

Dear Friends,

Last year, as my family prepared for our Christmas celebration, one of my aunts asked a wonderful question: would it be okay if she invited a young man named David to join us for our family dinner? He had nowhere else to go and my aunt did not want him to be alone. The answer was a resounding "YES!" We knew it would be different. Some wondered if it would take away from the family atmosphere. But, in the end, we had a great time and I think David did too!

That is the spirit of the holidays, isn't it? We make room for last minute family additions, friends whose plans fell through, and maybe even a stranger who could use a little pick-me-up. Even at full tables with meals already stretched, it seems there is always room for one more seat. This is the time of year, after all, that we celebrate abundance.

**At Restore Hope we believe in sharing this abundance.** We believe in always having enough for every family who comes to Restore Hope for a Thanksgiving basket. These families are our neighbors, our children's classmates, and our Sunday School class members. They are part of our larger family. Thanks to your generosity, year after year, there is always enough food for the last family who comes through our door. With your gift, you offer that family more than one generous meal - you prepare one more seat at the table of hope.

Hope is part of every Thanksgiving basket we give, and every gift given to a family in need. Hope is the ability to prepare and serve dinner with faith that there is enough to go around. Hope is falling asleep in your home with faith that your family will not become homeless due to a sudden, unexpected loss of income. Hope is trusting that God has not forgotten us in our darkest hour.

Frances' family felt that way at Christmas time last year. Her daughter's newborn son had serious health problems from birth. To get the care he needed, they had to go to Oklahoma City. When they got back to Tulsa, they were greeted with an eviction notice on their door. That is where Restore Hope stepped in. We were able to prevent their eviction and a generous sponsor helped them have a great Christmas. Frances wrote us a note to say thank you "for everything you have done to help my family and my daughter's family. *I greatly appreciate the assistance. I feel extremely blessed.*"

This holiday season, as you prepare for your family gatherings, I ask that you **prayerfully consider helping us offer one more seat at the table of hope.** Help us rekindle the light in a home that crisis has left in the dark. Help us share the gift of hope. Please mark your gift *Thanksgiving* or *Family Sponsorship* and mail it in the enclosed envelope to: Restore Hope Ministries, 2960 Charles Page Blvd, Tulsa, OK 74127 or visit [donate.restorehope.org](http://donate.restorehope.org) to make your secure online contribution today.

Peace,

Rev. Jeff Jaynes  
Executive Director





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## 2015 THANKSGIVING BASKET DRIVE

*"Sharing God's Abundance"*



Each Thanksgiving Restore Hope Ministries expands its food assistance program to include a Thanksgiving Basket. The basket includes a whole turkey and nineteen other items to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving Feast.

***The goal for 2015 is to provide 600 Thanksgiving Baskets.***

***A \$35.00 gift will provide a basket for a family of four.***

As an expression of your gratitude for God's abundant blessings, please consider providing one or more Thanksgiving dinners for our hungry neighbors.

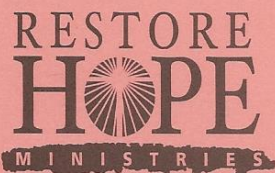
***Thank You and Happy Thanksgiving!***

Make your gift payable to: **Restore Hope Ministries** for: **"Thanksgiving Baskets"**  
or **Donate Online** at [donate.restorehope.org](http://donate.restorehope.org) to the *Thanksgiving Baskets* fund.

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*(Note: Receipts in excess of expenses will be used for other ministry needs.)*

*This year we remember our dear friend, Norman Haws who, along with his family, spent every Thanksgiving at Restore Hope making sure to include fresh carrots and celery in every basket.*



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## 2015 CHRISTMAS FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

*"Sharing the Gift of Hope"*



Each year, thousands of families seek rent and food assistance from Restore Hope. They come seeking light in a difficult time in their lives. They come seeking hope. You can help **restore a family's hope** now with your gift to this vital mission opportunity. Your donation to the *"Family Sponsorship"* fund provides **direct assistance** to families in financial crisis. (The average aid per family is currently \$500.)

Individuals, families, work or church groups may also "adopt" one or more families to sponsor personally. This is a great opportunity to brighten a family's Christmas with presents and food. *Call by Dec. 14th to be matched with a family.*

***Thank You and Merry Christmas!***

Make your gift payable to: **Restore Hope Ministries** for: **"Family Sponsorship"**  
or **Donate Online** at [donate.restorehope.org](http://donate.restorehope.org) to the *Christmas Sponsorship* fund.

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