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**Hope Newsletter January 2024**

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2024**

**May it be full of fun, sunshine, and love!**

**So start off the new year with some singing and dancing, click on the link:**

[The Jive Aces present "Bring Me Sunshine" \(Morecambe & Wise theme\) - Bing video](#)

**Story of Hope:**



I received the email below from one of the subscribers to the Hope From the Bottom Up website and monthly newsletter.

*"Dear Robert, I thought you might find the Attitude of Gratitude (AoG) website and related Facebook group interesting and worth sharing with the Hope From The Bottom Up group. Here is the link to Attitude of Gratitude (AoG). <https://www.gratitudeaddict.com/attitude-of-gratitude-with-chronic-pain>*

*There's a Facebook Group with the name, and then Lauren Zalewski (the founder of the group) has gratitude addict as a webpage.*

*Like I said, it helped me TREMENDOUSLY when I was devastated by my injury and pain and accompanying physical limitations. It helped me "move" my mindset to what I could do, even if that meant drawing in a reclining position! I was approximately member number 450 back in 2015 when I joined the group, and now there are over 10,000 members. People make positive connections with others who are in the same boat! We don't discuss anything medical or about pain on the Facebook page. It's prohibited. But some people break off into their own Chat Groups on Messenger, which is private amongst the Chat Group members.*

*Sharing this information in your Hope Newsletter would be awesome. If it can help anyone else who sees it or they spread the word to someone else who may benefit from it, that would be great."*

Hope-Filled Organization:

## Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)

SUPPORTING ENTREPRENEURS & "PUTTING DREAMS TO WORK" SINCE 1987



### What We Care About

WWBIC is a leading innovative statewide economic development corporation that's been "Putting Dreams to Work" since 1987.

We open the doors of opportunity by providing underserved individuals who are interested in starting, strengthening or expanding businesses with access to critical resources such as responsible financial products and quality business and financial training.

We focus on individuals who face barriers in accessing traditional financing or resources in pursuit of their dreams and economic well-being ... in particular women, people of color, veterans, rural and lower wealth individuals. Every day we work hard to achieve our social goal of improving the economic well-being of individuals by advancing inclusive entrepreneurship and facilitating self-sufficiency strategies.

### Opportunity & Hope

The Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC) has provided business loans and access to fair and responsible capital, quality business and financial wellness training, and one-on-one coaching since 1987. WWBIC's impact is seen through the many entrepreneurs, business owners and individuals whom we assist. Our work and support put your business *dreams* to work.

Every day we are inspired to improve the economic well-being of our fellow residents. While we care about everyone, we focus our efforts on those underserved in the financial market which includes women, veterans, rural, low-wealth and people of color.



*WWBIC staff and program participants on the State Capitol steps in Madison Wisconsin*

To learn more about WWBIC, click on this link: [WWBIC | Putting Dreams to Work Since 1987](#)

Hope-Filled Organization:



## Community Diaper Programs

**National Diaper Bank Network provides technical assistance and resources to help establish sustainable diaper banks and pantries in your own community. We are here to assist you.**



**MEET THE NEED**

## Start a Diaper Bank

### **Are You Ready to Help Children and Families in Your Community?**

The National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) is here to help you assess the need in your community. Equally important, we are here to help you determine how to gauge the level of support for such efforts in your community. Our goal is to help create sustainable diaper bank programs. If your goal is to establish a NDBN member diaper bank or pantry, you'll want to consider NDBN service areas and benchmarks.

#### **What Are Service Areas?**

Diaper need is pervasive in almost all communities throughout the United States. Diaper banks are needed in most all communities from frontier areas to densely populated urban cities. Before you begin, it is important – mostly for the community in need – that you reach out to any NDBN-member organizations near the area you plan to serve. NDBN commits to helping its members grow through smart and sustainable planning. Sometimes this includes regional and state-wide expansion. Whenever possible, we welcome the opportunity to help you contribute your skills and talents to an existing NDBN project.

- If you're passionate about starting your own independent diaper program from the ground up, NDBN and any nearby members can help identify a service area in need of support.

#### **What Are Benchmarks?**

In order to become a certified NDBN-member diaper bank program, all organizations must demonstrate nonprofit best practices and diaper program milestones. These benchmarks cover four key areas:

- Governance
- Participation
- Fundraising and Finance
- Advocacy

If your team is interested in striving to demonstrate these benchmarks, NDBN staff are ready to provide support and assistance to help your program become a certified NDBN member. All NDBN member organizations adhere to or demonstrate the benchmarks. To learn more about this organization click on this link: [Index - National Diaper Bank Network](#)

Hope-Filled Organization:



**Providing warmth, confidence, and hope through basic need programs that connect underserved kids to community resources needed to thrive.**

**Operation Warm's Mission has always been focused on the whole child.** Our tagline, 'more than a coat' means that the coats and shoes we provide don't just provide physical warmth, but also emotional warmth, the confidence to socialize and succeed, and hope of a brighter future. We're proud to say that over the last 23 years, these gifts have become a bridge between our partners and families in need to access critical resources.



**Operation Warm ensures that the brand-new coats and shoes we gift, go to the kids that need them the most.** Our beneficiary organizations are nonprofits and 501(c)(3) organizations who support children and families in need such as Head Starts, Title 1 schools where 40%+ of students' families are at or below 150% of the federally prescribed poverty level, and other urgent need human service organizations like homeless shelters, community libraries, foster care, agencies, and more.

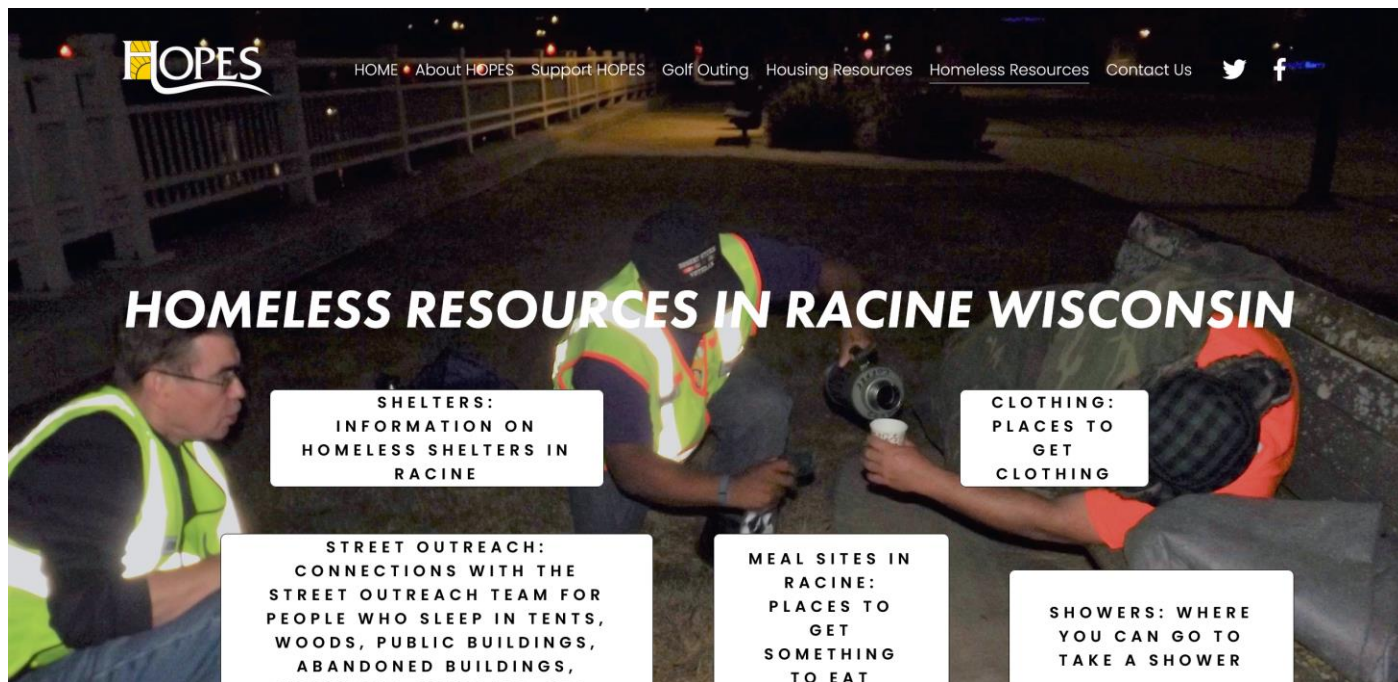


To learn more about Operation Warm, click on this link: [Operation Warm](https://www.operationwarm.org/)



Hope-Filled Organization:

**Recognizing the worth and dignity of each person,  
HOPES helps people end their homelessness.**



**Racine Dominican Founded:** HOPES was founded in 2008 by the [Racine Dominicans](#) as a sponsored ministry. A lot has changed since then, but HOPES remains a Racine Dominican Mission Partner and “Committed to Truth, Compelled to Justice.”

**An Alliance Member:** HOPES is a member of the [Continuum of Care for the City and County of Racine](#) and its outreach arm, the Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County. HOPES collaborates closely with other organizations that work with people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and/or have a mental health challenge.

**A Service Provider:** HOPES provides services directly to people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness in their journey to a stable home. Services are provided at the HOPES Center office, on the streets at night, and other remote locations.

**HOPES** is a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization. To learn more about HOPES and the work it does, click on this link: [Homeless Resources — HOPES \(hopescenter.org\)](#)

## Share this Newsletter!

If you find this Newsletter to be a positive contribution to promote Hope and positive changes for now and in the future, please forward this Newsletter to people you think would enjoy it and who may want to share their hopeful stories and programs for future Newsletters. They can sign up for the monthly Newsletters by doing the following:



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

**Thank You**