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Kiwanis helps Hope House with \$4,900



Jason Hynson, Kiwanis President, Jennifer Hoose present checks from Christmas for Kids & Kiwanis to Bob Hatfield, Hope House Board of Directors member.



To learn how you can help HOPE HOUSE or learn more about their programs and plans please click on <http://www.hopehouseofmillercounty.org/>

Can you imagine over 1,000 guests coming to your house for dinner?

HOPE House of Miller County does just that...feeding over 1,000 children and adults each and every month. Clients may request food only once per month and must qualify for need based on income and number of family members. There is quite a line at the first of every month because it is very difficult to make that one basket of groceries last.

Checks totaling \$4900 from Kiwanis & Christmas for Kids were presented this week to help support the day to day food and other expenses of HOPE HOUSE.

HOPE HOUSE is a multi denominational faith based organization founded over 11 years ago by several area churches. These founding churches continue to provide financial and financial support that makes HOPE HOUSE the success that it has become. HOPE HOUSE provides food and personal necessities, as well as other emergency assistance to residents in the Lake Area.

More than half of the funds required to provide the food for the food pantry are raised from sales of clothing and household items in the THRIFT STORE.

Only two employees direct the Food Pantry and Thrift Store (effectively 2 complete businesses)...with the help of a dedicated crew of 100 monthly volunteers scheduled from area churches. More volunteers are always welcome. There is lots to do.

Ozark Coast Kiwanis is one of the largest service organizations at the Lake. All funds raised go back to the Lake Community to support dozens of children focused programs that depend on Kiwanis to fund and run their programs.

Kiwanis fundraisers that you might recognize as sponsored by Kiwanis include :

Annual Peanut Day

Duck Drop & Duck Drop Golf Tournament

2nd Chance Bikes

Christmas for Kids

5K Run/Walk to the Beach over the Community Bridge

Plus we provide volunteer support to many community wide events.

Some of the groups that we support/sponsor include: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy & Girl Scouts, CADV, Feed The Children, Hope House, Lake Regional Hospital, Parents as Teachers, Share The Harvest, Wonderland Camp, YMCA...Key Club, Key Leader, Builder's Club, College Scholarships.

Kiwanis Club of Ozark Coast was organized in 1988. We have proudly served Lake Community children for 26 years.

We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable foundation. Our club members are service-minded men and women from all segments of the community. We meet every Thursday, at **Ozark Yacht Club**, 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch, fellowship, discussion of club business, and a program presented by community business people on topics of interest such as community issues, public affairs, service, or entertainment. (Members do not have to attend every week...just when you can and be willing to help volunteer).

We'd love for you to join us for good times as we work together to better the lives of the children in our community. Please join us at our next meeting or contact our Club President for more information.