

CDBG Funding Request

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CDBG Program Administration

Funding Request: \$77,001.00

Funding Category: Planning and Administration

Subject To: 20% Cap of Total Allocation

Presented By Matthew Younce

Funding Request

Coldwater of Lee's Summit Weekend Food Packs

Funding Request: \$15,000.00

Funding Category: Public Service

Subject To: 15% Cap of Total Allocation

Presented By Sarah Knight

WEEKEND FOOD PACKS

Currently serving 407 students between:

- 13 Elementary Schools
- 4 Preschool/Headstart Programs
- Bernard Campbell Middle School
- Miller Park Center





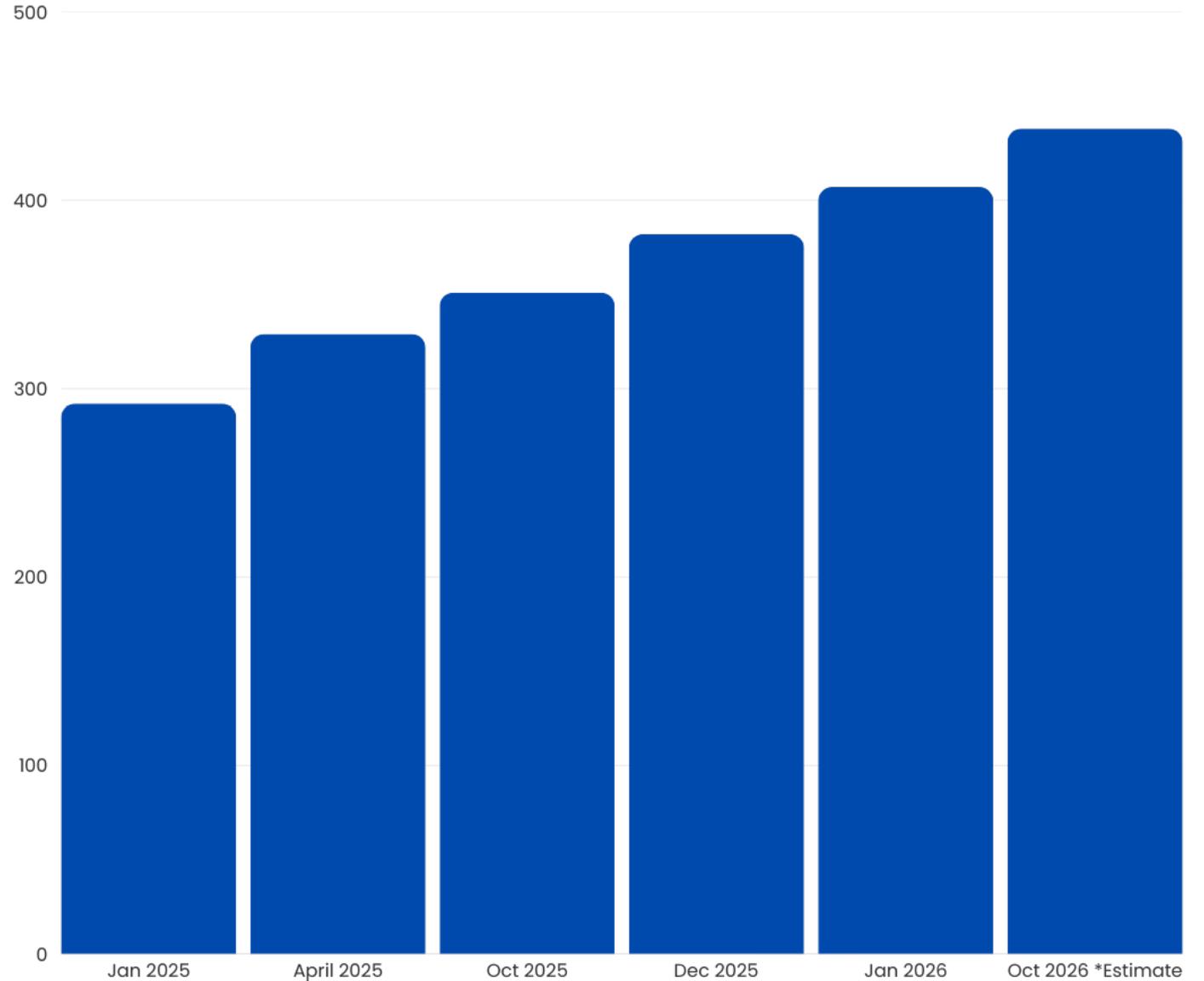
Program Growth

Goal

Provide weekend food packs to every student identified as in need by our school partner.

Growth

- Spring 2025 - 13%
- Fall 2025 - 7%
- Winter 2025 - 9%
- **40% since January 2025**



Program Benefits

Better attendance: fewer absences and 9% fewer tardies.

Better grades: 4-8% improvement in grades. Students report improved understanding of assignments.

Better behavior: 12% decrease in discipline issues. Teachers report improved class participation and social skills.

Parents report their children have improved physical health; visits to the nurse decreased by 8%.



Funding Request

Hope House, Inc. Court Advocacy Program

Funding Request: \$20,000.00

Funding Category: Public Service

Subject To: 15% Cap of Total Allocation

Presented By Brandi Bair



 Hope House

COURT ADVOCACY PROGRAM

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- Focuses on keeping survivors safe and holding domestic violence offenders accountable.
- Services provided include crisis intervention, criminal court advocacy/accompaniment, civil legal advocacy/accompaniment, and individual advocacy.
- Partners with local law enforcement agencies and area courts to ensure there is a coordinated and comprehensive response to domestic violence in the community.
- Hope House anticipates grant funding will provide approximately 100 unduplicated survivors who reside in Lee's Summit with approximately 85 units of court advocacy services.

LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

- Officers use a researched based tool to assess survivors' risk of lethality.
- Hope House partners with local police departments, including Lee's Summit to administer the program.
- In 2025, a total of 1,174 survivors were assessed; 83% screened as high lethality.
- For Lee's Summit, a total of 276 survivors were assessed in 2025; 63% screened as high lethality.

NUMBER SERVED & DEMOGRAPHICS

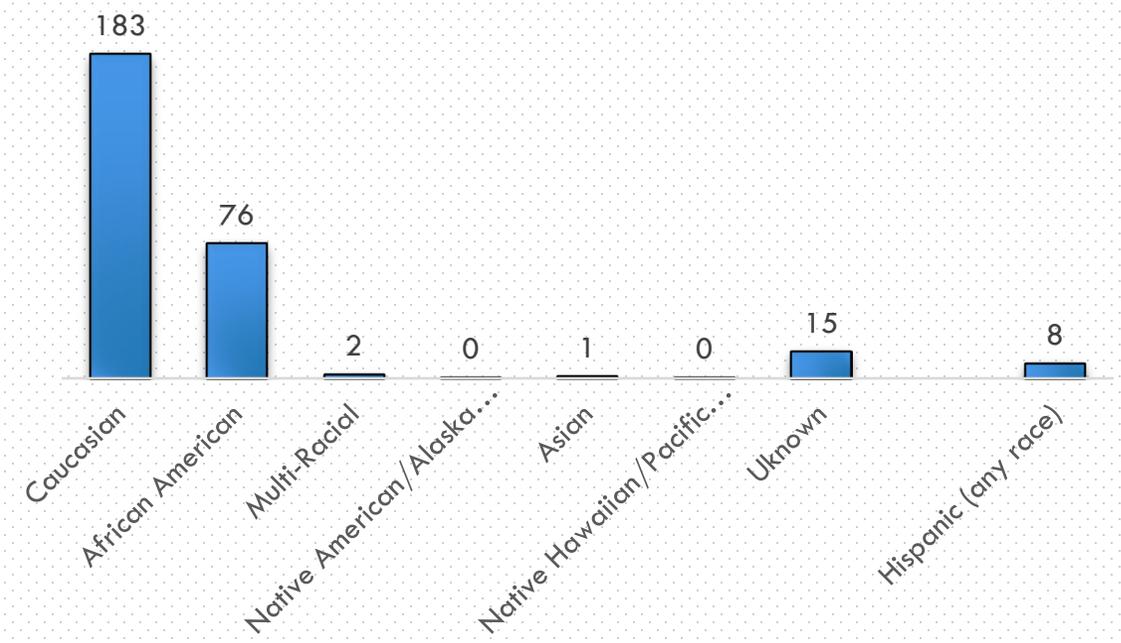
OVERALL LEE'S SUMMIT RESIDENTS (CY 2025)

Total Number of Survivors Served: 277
Total Interventions: 1,137
Total Hours of Service: 351.5

AGE



RACE/ETHNICITY



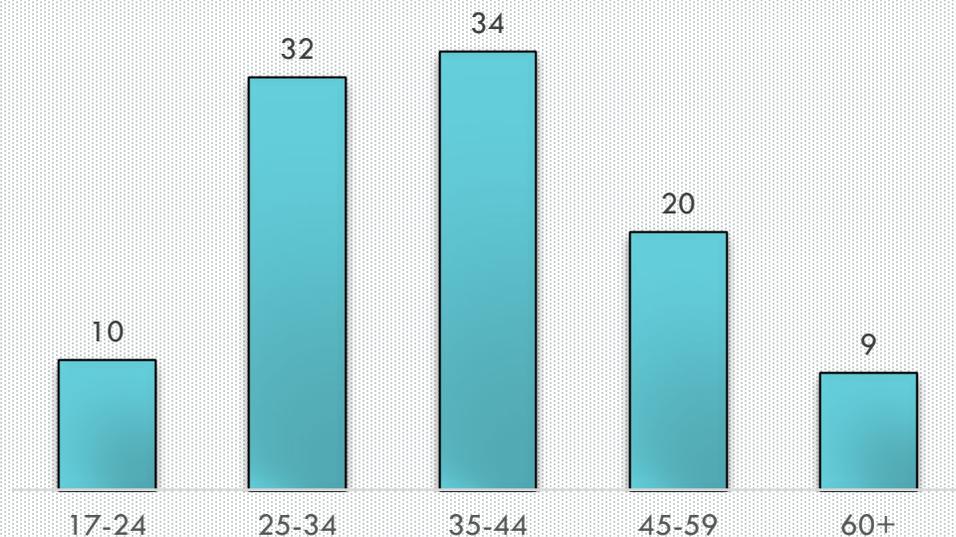
NUMBER SERVED & DEMOGRAPHICS CDBG FUNDED SERVICES (CY 2025)

Total Number of Survivors Served: 105

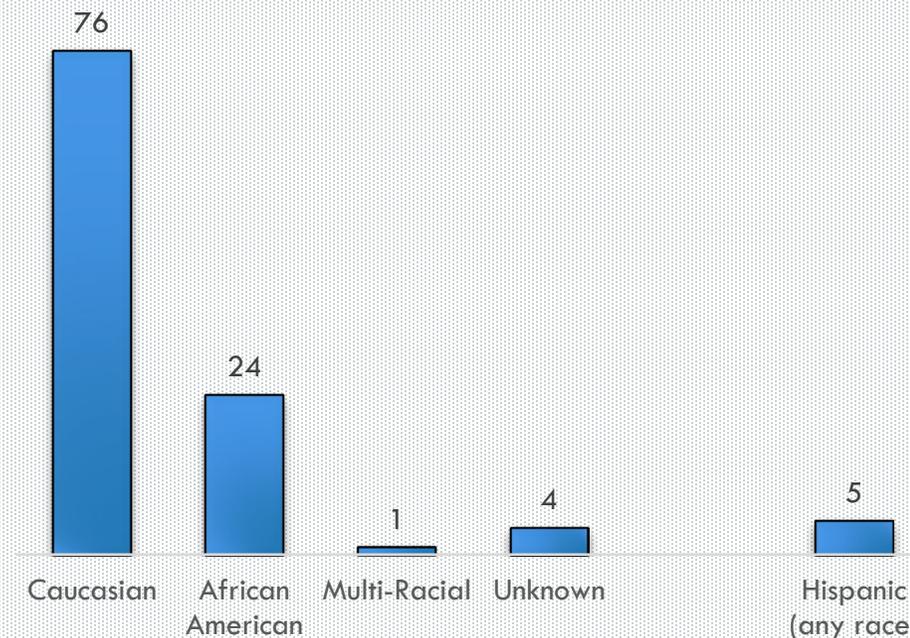
Total Interventions: 206

Total Hours of Service: 60

AGE



RACE/ETHNICITY



PROGRAM SUCCESS

- In 2025 survivors achieved the following outcomes:
 - 99% increased their strategies to enhance their safety;
 - 100% increased their knowledge of community resources;
 - 100% reported they understood their role in the court process; and
 - 100% reported feeling respected/supported by the Advocate who assisted them.

PROGRAM SUCCESS CONTINUED

- Megan (name changed for privacy and confidentiality purposes) was 18 weeks pregnant when her abuser hit her in the face. When she attempted to leave, her abuser broke her car window and got inside the car. Megan attempted to get out of the car, but her abuser grabbed her, began strangling her, and forced her to drive while holding a handgun in his lap.
- When they arrived back home, which was Megan's aunt's home, her abuser made her cover her face to hide her injuries and tell her family that she was sick due to pregnancy and was going to her room.
- Megan was able to contact police to report the assault. At that time, the officer completed a lethality assessment and connected Megan to Hope House's crisis hotline. Megan agreed to meet with a Court Advocate the next day.
- The Advocate met with Megan and offered additional support, including referrals for an order of protection, individual therapy, and support groups. Megan's abuser was arrested and charged for the assault.

Funding Request

Lee's Summit Social Services Operating Expenses

Funding Request: \$25,000.00

Funding Category: Public Service

Subject To: 15% Cap of Total Allocation

Presented By Megan Salerno

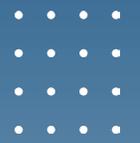


LEE'S SUMMIT SOCIAL SERVICES



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Established in 1992, Our Mission is to assist low-income, elderly, and/or disabled persons in the Lee's Summit Social Services area with emergency needs while enabling them to maintain their dignity and learn to set and meet realistic goals that will lead to greater independence.



EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THROUGH ESSENTIAL SUPPORT.

Assistance Provided:

- Rent/Utility Assistance
- Food Assistance
- Personal Hygiene/Baby Care items
- Prescriptions
- Back to School Program
- Christmas Program





2025 STATISTICS:

- Total amount of direct assistance: \$213,850.68
- Total amount of giving for 2025: \$1,417,183.16
- + 14,044 services provided to 2,537 individuals.



Funding Request

Hillcrest Transitional Housing Case Manager Salary

Funding Request: \$25,000.00

Funding Category: Public Service

Subject To: 15% Cap of Total Allocation

Presented By Lu Ann Ross

Hillcrest's Impact



Mission: To be a transitional housing program that helps homeless youth and families become self-supportive, self-reliant contributors to society.

Last year...

We served more than
695 households
totaling **1,458 individuals**
through our programs

Our program residents
**paid off or reduced their
debt by nearly \$197,500**
and saved over **\$266,000**

79 households
graduated from our 90-day
and youth programs or
were housed through RRH



“Hillcrest was so much more than a 90-day program. It was a community and c that gave us the support and encouragement we desperately needed. They gave me the skills and confidence to build a better life for my family and I will be forever grateful.

- Jennifer, Hillcrest Graduate

Who is Hillcrest?



- Hillcrest Transitional Housing offers homeless families, singles, and youth a disciplined educational program within a caring, support environment, addressing the total life situation of the homeless families we serve.
- In exchange for rent/utility-free housing, adults are required by written agreement to find full-time employment, obey program guidelines, and attend weekly volunteer-taught classes in life skills, employment, community living, and budgeting. Youth participants must work toward an educational goal, obtain part-time employment, and attend weekly counseling and independent living classes.
- Hillcrest also provides clients the following through a network of community support: auto repair/donation, food pantry, medical assistance, dental work, GED classes, haircuts, glasses, school clothes, work uniforms, bus passes, thrift store vouchers, rapid re-housing financial assistance, etc.



Hillcrest in Lee's Summit

16 units for 90-Day Transitional Housing
1 office/counseling space

In 2025, 44 households (95 individuals)
were provided transitional housing and
direct supportive services

Last year, we had a 62% graduation rate
with 27 households finding permanent
housing and achieving self-sufficiency

Homelessness in Our Community



The Effects of Homelessness

- Living on the streets is stressful and made worse by exposure to communicable diseases, violence, malnutrition, and harmful weather exposure.
- Inability to maintain a healthy diet or access food regularly.
- Behavioral health issues such as depression, anxiety, or substance abuse develop or worsen.
- Minor issues such as cuts or common colds easily develop into large problems such as infections or pneumonia.
- ER visits increase due to a lack of access to regular medical, dental, and wellness doctors.
- Those experiencing homelessness are 3 to 4 times more likely to die prematurely.

Ref – National Health Care for the Homeless Council

The Impact of a Gift from CDBG

- At least 39 homeless families receive safe, stable transitional housing and necessary supportive services (maintenance, utilities, salary, phone, insurance).
- Households move directly from homelessness, including the streets, emergency shelter, or situations involving violence or assault, into rental housing of their own, receiving necessary supportive services.
- 26 households break the cycle of poverty and homelessness FOREVER, obtaining permanent housing of their choosing, maintaining employment, and no longer receiving TANF welfare funds.
- These families pay off thousands of dollars in debt each year and place thousands in savings.
- They learn the skills necessary to lead stable, self-sufficient lives.
- Children and adults receive transportation assistance so they may successfully attend school and obtain or maintain employment.
- Households with high barriers to housing (multiple evictions, heavy debt load) may receive a deposit, first month's rent, utility payments, rental and/or utility arrears, and application fee assistance to help them exit homelessness and move into permanent housing of their choosing.

Funding Request

Essential Families Economic Mobility Program

Funding Request: \$75,000.00

Funding Category: Public Service

Subject To: 15% Cap of Total Allocation

Presented By Maria Pascual



Essential FamiliesSM

"Everything Starts At Home"

**FUNDING REQUEST TO
CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT CDBG
GRANT**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2026
PRESENTED BY: ESSENTIAL FAMILIES**



OVERVIEW

Essential Families is a data- and AI-driven 501(c)(3) nonprofit that delivers integrated wraparound services 24/7 to low-income families' homes, functioning as the "Amazon for social services and economic mobility." Since 2020, the organization has served 1,060 families through its Economic Mobility Program, which integrates telehealth, parenting services, and economic mobility interventions based on the Urban Institute's Upward Mobility Framework. The program maintains client satisfaction ratings of 4.9/5.0 for workshops and 4.8/5.0 for case management, with independent validation from UMKC confirming measurable outcomes across all five pillars of upward mobility.

KEY BARRIERS

These barriers prevent families from breaking the cycle of poverty and achieving stable economic independence



Limited financial literacy and digital access:

Families lack money management skills and internet connectivity needed for modern opportunities



Insufficient healthcare access:

No affordable primary care options lead to emergency room dependence for preventable conditions



Inadequate parenting support:

Parents need evidence-based guidance to support children's development and break intergenerational cycles



Difficulty navigating community resources:

Fragmented services across multiple agencies create confusion and prevent families from accessing available help



FUNDING REQUEST AND METRICS

\$75,000

Amount requested from
City of Lee's Summit
CDBG Grant

20 families
out of
1969

Number of families
that will be served
by the requested
budget

4.9 out
of 5

Economic Mobility
Program Workshops
Satisfaction Rating

Low-to-moderate income families



Households earning below area median income with school-age or younger children who need support to break intergenerational poverty cycles

Earning below 80% of Jackson County median income



The income threshold that qualifies families as low-to-moderate income under federal CDBG guidelines

Single-parent households



Families headed by one parent who face unique challenges balancing work, childcare, and meeting basic needs without dual household income

Working families unable to achieve self-sufficiency



Employed parents whose wages aren't sufficient to cover housing, healthcare, childcare, and other essential expenses despite full-time work

Families experiencing job loss, medical emergencies, housing instability



Households facing sudden destabilizing events that threaten their economic stability

Target Population

WHAT FAMILIES RECEIVE AT NO COST

Healthcare & Crisis Support



24/7 telehealth access for preventive and urgent medical care, plus round-the-clock crisis intervention when families face emergencies, eliminating barriers to timely healthcare and immediate assistance

Family Strengthening & Resource Navigation



Evidence-based parenting education programs, comprehensive case management, and coordinated warm-handoff referrals to community resources, ensuring families receive holistic support through a single entry point

Economic Empowerment & Digital Economic



Financial coaching and literacy training paired with free digital devices and internet connectivity, providing both the skills and tools families need to access employment, education, and economic opportunities

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

- 1. Program Enrollment:** 20 Lee's Summit low-to-moderate income families enrolled and actively participating in integrated services
- 2. Healthcare Access & Utilization:** 80+ annual telehealth visits per family with reduced emergency room dependence for preventable care
- 3. Employment Outcomes:** Families achieving job placement, increased wages, or career advancement leading toward self-sufficiency
- 4. Educational Attainment:** Increases in parent education completion and children's academic progress through family support
- 5. Housing Stability:** Families maintaining or improving housing security, avoiding eviction, and achieving safe living conditions
- 6. Digital Economic Achievement:** Families receiving devices with internet connectivity and demonstrating improved digital literacy for employment and education access
- 7. Family Satisfaction & Financial Progress:** Client satisfaction scores of 4.8–4.9/5.0 with quarterly improvements in financial stability and literacy



Essential FamiliesSM
"Everything Starts At Home"

Investment in Essential Families Economic Mobility Program

Request:

\$75,000 CDBG Funding to:

Serve 20 Lee's Summit low-to-moderate
income families

Provide coordinated, comprehensive
support services

Break down barriers to economic
self-sufficiency

Reduce strain on emergency services and
public programs

Create lasting generational change

Get in touch



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Funding Request

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity Home Preservation Program

Funding Request: \$200,000.00

Funding Category: Construction/Other

Subject To: No Cap

Presented By Christina Leakey

Home Preservation Program 2026-27

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity is seeking to continue their partnership with the City of Lee's Summit by providing a variety of construction related services for existing low-to-moderate income homeowners in Lee's Summit. This collaboration between the City and the Home Preservation Program at Truman Habitat has assisted over 65 Lee's Summit homeowners since 2020.



We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Home Preservation in Lee's Summit

2026-27 Critical Needs Include:

- Hazardous electrical remediation
- Plumbing/sewer failure
- HVAC replacement
- Radon mitigation
- Foundation repair and water diversion
- Hazardous tree removal
- Weatherization to reduce utility cost burdens
- Code violations



Habitat provides a **Hand-up**. Not a Hand-out.

Lee's Summit homeowners agree to partner with Truman Habitat's Home Preservation Program for their critical and minor home repairs by participating in Sweat Equity. Sweat equity provides an opportunity for families to increase personal investment in their home and support Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity's mission.



Sweat Equity Opportunities Include:

- Prepare space for home repair
- Volunteer at Construction site, Habitat office, or ReStore
- Donate household items to ReStore
- Participate in HOPE Program workshops
- House yard sign
- Share testimonial

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