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Hope-Filled Organization:

Hope Chicago



Every family deserves the chance to succeed.

Hope Chicago is an economic mobility initiative that supports two generations of South and West Side families to and through debt-free postsecondary and workforce pathways all over Illinois.

In February 2022, Hope Chicago partnered with five community high schools on Chicago's South, Southwest, and West Sides to offer debt-free postsecondary and workforce pathways to *every currently enrolled family*—students and parents, grades 9-12—in *each building*.

Building a Prosperous Future: Trades, Professional Certifications, or a Diploma—regardless of the path, education after high school is required to build wealth and compete in today's economy.

Accessing, persisting in, and completing debt-free postsecondary education, training, and credentials is key to creating a more prosperous future for all, especially those in underserved communities.

Hope Chicago is driving systemic change in how Illinois families access and experience education after high school.

To view two, 4 to 5 minute videos about the Hope Chicago program, click on these links, one video at a time:

<https://www.hopechicago.org/why-hope>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLvFMrcggXM>

Hope-Filled Organization:

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



Random Acts of Kindness started in 1982 and has grown to encompass a large group of supporters in our county and around the world who perform acts of kindness as an important part of their lives.

Here is link to their website: [The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation | Welcome](https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/)

There are many videos of individuals and groups doing random acts of kindness (RAKs)

Here is a link to one of them (6 minutes) which I particularly enjoyed. I hope you enjoy the video also.

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-videos/17-the-colorado-rockies-on-kindness>

Hope-Filled Organization:



Since 1978, Camp One Step has brought happiness, support, strength, and hope to hundreds of campers and their families each year.

Our FREE in-person camps and CONNECTED digital programs serve kids with cancer (whether newly diagnosed, in-treatment, or in remission), their siblings, and even their parents. Inclusion, accessibility, connections and empowerment are core to our mission. At Camp One Step, kids make forever friendships, reclaim childhood, and families feel whole again.

Camp is not a place; it is a community!

Thanks to our community of campers, families, over 400 volunteers, and generous supporters, the magic of camp can be felt anytime, anywhere.

Cancer is an unbelievable weight on a child's life. At home and at school, physically and emotionally, it changes everything. Their days become increasingly defined by a shuffling between appointments—hospital to hospital, treatment to treatment.

But living with cancer is about more than just cancer, especially for kids—vibrant, loving, tenacious, incredible kids. It's about living. We saw a need to provide these kids with new and exciting experiences, so we built Camp One Step on these fundamental truths:

- **Childhood is invaluable.** We give kids the opportunity to run and play, to laugh and learn, to practice a favorite hobby or try something new.
- **Community is an incredible source of strength.** We offer them a space to meet people and make friends, to share stories and inspiration.
- **Our campers are unstoppable.** We encourage them to take on the world.

[Learn more about our Camps](#)

Hope-Filled Organization:



EMBRACE HOPE

Our holistic HOPE Equation delivers transformative and lasting change for families and communities by focusing on 4 key areas —

Housing

Hunger Relief

Healthcare

Education

Click on this link for a 3 minute, 18 second video about this organization [The People Helping People Network](#)

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Hope From the Bottom Up website link: <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/>

Or send me an email (robert@robertbeezat.com) with the name and email address of the person you think would be interested. I will then contact them.

Thank You