, Chets Creek, Church of Eleven22, Christian Family Chapel, Crosswater Community Church, First Baptist Church Fernandina, Hecksher Drive Baptist, Hibernia Baptist, Neptune Baptist, Riverstone Community, Sunrise Community Church, Trinity Baptist Church and Trinity Rescue Mission.

That constant determination by volunteers and donors have allowed people to have food, provide for their children, get out of the industry and understand that Christians are there to love them unconditionally as Jesus loves us!

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Hadassah's Hope will soon implement an internship program for college and university students. Students will complete their internship work between 3-6 months, typically aligned to semester timeframes. The goal is to provide students with both ministry training and an educational experience. Potential credit hours achieved will be determined by the guidelines established with each college/university. This is an unpaid internship program but we will work with students to provide career success feedback and a certificate of completion.

If you know of college staff or students who might be interested in this program, please contact Tami Taunton.



"And our wise Father in heaven knows when we're going to need things too. Don't run out ahead of him." -Corrie ten Boom

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