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# HOPE-Net Happenings

## January/February 2022

We enter 2022 with the pandemic still with us, but we continue to have hope and a belief that God has already gone before us. He knows what is around the corner and will help us navigate through any stormy weather.

- Circles of Support Dinners will still continue on the 4th Monday of the month at First Baptist, plan to join us for a family style meal, an encouraging word, and time of community.
- Our Give Back Outreaches for those on the streets will continue throughout the winter inside the Resource Center at Sequels 2.
- Our next Broken 2 Beautiful Women's Conference is scheduled for April 30, 8:00 to 1:00. It will once

### Ramblings from Randy

again be hosted at First Church of the Nazarene—Mark your calendar.

The majority financial support for our community efforts comes from our two thrift stores. Sequels has been in operation since 2007, providing quality items at garage sale prices.

It has also served as a place to volunteer a couple of hours a month, week, or a day. You get to be part of a team who processes donations, hangs out clothing, and works with customers.

Through the efforts of these dedicated volunteers, we are able to minister to hundreds of people every month. Are you looking for a meaningful way to invest your time and energy? Can you create room in your calendar to help make a difference in someone's life? Call us—712-310-8843

## Wheels of Love



*When you're fresh out of prison, you don't have a car, license, job, clothing, or friends; this is where Hope-Net Ministries comes in.*

*We work to help meet some of those basic needs and transportation is a huge one. That is why we gave away 145 bicycles in 2021 to those who were trying to get back on their feet. Thank you to everyone who donated.*

## Sequel's Resource Center

### Give Back Day

Friday, February 4, 2022

12:00—2:00pm

- Lunch Provided
- Winter kits distributed
- Other resources available
- Music & Fun included

### Wrapped up another Christmas Season and God was good to us.

All things considered, the Christmas season was really good for Sequels. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, made a donation, or took the time to shop with us. We pray you had a wonderful Holiday Season.

This was the first Christmas for our new Resource Center so we weren't sure how it would go over. Well let me tell you, thanks to our supporting community, it

was awesome! Christmas week included people bringing in lunches, cookies, snacks, baked goods, socks, hats, blankets, and gift bags. We had drawings everyday, giving away goodies. It was the best Christmas they have had in years.

We were also able to distribute warm clothes and coats to a number of our friends on the street, helping them get through the cold nights outside.

*Can you help by donating hats, gloves, or socks for those we serve?*

## On the Inside—with Jean

Before Covid-19, many of the women at the Residential Correctional Facility and Iowa Family Works came out to our weekly support meetings, special events and other activities. But now there is still a hesitancy to let them participate in extra activities.



This however has not stopped us from making these opportunities available to them or others in the

community. With the addition of the new Resource Center, we have added an additional five support meetings a week.

We still need to add five more weekly meetings and need additional manpower to go inside some of the facilities and share resources and a Gospel message.

Are you looking for a new way to make a difference in someone's life this year? We may have what you are looking for. Please contact us and Jean can make arrangements to meet with you and share what we are doing and how you might be able to help.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Broken to Beautiful

Women's Conference

April 30

8:00 am—1:00 pm

Call for tickets and location 402-718-0181