

The Anchor

November 2010



Mission

Project Hope

is an organization dedicated to inspiring HOPE during the traumatic event of a child's unexpected or long-term hospitalization.

We provide support and encouragement for families during this stressful time.

We believe parents and guardians must take care of themselves **physically, emotionally** and **spiritually** in order to meet the overwhelming needs of their hospitalized children.

Connections

This month marks six years since *Project Hope of Zelenople* began providing help to families of hospitalized children. The first gifts were 20 baskets of necessities given in November 2004. Looking back over those six years I am truly amazed at how many totes have been provided. That number has grown to 3,864 deliveries of HOPE to families in need.

I also look back and I am stunned when I realize how many connections have been made between people as we have helped others through Project Hope. Many lives have been enriched by people connecting with others to serve. I have literally met hundreds of individuals that I otherwise may not have known. I am sure the same goes for many of those who have volunteered for Project Hope. Some connections have lasted for just a "blip" in time and others have evolved into longstanding relationships. I am in awe of how God is working through all these links to spread love, not only to sick children and their families but among everyone who makes this good thing possible.

With all the growth and change, many roles within the Project Hope organization have broadened. So much so that I have felt the call to ask for more assistance. Many have responded to that call. Numerous people have used their talents and gifts to lend a hand. No measure of help is too small. From the individual who simply spreads the news of what we do to someone who hasn't heard, to those who open up their homes to host a "Girls-Night-In", to those who help with the monthly tote assemblies and to those who donate a bottle of shampoo, love is spread!

We invite you to join us in helping families while connecting with others and serving together!

Blessings to all,

Kim Sebring, President

Learn More about Project Hope of Zelenople

Project Hope was founded in 2004 by Kim Sebring and a number of friends after the hospitalization and unfortunate death of her son, Tyler. Project Hope desires to support and inspire HOPE in families of children hospitalized due to unexpected or long-term illness. You can learn more about Project Hope at our website:

www.sparkinghope.org.

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\$ Monetary Donations \$
are gratefully accepted and
used each month to purchase
needed items.

Donations may be mailed to:
Project Hope of Zelienople, Inc.
C/O St. Peter's Reformed Church
320 E. Grandview Ave.
Zelienople, PA 16063

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Canvas tote bags
full of necessities are
donated each month
to families at
Children's Hospital of
Pittsburgh.

Over **4,000** totes
are expected to be delivered
by January, 2011.



Another 60 totes were delivered to
Children's Hospital on October 21, 2010.

Thanks From A Family

July 2010

Dear Wonderful Volunteers,

Thank you so much for the amazing gift that I received at the Cardiac ICU at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. My little girl was born with a congenital heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. We have spent much of her life living in hospital rooms and I have never received such a perfectly thoughtful gift!!

I was so moved when the receptionist gave me the Project Hope bag filled with toiletries and goodies. The amount of thought that went into that bag was very touching. I was also struck by the name. My daughter's name is Julia Hope. Hope is one thing that the parents of hospitalized children share. Thank you for spreading the hope...

Sincerely,

Whitney C.

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received such a
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Project Hope of Zelienople, Inc. is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and registered charitable organization with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Donations may be tax deductible.

Thank you to all who make Project Hope a success!

Project Hope is truly thankful for the individuals and organizations that have enabled us to successfully provide "totes of HOPE" to over 3,800 families since 2004. At our current rate of 60 totes per month we will surpass the 4,000 mark in January 2011. This is only possible by the countless hours of service our volunteers have given and through the various organizations and individuals that have donated money and items to fill the totes. The families that we serve are truly blessed by your kindness and generosity.

Thank you! Please visit our donors page on our website at www.sparkinghope.org.

You can help by supporting one of our up-coming fundraisers

(Wreath Sale, Turkey Trot and Avon Fundraiser)



Flood Family to Host Turkey Trot! - 3 mile Family Event

EVERYONE WELCOME!!! Work up an appetite for your Thanksgiving Dinner and help Project Hope at the same time!

When: November 25, 2010—Thanksgiving Morning 8:00 am
Where: Park and meet at the CVE school parking lot
Corner of Pittsburgh and Beaver Streets, Zelenople (near CVE)

For more information contact Alecia or Mickey Flood - 724-453-1583 or flood@zoominternet.net

After the run we convene for a light breakfast (coffee, cider, muffins, fruit, bagels, pastries, etc) in the Flood's garage.

Donations for Project Hope will be gratefully accepted.

Suggested Item donations

- Shampoo and Conditioner (full size)
- Mouthwash
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Hairspray

Join us for a Girls-Night-In!

After a brainstorming session in May, Denise Shank came up with the idea to have a "Girls-Night-In" to help with preparations for Project Hope tote assemblies. There are several things we need to prepare each month prior to placing them in the totes. She was inspired with the idea to get together with others, have a little fun and help Project Hope all at the same time. These evenings have been a **GREAT** success! We have done this six times so far and many have been asking when the next **GNI** is scheduled! The next one will be November 11 hosted by Kathy Sims at her home.



Would you like to join us?

For information about **Girls-Night-In** contact Denise Shank by email deniseshank64@verizon.net or by phone at 724-452-4845



Pictured above are items that we may need to prepare during a **Girls-Night-In**.

Project Hope of Zelienople
320 E. Grandview Ave.
Zelienople, PA 16063

Upcoming Events

Tote assemblies

Wednesday, November 17, 2010	6:30pm	St. Peter's Reformed Church, Zelienople
Wednesday, December 1, 2010	6:30pm	St. Peter's Reformed Church, Zelienople
Wednesday, January 19, 2011	6:30pm	St. Peter's Reformed Church, Zelienople
Sunday, February (date TBA)	between services	Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelienople

Help needed for assemblies!

If you, your family, or your group (i.e. Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop, church group, fraternity/sorority, mom's group, a group of family & friends) would like to help please **contact Amy Forte:** amyforte@gmail.com

Other Events

November 1-16	Wreath Sales
November 28	Wreath Pick-up (noon - 5:00 pm Calvin Presbyterian Church parking lot)
November 29	Wreath Pick- up (5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Calvin Presbyterian Church parking lot)
November 1-27	Avon (Willie The Tiger) Fundraiser
November 11	Girls-night-In (contact Denise Shank deniseshank64@verizon.net)
November 18	Mom's Club Cranberry South Open House fundraiser
November 19	Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School - Day for Hope
November 25	Turkey Trot

