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SMART LIVING AT HOPE HAVEN

Empowering Independence Through Innovation



At Hope Haven, we're always exploring ways to enhance the lives of those we support—and in August 2024, we embarked on a groundbreaking journey with the launch of our Smart Living Services! This innovative service model combines cutting-edge technology with remote support to foster independence and ensure safety like never before.

HOW IT WORKS: From our state-of-the-art Remote Support Center in Spirit Lake (expertly renovated just for this program), Hope Haven's dedicated professionals monitor and support individuals in their homes—all from a remote location. This approach not only keeps individuals safe but also offers greater freedom to live life their way.

WHAT MAKES A SMART HOME: Smart Living transforms homes into responsive, efficient spaces by integrating technologies such as motion sensors, assistive devices, video monitoring, and interactive assistance modules. Imagine two-way video calling, daily reminders, and leisure activities at your fingertips! Each home is tailored to individual needs, with features like smart stovetops, seizure pads, wearable devices, and even smart toothbrushes. It's truly a new era of living!

A COLLABORATIVE JOURNEY: We're bringing the community along on this journey. In September and October, we hosted town hall meetings with employees, clients, guardians, and case managers to educate and spark excitement about Smart Living. And in November, we welcomed Danette Tolan as our Remote Support Manager—a dedicated leader to guide this program to success.

IMPLEMENTATION AND GROWTH: After careful assessments and "value mapping" (tracking how and when support is needed), we launched our first three Smart Homes in February 2025. Technology installations were completed, and two full-time Remote Support Professionals began providing support during overnight hours. To ease the transition, we initially maintained a physical presence in these homes alongside the new remote services.

LIVING SMART, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

With the success of our pilot homes, we're now gearing up for round two! Five additional homes are set to join the program by April, with expanded support during daytime hours. For individuals with higher needs, Smart Living offers an extra layer of care alongside in-person support.

WHY WE'RE EXCITED: Smart Living isn't just about technology—it's about empowerment. By reallocating resources where they're most needed, we can support more individuals while granting greater independence to those we currently serve. This program embodies our commitment to being at the forefront of service delivery and innovation. As we continue to grow, we're meeting extensively with clients and their teams to ensure success. Together, we're creating a brighter future filled with possibility. Stay tuned for more updates as we expand this incredible initiative!



OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME

Become a Host Home Provider

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our Host Home services, an incredible opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Host Homes, offered through Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and Supported Community Living (SCL) Services, provide a nurturing environment where individuals can thrive and grow within the care of a host family.

MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT

As a Host Home provider, you'll play a pivotal role in helping individuals develop life skills such as cooking, cleaning, budgeting, socialization, personal hygiene, and more—laying the foundation for greater independence. This partnership is more than just support; it's about creating a bond and inviting someone to become part of your family. Through this rewarding role, you'll guide, care for, and advocate for the individual living in your home, helping them live their best life and engage with their community. In turn, you'll find your own life enriched by the experiences and relationships you build together.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOST FAMILIES

Host Home providers are independent contractors, with Hope Haven offering ongoing support, guidance, and training resources to ensure your success. By opening your heart and home, you'll not only be changing someone else's life but positively impacting your own.

GET INVOLVED TODAY

Hope Haven is currently seeking Host Home providers in NW and Great Lakes Region in Iowa. If you or someone you know is interested in this life-changing opportunity, please contact Nytasha Truog at 712-298-1739 or email ntuog@hopehaven.org. Together, let's create brighter futures and extend the hope of community and independence to those we serve.

10 WORKSHOPS, ONE MISSION

Providing Mobility and Hope Worldwide

At Hope Haven International Ministries, we are deeply grateful for the 10 wheelchair workshops that form the backbone of our mission. These incredible volunteer-driven workshops are vital to what we do—providing free wheelchairs to children and adults in need around the world, extending mobility and the hope of Jesus Christ to those who need it most.

Our dedicated volunteers are the reason we can produce wheelchairs at a low cost, ensuring more individuals gain independence. Their commitment inspires us daily, as they selflessly give their time and talent to meet the needs of people across the globe. Each piece crafted, refurbished, or assembled by these amazing teams contributes to the bigger picture of changing lives onewheelchair at a time.

HERE'S HOW EACH OF OUR 10 WORKSHOPS PLAY A KEY ROLE:

- **SPIRIT OF JOY LUTHERAN WOODWORKING SHOP (SIOUX FALLS, SD):** Cuts, routes, and prepares wooden components for Hope Haven Kid Chair seating systems.
- **BROOKINGS SHOP (BROOKINGS, SD):** Repurposes mattress foam into wheelchair cushions, assembles inserts, and finishes headrests for KidChair production.
- **BROOKINGS AIRPORT SHOP (BROOKINGS, SD):** Our newest shop, specializing in refurbishing wheelchairs and supporting KidChair production. A space for groups to help cut, sew, and refurbish materials.
- **ORANGE CITY SHOP (ORANGE CITY, IA):** Recently reopened in its new location. This shop focuses on sewing and assembling seating systems, making use of materials crafted by other shops.
- **ROCK VALLEY SHOP (ROCK VALLEY, IA):** Hosts refurbishing, sewing, and KidChair production, rebuilding inventory post-flood while resuming production of new chairs.
- **SIOUX FALLS SHOP (SIOUX FALLS, SD):** Our primary distribution hub, assembling components for KidChairs bound for Mexico and Kenya.
- **HARVEST CALL SHOP (LESTER, IA):** Creates the majority of wood parts for KidChairs and helps assemble cushions for refurbished wheelchairs.
- **EDGERTON SHOP (EDGERTON, MN):** Specializes in refurbishing complex rehab chairs.
- **GEORGE SHOP (GEORGE, IA):** Focuses on refurbishing folding wheelchairs.
- **SDSP SHOP (SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PENITENTIARY):** Cuts, sews, and assembles inserts to complete KidChair seating systems for global distribution.

These workshops exemplify teamwork and compassion, bringing mobility to those who might otherwise live in isolation. Join our volunteer network and directly impact lives through cutting, sewing, assembling, or refurbishing. Together, we can continue this life-changing mission! **GET INVOLVED TODAY!** To learn more about our volunteer program and how you can make a difference, please contact Kelly TeSlaa at 605-332-8300 or email kteslaa@hopehaven.org.



In 2024, HHIM delivered
3,865 wheelchairs

- 41 - Overseas Needs (Individual Efforts)
- 74 - Peru (Eleanore's Project)
- 1,398 - Mexico (Hope Haven West)
- 277 - Various Countries (Joni and Friends)
- 125 - Ethiopia (Agape Mobility)
- 20 - Mexico (ROC Wheels)
- 286 - Costa Rica (Moviendo Esperanzas)
- 228 - Peru (Beneficencia De Lima)
- 824 - Kenya (Living with Hope)
- 256 - Guatemala (Bethel)
- 200 - Indonesia (Global Mobility)
- 20 - Peru (MMI)
- 121 - Liberia (Boimah Kennedy)

Be the Change: Join Hope Haven's Distribution Trip! Change lives, spread hope, and create unforgettable memories. Your compassion can bring mobility and independence to those in need. Be part of something truly transformative!

- Ethiopia: April 25 – May 4
- Costa Rica: June 24 – July 1
- Kenya: November 2 – 12



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Learn more at hopehaven.org/events

SIGN UP FOR EMAILS: Scan the QR code to join our email list! We'll only send a few emails a month, with community updates and reminders about upcoming events.



27TH ANNUAL FISHING BENEFIT

7 AM | Fort Randall Dam | Pickstown, SD

JUNE
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Ready to cast your line and join the fun on the Missouri River this summer? Come along for an exciting day of fishing while supporting Hope Haven's mission. With amazing prizes up for grabs in every category, it's a great way to make memories and make a difference! The entry fee is \$60, and kids under 16 can join for free. Let's reel in some fun together!

35TH ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT

11 AM | Emerald Hills Golf Course | Arnolds Park, IA

JUNE
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Grab your clubs and hit the fairway for a tournament that makes a difference! For \$150 per golfer, you'll enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, a delicious meal along with snacks and appetizers, exciting raffle and pin prizes, and a special entry gift. With space limited to 144 golfers, don't miss your chance to play this premier course while supporting a great cause. Sign up today!

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RUSSELL DICKERSON COUNTRY CONCERT | ALL AGES

7:30 PM Show | The District | Sioux Falls, SD

Exciting News! Don't miss this incredible country concert featuring Russell Dickerson, who quickly stood out from the pack with four consecutive career-starting singles reaching No. One on the Billboard Country Airplay chart. Known for hits like "Yours," "Blue Tacoma," "Every Little Thing," and "God Gave Me A Girl," his latest single, "Bones," is already making waves! Grab your tickets now and join us for an unforgettable night of music!

HOPE HAVEN MEMORIAL

(As of 3.06.2025)

Memorial Gifts to Hope Haven honor the lives of loved ones by creating a brighter future for individuals with disabilities. These meaningful tributes reflect the donor's love for the Lord and leave a lasting legacy that supports the impactful work of God's Kingdom. Your gift will help meet the special needs of our clients. Each memorial is permanently recorded in Hope Haven's "Book of Remembrance," serving as a beautiful and enduring tribute.

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