



Dear Fellow Members,

It has been quite a year of progress at Hope Christian Services! Yes, as you know by now we announced our rebranding from Eastern Christian Children's Retreat this Spring along with a new logo and color scheme. We hope you are as excited about our future as our board and staff are!

When I wrote one year ago, we had two homes in development and an empty lot - well we opened one of those homes, have a foundation laid for the second one and our architect is working on drawings for two more homes, one in Oakland and a new property in Wayne. We continue to look for opportunities to expand, whether it is a new home, or our day program. We are currently seeking construction bids to repurpose some of the Bushman building for RAVE, our day program.

One of the things that sets us apart from other providers of care to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is the spiritual care we bring. Sometimes it is the heritage we bring and the prayers of our board, sometimes it is direct prayer, and chaplain services provided to a resident or client. Our annual association membership fees go toward providing these services as well as the cost of our newsletter, *Outreach* that provides our donors and others in the community updates on our activities and services.

This Spring we were able to bring on an additional Chaplain to minister to our people, including our employees in their times of need. I'm ever so grateful for our chaplains and all our staff for the care they provide to our residents and clients. It truly is a calling to serve our population and it takes strength, both physical and internal, to meet the needs.

Please join me in renewing our memberships. I ask you to share our story with a friend or two in hopes they too will catch the excitement and join our ranks. This year you can renew online at www.hopechristian.org/membership, or send in a check. Dues are \$35 per person and we welcome additional gifts beyond the \$35 to fund our special services.

All members will receive a Hope Christian Services reusable tote, a special gift at Piece of the Fair in September and an invitation to two members' only forums during the calendar year.

I look forward to seeing you soon at a groundbreaking, ribbon cutting, or other event in the near future. Thank you for coming alongside so many others in supporting our important work. To God be the glory.

Sincerely,

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