

HOPE IS ALL AROUND US




HOPE

COMMUNITY CENTER

ESTABLISHED 1976



It's important to everyone to be part of something – to feel included and accepted. This can be especially challenging for individuals with disabilities. Lenawee County is so fortunate to have HOPE Community Center. What it provides to members and families is immeasurable.

Acceptance
Safety
Familiarity
Support
Appreciation
Loyalty
Friendship
Purpose
Potential

HOPE, a nonprofit organization, exists to support Lenawee County adults with disabilities in pursuing an empowered, healthy, and community-enriched life. About 100 people are served every week with more than 120 programs offered monthly in education, recreation, socialization, and volunteer opportunities.



I AM
ACCEPTED
AT
HOPE!



HOPE has created a culture that is based on acceptance of each other and others in the community. Though **HOPE** Members are not always accepted by society, everyone who walks through its doors, is accepted here.

Without HOPE, many family members would not know what to do. For some, the experience has been life-changing. Members who were once

lonely, quiet, reserved and bored individuals now have a sense of purpose and belonging. Many have become leaders among their peers.





MY
DAUGHTER
IS
SAFE
AT HOPE!



Individuals with disabilities face daily challenges that many of us take granted. **HOPE** is well-known for the exceptional recreational and social opportunities they offer helping to ensure quality of life.

The organization also works closely with members' families, group homes and case workers to fill in the inevitable gaps that occur in a member's

material, emotional and health-related needs. This provides a measure of safety, peace of mind and structure that is so important for families.





I WOULD
BE
LONELY
WITHOUT
HOPE.



Without **HOPE**, many members would have no place to go to connect with friends, participate in fields trips or just be part of something that offers them a sense of encouragement and security.

It is an integral part of their lives. So much so that many members use all of their remaining monthly disposal income of only \$40 to fund their transportation costs to get to HOPE.





WE
RELY
ON HOPE!



HOPE Community Center is a mainstay in our community and offers those with development disabilities opportunities to lead an enriched life. But, in order to ensure the continued sustainability and viability of HOPE, it essential that as a community we come together to raise \$500,000. This will address critical capital needs, program support, and create a reserve for ongoing operational expenses.

This funding is critical to the survival of this important community resource and will allow us to continue serving the 100+ members who rely on HOPE every week.

We are fortunate to have been given a challenge grant from the Weatherwax Foundation. In support of our fundraising efforts, for every \$2 raised by HOPE, the Foundation will match \$1 dollar up to \$45,000.





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John, Jessica, Irene and the many others who are fortunate enough to have a place like **HOPE** thank you for your generosity and the generosity of those before you. We believe that everyone deserves a vibrant, caring community based on acceptance and inclusion.

It is only with your help that HOPE Community Center can continue to provide wonderful opportunities to those who need it most. Because our funding comes solely from private donations and grant

funding, your gifts could mean the difference of our being able to offer life-changing experiences for those like John, Jessica, Irene or the next deserving person.

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