Dear Friends,

I hope that each of you has found some time this summer to be “lazy” - which is time well spent enjoying the beauty of God’s creation, laughter with family and friends, and a break from your regular routine! The month of July is probably the least busy one at Cornerstone of Hope and offers the staff time to clean up from spring & early summer events, camp, and activities, and to begin planning for the busy fall season. We have several new programs and groups planned, so I hope you will keep an eye out for new opportunities to be involved as a volunteer as we head toward the fall season.

Even though July is one of our quietest months event-wise, our dedicated volunteer force has continued to serve Cornerstone of Hope in myriad ways. Thank you to the many adult and student volunteers who helped last month to clean, organize, do data entry, make copies, create training binders, serve snacks and meals, water plants and make flower arrangements, decorate and/or pack for camps, complete small maintenance projects, do laundry, serve at the reception desk, put together gift mugs, make phone calls, prepare games and activities for Movie Night, empty garbage and recycling, shop, and more! We are so very grateful for all our volunteers do and the impact your service has on our clients. During the month of July, volunteers donated more than 420 hours to Cornerstone. Thank you, all!
Cookies Needed!
Can you help? We are in need of cookies for our Paver Dedication Service on Tuesday, August 27. (Any not used that evening will be frozen for our support group meals.) Please let Kathie know if you can provide 2-3 dozen, and drop off on Monday, August 26. Thank you!

Garage Sale Items Needed!
We are still collecting new or gently used, clean, and working items for our garage sale. Books, kitchen supplies and home décor, toys, games, appliances, home furnishings, and more can be dropped off during business hours by Wednesday, August 14. Note that no clothing will be accepted. All proceeds from the garage sale benefit Cornerstone of Hope, and all items not sold will be donated to another organization that can use them. You can also help by inviting friends and neighbors to shop at our sale! Ask Kathie if you need some flyers to share.

A Future Project
Once the basement in the old part of our facility (“Grandma’s House”) gets somewhat empty following our garage sale, we would like to install additional shelving to be sure all items are off the floor, organized well, and clearly labeled. If you can give about 3 hours one morning to help, let Kathie know, and we’ll get a date planned for a team to work together to do this.

Help! Recycled Items Needed ASAP!
We are in need of FOUR 2-LITER PLASTIC BOTTLES by this Thursday and several bags of NEWSPAPERS by next Wednesday, August 14. Thank you!
GARAGE SALE + BAKE SALE = FUNDS FOR CORNERSTONE OF HOPE!

We will be holding a garage sale at Cornerstone of Hope on Thursday and Friday, August 15 and 16, to raise money for our programs and services. In this newsletter you will find a flyer with details. We hope you will donate items (no clothes please) and come to shop, but we still need a bit of additional help in the following ways. If you can assist, please let Kathie know. Thank you!

GARAGE SALE PREP (& PIZZA!)
Tuesday, August 13, 5:00pm

Wanted: A team of energetic people to help prepare and set up for the garage sale. Starting at 5pm on Tuesday, August 13, we need individuals willing to put away chairs, set up tables, and then move garage sale items into the conference center. There is work for people who are comfortable lifting and carrying AND for those who prefer lighter tasks, like unboxing and organizing. Pizza supper included!

BAKE SALE GOODIES
Drop off any time Wednesday, August 14, 8am-8pm

Wanted: About 25 people to donate baked goods to sell at our bake sale during our garage sale. Cookies, brownies, breads, muffins—whatever you can prepare is welcome! To keep things simple for the sale, please package items into sandwich bags, labeled, that can be sold for $1. For example, a $1 treat might consist of three medium cookies, a large brownie, or a large slice of banana bread.

GARAGE SALE HELP
Friday, August 16, 8am-12pm, 12pm-4pm, or just 3-5pm

Wanted: There are still openings for a few people to help on Friday at the garage sale itself, either for the morning shift, for the afternoon shift, or just to join for the last hour to pack leftover things up and bring them up to the lobby for donation pickup.

KNOW A STUDENT WHO NEEDS SERVICE HOURS?

Community service hours are available during our garage sale at Cornerstone of Hope on Thursday and Friday, August 15 and 16, any time between 8am and 4pm, as we can use students to assist in a number of ways. Interested students should reach out to Kathie.
A TASTE OF HOPE
Thursday, September 12, 2019

One of our most enjoyable events, Taste of Hope, is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, from 6pm-8:30pm. For those who may not be familiar with this event, it is a casual evening held on our beautiful grounds where guests enjoy samples of food, wine, and beer from close to 40 restaurants and food trucks. Several great raffles are offered, including one new this year to COH, and all of the proceeds go to support grieving children and their families. We need volunteers to serve in many capacities that evening, and there are still a few spots open. You must be able to be on your feet for several hours and to tolerate whatever the forecast may hold, as the event is mostly outside. In order to serve at this event, volunteers must attend a Taste of Hope training on Thursday, September 5, from 6:30-7:30pm. Please speak to Kathie if you are interested.

MEMORIAL CANDLE DECORATING

As fall approaches with the holidays not far behind, we will once again begin to prepare candles for our memorial events. We need individuals who are blessed with artistic/craft talent to assist in decorating beautiful candles to honor the loved ones of people who will attend these special services in the coming months: our Infant Loss Memorial in October, and our Christmas Candlelight Memorials in December. So that you can plan ahead, all of our Candle Decorating dates are listed below (subject to change). Let Kathie know of any of these dates you would like to help.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 9am-12noon    Tuesday, Oct. 8, 9am-12noon
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 8am-3pm       Tuesday, Nov. 12, 8am-3pm
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 8am-3pm        Tuesday, Dec. 10, 8am-3pm

“It's not enough to have lived. We should be determined to live for something. May I suggest that it be creating joy for others, sharing what we have for the betterment of personkind, bringing hope to the lost and love to the lonely.”

~ Leo Buscaglia ~
FUN EVENTS AT COH ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Volunteers are always welcome to attend our events, and these are two great ones to be part of. We’d love to see you there!

Summer Movie Night
Friday, August 9, 6pm

Young and young-at-heart are welcome to Cornerstone of Hope on Friday, August 9th, for a free, family-friendly evening of fun! Gates open at 6 with free games and activities, access to the treehouse and playground, concessions for sale, music and a few contests, followed by an 8pm showing on our back lawn of the Disney movie, Moana. Grab your most colorful attire, lawn chairs or a blanket, and join the luau! Invite your friends and family, and then register online so we know how many to plan for. Aloha!

Taste of Hope
Thursday, September 12, 6pm

Enjoy a beautiful evening at our fall fundraising event, Taste of Hope, on Thursday, September 12. Tickets may be purchased for $75/person online or at the front desk. Savor food, wine and beer from close to 40 area restaurants, take a chance on a raffle, and support our organization!
GARAGE Summer SALE

Thursday, August 15, 8am-5pm
Friday, August 16, 8am-4pm
5905 Brecksville Rd. Independence 44131

HOME GOODS / KITCHEN / SMALL APPLIANCES / FURNITURE
HOLIDAY DÉCOR / BOOKS / TOYS / CRAFTS / AND MORE!

BAKED GOODS & CONCESSIONS!
EVERYTHING UNDER COVER!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CORNERSTONE OF HOPE,
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