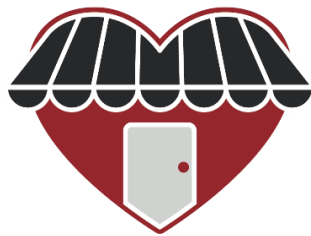




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Hope-Filled Organization: This is a new organization getting started in Kenosha, WI



small business
BIG HEARTS

Together, we make it easier for local kids to thrive.

We unite small business leaders and professionals to meet real needs in our community — from basics to mentorship — through hands-on projects, practical support, and joyful events.

Who We Are

Small Business, Big Hearts is a civic club and nonprofit uniting small business leaders and professionals to make a lasting impact on local children.

We focus on three areas: Basic Needs, Joy & Enrichment, and Empowerment & Mentorship.

We keep it simple, personal, and action-oriented — partnering with schools, nonprofits, and community groups to deliver help that's thoughtful and effective.



Join us as we deliver beds to local children in need, so they no longer have to sleep on the floor.

Volunteers are welcome — no experience necessary! Contact us for more details.
[Small Business, Big Hearts](#)

Hope-Filled Organization:



GUARDIANS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Guardians of the Children is to recognize and react to child abuse and educate the public to do the same; to serve as advocates to provide strength and stability to families in crisis; and be an answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen for courage, support, and protection.

We serve as a public benefit organization. Our vision is to improve the quality of life in our community by educating the public and making them aware of the steps to take in order to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child abuse.

GOC is a Biker Organization also dedicated to protecting the victims of child abuse. Our alliances as Bikers allow us the ability to call upon resources that might not generally be available to the public at large.

We partner with Children Advocacy Agencies, Victim Assistance Groups and others to raise awareness of the prevalence of child abuse. GOC assist these agencies by being one of many resources available to them and introduce the child into our organization where it has been determined it would be beneficial in order to lend support to their family and at the same time protect that child.

Our members share a common goal in that we enjoy the open road on our iron horses and are here to convey an important message; 'We stand as one prepared to protect this priceless resource'

“Valor, Truth & Integrity is the Guardian way”

Click on this link to view a 2 and a half minute video about “The Guardians of the Children:”
<https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/rev-up-for-a-cause-guardians-of-the-children-host-wheels-against-child-abuse-car-bike-show>

Hope-Filled Organizations:



Faith in Action International supports grassroots organizing that enables those who are most vulnerable and exploited to build political and economic power to better their lives and communities.

The organizations we support in Central America, Africa, the Caribbean and Eastern Europe train leaders and equip them with the tools to:

Put their faith values into practice,

Organize their communities,

Decide on community priorities,

Hold public officials accountable,

Create economic opportunity,

Generate income for vulnerable families, and

Press for more inclusive and effective policies to reduce poverty and suffering and

Make society more equitable.



Organizing Takes Flight in Colombia

“The Church should not shut itself inside the temple. It must go into the streets to provide assistance, human development, and advocacy. I invited COFOA because we need a method to develop Christians who are more engaged in public advocacy.”

– **Monsignor Juan Carlos Barreto, Bishop of Soacha Diocese, Bogota, Colombia**

These words were shared at a diocesan-wide gathering of clergy and lay leaders from 52 parishes, where COFOA organizers **Miguel Hernández** and **José Amaya** were introduced. They visited parishes and communities to explore organizing in Bogotá.

Clergy and lay leaders shared stories of political corruption, social marginalization, and urgent local needs—from food insecurity and inadequate schooling to unemployment and community safety. Many neighborhoods must purchase water weekly to survive.

Pastors from three parishes identified **nine communities** ready to begin organizing. Local leader **David Vazco** has been hired and will spend two months in El Salvador for intensive training in leadership development and organizing methodology before returning to Bogotá to build leadership teams and launch organizing efforts.

The need, interest, and welcome point to significant opportunities for growth in Colombia and beyond. **Fr. Charly Oliveros**, who works with the Latin American Catholic Bishops Conference, invited COFOA to upcoming regional gatherings in 2026, to continue spreading the message of grassroots bottom-up positive change.

Our model begins with bringing people together to reflect on their purpose and share their stories.

- We help people build teams that go out and solicit input from their neighbors.
- People prioritize the most important concerns they hear and then do research to understand who has the power to make changes.
- Building strong accountable relationships among themselves helps people build the collective power to hold public officials accountable.
- Taking action to bring about tangible changes in a community and then reflecting on that action increases people’s confidence in themselves and deepens their understanding of the world. It paves the way for regional and national campaigns to change public policy on land rights, water, housing, health care and community development.
- Through this cycle of action and reflection people gain the capacity to transform their lives and their society.

To learn more about Faith in Action International, click on this link: [Home - Faith in Action International](#)

The Arts:

When I was going through my emails a few days ago, I came across this image of a Christmas tree. It struck me as incredibly beautiful. And it reminded me of the following line from a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

“Beauty is its own excuse for being.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

1803 – 1882: American lecturer, poet, and essayist.



And my thought is: Beauty Inspires Hope! 😊

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