

Triedstone Hope Outreach Web information: (March, 2014)

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Triedstone Hope Outreach is a 501(c)(3) organization established to make a life changing difference in the lives of youth, adults, and families in Columbus, Ohio with special emphasis on the Milo Grogan community. Hope Outreach has received funding and support from The Robert Woods Johnson Foundation, the City of Columbus, Ben & Jerry's, and from the Department of Health and Human Services. Hope Outreach is also listed with The Columbus Foundation Power Philanthropy, where donations may be given to Triedstone Hope Outreach Center. Donations to Hope Outreach may also be sent through United Way.

The mission statement is:

“Hope Outreach seeks to provide programs and services to engage youth and adults in structured activities that will make a life-changing difference for those living in economically and educationally disadvantaged neighborhoods.”

Hope Outreach goals:

- Increase resident leadership and involvement in the community
- Support families in caring for their children
- Improve academic outcomes for children
- Support positive youth development
- Increase the use and availability of technology
- Provide educational enhancements and recreational/cultural activities
- Promote healthy living

Programs operating under Hope Outreach are:

1. Project HOPE Tutorial program – Project HOPE (Helping Our children Prepare for Excellence) provides tutorial to students needing help in reading, math, science and other areas.
2. Summer Academy – The Summer Academy operates from June until mid-August. The Academy creates positive opportunities for all children living in the Milo Grogan area and the Columbus community. It provides a safe learning environment for youth. The Academy aims to improve academic skills and outcomes for children. The Academy also provides education regarding healthy eating and the importance of food nutrition and exercise for a healthy body. Lunch is provided that meets the federal guidelines for nutritious food.
3. People Who Care – This is a confidential program that provides services to persons living with HIV AIDS on an individual basis.
4. Health Fair (We Are Family Festival & Health Fair) – The health fair and festival is a day of activities for the entire community. Vendors provide health information; screenings, American Red Cross blood drive; mammography screening; diabetes, blood pressure checks and more.
5. Food Pantry – The food pantry distributes food on a regular basis to families in the community.
6. Prison Outreach Program – The Prison outreach program provides services and outreach to those persons in prison and offer guidance to those preparing for reentering society.

7. Covenant Sisters Cancer Support Group – The Covenant Sisters provides services to those individuals that are cancer survivors or persons living with cancer. They provide encouragement and assistance such as: transportation, purchasing medicine, in-home family support, and educational materials, along with other needs.
8. Marriage Enrichment – This group provides counseling, information and conferences to strengthen family and assist families in crises. It is to enhance the family structure in keeping families together.
9. Back-to-School Extravaganza -- Hope Outreach sponsors a back-to-school event which is designed to serve a minimum of 250 students within the community. The students receive a book bag and school supplies. Parents attend a session at the event and receive educational information. They are also informed of services in the community, such as free tutorial services, that will help them with the academic success of their children. During the extravaganza, the students are exposed to various cultural events and entertainment.
10. Deaf Outreach Services – The Deaf Outreach Services is a sign language group designed to create a link between the deaf/hard-of-hearing and hearing worlds. Their goal is to convey the content and the spirit of the speaker to assist the Deaf population in experiencing the fullness of life and reaching their fullest potential.