

A MESSAGE  
ABOUT  
HOPE

HANK RUSH,  
PRESIDENT & CEO



“I came because I needed **help and stability** for myself and my little baby. And God helped me get here to **Star of Hope.**” – SHALAY

HOPE THRIVES HERE, GROWS HERE,  
LIVES HERE

I cannot show you photos of the 1,000 men, women and children who will call **Star of Hope** “home” tonight...but as you read through our story and see the faces of those we have served remember this:

Every smile you see was put there by someone like you, who, moved by compassion, gave to support our comprehensive programs for daily care and long-term solutions to homelessness.

This brochure will introduce you to our family of ministries. I hope you will also visit **sohmission.org** to hear some of the residents share their inspiring stories in their own words.

Each and every day of the year—**24 hours a day, seven days a week**—men, women and children with nowhere else to turn, come to us for food, shelter, emergency services and spiritual rescue. Following Christ’s calling, we are moving those helpless souls in our care from homeless ... to hope.

*Hank*



OUR MISSION

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. Positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse.

LOCATIONS

**Doris & Carlross  
Morris Men’s  
Development Center**  
1811 Ruiz  
Houston, TX 77002  
713.227.8900

**Women and  
Family Development  
Center at Cornerstone  
Community®**  
2575 Reed Road  
Houston, TX 77051  
713.222.2220

**New Horizons Office**  
4848 Loop Central Dr.,  
Suite 500  
Houston, TX 77081  
713.748.0700

**Donation and  
Distribution Center**  
2320 Lamar  
Houston, TX 77003  
713.748.0700

**Star of Hope Mission  
Administrative Offices**  
4848 Loop Central Dr.,  
Suite 500  
Houston, TX 77081  
713.748.0700

FROM THE BEGINNING

Established in 1907, Star of Hope began as an outreach to Houston’s homeless and alcoholic men. As women and children became the fastest growing homeless population, we developed programs to meet their needs by sharing adequate resources and an efficient operation that provides good meals and clean clothing ... warm beds and hot showers ... critical care and compassionate counseling ... education and skills training ... workforce development and job placement ... and so many other ways of transitioning those in need to living productive, independent lives.

Your gifts of compassion  
help homeless neighbors  
become self-sufficient  
members of our  
community.

“Now faith is confidence in what  
we **hope for** and **assurance**  
about what we do not see.”  
— HEBREWS 11:1 NIV



“This was one  
of the most  
**profound**  
experiences of  
my entire life —  
I began to trust  
God.” – LAWRENCE



share



HOPE  
THRIVES  
HERE



HOPE  
GROWS  
HERE



HOPE  
LIVES  
HERE

SHARE HOPE TODAY!

There are so many ways you can reach out to help our neighbors in need:

- Donate online, by mail or by phone
- Drop off clothing, diapers and other goods
- Become a monthly supporter through EFT or credit card
- Give stocks or other property
- Include Star of Hope in your estate planning with a will or bequest

To hear some of the residents share their inspiring stories in their own words, visit **www.sohmission.org**. You will also discover volunteer opportunities for yourself, your family, church or other group. **Give of yourself — you will be amazed at the joy you get back!**

WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE TO LIVE  
WITHOUT HOPE?

Thousands of men, women and children are homeless tonight in Houston. Many are jobless and have stories of family tragedy and abuse — including drug and alcohol addiction and domestic violence. But worst of all, they have no opportunities, no light at the end of the tunnel and no reason even to dream of a better future. They have no hope! They are the “least of these,” abandoned by society...but not by you. When you partner with Star of Hope, you welcome them into hope, healing and the possibility of new life.

Star of  
hope

4848 Loop Central Dr.,  
Suite 500  
Houston, Texas 77081  
713.748.0700  
**www.sohmission.org**



welcome





**The Star of Hope Family of Ministries** serves Houston's homeless men, women and children daily with help for their immediate crisis needs and with longer term life-changing structured recovery programs focusing on spiritual, educational, vocational and employment needs. This continuum of services is designed to restore a balanced and happy life and help these individuals and families achieve true independent living.



## Ending homelessness ... one life, one family at a time.

### MEN'S MINISTRIES

The **Men's Development Center** provides homeless men with wholesome food, safe shelter, and short and long-term spiritual recovery programs. Services include:

- Alcohol and drug education
- Life skill classes to provide tools for independent living
- Work therapy, tutoring, GED, workforce development and employment assistance
- Spiritual skills classes to ground each man in the Word of God and Christ-centered living

### SINGLE WOMEN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

The **Women and Family Development Center at Star of Hope's Cornerstone Community®** provides a continuum of care including crisis services through intensive programs offering stability, personal development and hope. Each day at the Women & Family Development Center we house up to 150 families and 180 single women which starts them on the path to stability. We provide programs to help residents break the generational cycle of abuse, neglect and addiction that traps so many single women and families.

- 30 days to 18 months of basic care through transformational programs
- Case Management
- Safe housing and basic services
- Needed social services, guidance, therapy and support to begin healing emotional scars
- UTCADA licensed intensive substance abuse recovery program
- Spiritual recovery, Bible studies and chapel services
- Work force development and education to help set and achieve employment goals and independent living
- A state-licensed Children's Program, including child care, preschool, after school activities, and homework assistance
- A Teen Program focusing on education and healthy living patterns and transition to college
- Referrals for and assistance to secure permanent housing



### INDEPENDENT LIVING AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**New Horizons and Jump Start** provide a supportive environment for employed Star of Hope Mission program graduates to thrive and grow and avoid a return to homelessness. Services include:

- a community of support including case management and social activities
- rental and childcare subsidies which decrease over time as families/individuals become more established in their new way of life
- financial coaching and classes to promote better money management skills
- accountability and emotional support to promote long-term sobriety and successful independent living

**New Haven** offers permanent supportive housing and services to *chronically homeless single* men and women who have a mental, emotional, or physical disability, or experience co-occurring disorders (mental illness AND substance abuse issues). Individuals are referred through the City of Houston's Coordinated Access system. Services and support include:

- permanent housing and stability
- community support including case management and social activities
- transportation, education, enrichment, and encouragement from a Christian perspective
- classes, support groups, and one-on-one counseling for mental and physical health awareness, harm reduction, money management, and job/life skills to promote successful independent living

**New Heights** offers services to *homeless families* living in permanent supportive housing. Families are referred via the city's Coordinated Access system. Services and support include:

- robust collaboration with New Hope Housing, Inc. (housing provider), Houston Housing Authority (voucher for rental assistance), Buckner Family Hope Center (children and family services including after school care, intensive family coaching, and more), and Star of Hope Mission to provide affordable, stable housing and supportive services for housing preservation
- transportation, education, enrichment and Christian encouragement
- classes, support groups, and one-on-one counseling for mental and physical health awareness, harm reduction, money management, and job/life skills to promote successful independent living
- a community providing staff and peer support



Star of  
hope

STAR OF HOPE MISSION  
4848 Loop Central Dr., Suite 500  
Houston, TX 77081  
713-748-0700  
[www.sohmission.org](http://www.sohmission.org)

