

DECEMBER 2021

# HOPE FOR APPALACHIA

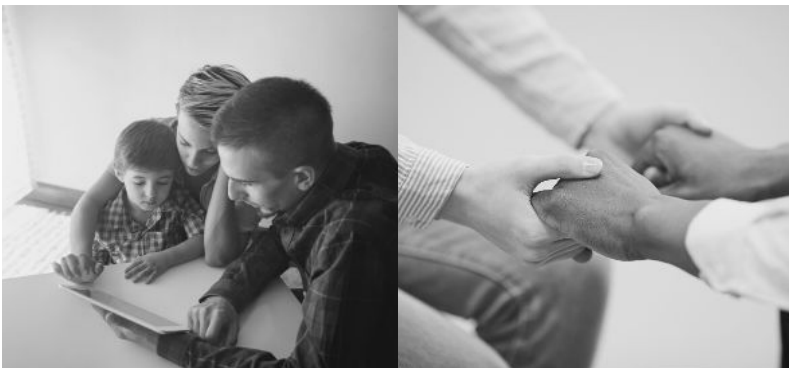
## UPDATE



### End of Year Giving

Thank you for your generous support to Hope for Appalachia in 2021. Your faithfulness has allowed us to continue to serve men, women, children, and families that have been impacted by addiction.

If you would like to make a year end gift that will be on your 2021 tax receipt, the envelope must be post marked by December 31st. If you have any questions, please email Erin at [erin@hopeforappalachia.org](mailto:erin@hopeforappalachia.org).



- 2021 donations must be postmarked by December 31, 2021
- The Children's Resource Center Office will be closed December 24th-January 3rd. If you have any questions or know of a family that needs assistance please contact Erin at [erin@hopeforappalachia.org](mailto:erin@hopeforappalachia.org)
- Our Resource Center is in need of toiletry items to support our HOPE Closet Program

## A Year in Review



Like many other organizations, COVID-19 has brought about many unexpected changes to the way the Children's Resource Center serves our community because the needs of our community have changed so much. The CRC has been diligent to remain flexible while staying on mission; serving those who have been impacted by addiction.

Our partnerships with Step by Step and Kanawha County Schools have allowed us to serve the needs of many children and families.

The Snack Pack Program focused on addressing food insecurity to children in low-income areas in Charleston. We helped deliver over 70,000 meals to children from 2020-2021. Each bag of food prepared included verses of encouragement and gospel truths.

Nearly 30 Kanawha County Schools have partnered with us through our HOPE Closet Program. This ongoing program has allowed us to distribute over 3,000 items to children in schools that do not have access to basic hygiene or toiletry items at home.

This partnership has given more families and children access the CRC and the services we provide. Social workers and staff reach out to the CRC when they have specific needs from families and they also refer families that have been impacted by addiction to us for additional support.

Some of our most treasured interactions are appointments we have with clients in our office. It is a time we get to hear the stories of individuals that are working to give their children the best care that they can after a spouse has left their family because of an active addiction, or they are working to repair their family after going through addiction recovery. We are able to give them items they need, help them fill out paperwork, pray with them, and share the gospel.



## Looking Ahead

Since COVID-19, the rate of overdoses in West Virginia has been the highest it has ever been. In 2020 alone over 1,300 West Virginians died from fatal overdoses. Those 1,300 people had family, friends, and were loved.

Be in prayer for Hope for Appalachia as we expand programs in 2022 where there are gaps in service in our community. We desire to help them overcome past hurt, trauma, and abuse so they can have freedom from addiction and HOPE in the Gospel.