

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

Safety for our community and families from random acts of gun violence

Transformational opportunities for children, youth and families

Rest and renewal for our Executive Director and Program Director while on summer sabbatical

Ongoing financial and capital support for programs and upkeep of our facilities

Smooth and timely remodel of the Church building

**LIP SYNC BATTLES
CREATE FRIENDLY COMPETITION
AND FUN!**



Two days of lip sync battles. Nearly 200 excited people in the audience each night to see some amazing performances from S.A.Y. Yes!, Jr. Leaders in Training and Leaders in Training.

Students and staff selected their songs for day one. Day two was Gospel Night. The audience's positive energy, loud cheers and exuberant applause sent up a joyful noise!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**JUNE
20 & 27**

Pool Party!

**JULY
9-15**

Kids Across America!
(KAA)



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THE HOPE CENTER KC

SKYLINES

CELEBRATING OUR MOMS IN HIGH FASHION



Here at The Hope Center, we love our families and enjoy the opportunity to celebrate them! We understand the importance of giving people their flowers while they are still here, and at our Mother-Daughter Brunch and Fashion Show we did just that.

Our young ladies from elementary to high school spent weeks working on their best model walk and developing healthy self-esteem. Our fashion show consisted of six categories that our mothers and daughters could participate in.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Vanessa Lewis, grandmother of three S.A.Y. Yes! students, left our moms encouraged and refreshed. The rest of the afternoon included delighting in a great meal, laughter, fellowship and dancing.



Don't worry ... our guys weren't completely left out of the festivities! They worked hard behind the scenes making cards and crafts to give to their moms. The afternoon ended on a fun, affirming note leaving our moms uplifted and feeling loved. ■

THE HOPE CENTER | KC



FROM MARVIN
Executive Director

with us. With your prayers and support, we are witnessing new growth at The Hope Center as well:

- Children are growing in their reading levels and in scripture memorization.
- Our middle school teens are growing in their character and decision-making skills.
- High schoolers are growing in their faith as they trust processes for life direction.
- Our staff is growing in their teamwork and leadership
- The Hope Center is growing in our goals, strategies, stewardship and assets.

In this season, we look forward to all the new opportunities before us, and to providing new opportunities to grow for the children, youth and families we serve.

This season also reminds me that the growth happening at The Hope Center KC is due to the ongoing partnership we have with you!

Thank you for celebrating the promise in our communities and investing in the future of our children, youth and families this spring and year round. ■

Marvin

I sure do enjoy spring!

It's a season of new growth and promise emerging all around us. Leaves grow anew on trees. Flowers begin to bloom. The birds return to share their songs

ANNUAL AFTER EASTER EVENT REMINDS US JESUS IS ALIVE!

Have you ever attended an After-Easter Event Celebration at The Hope Center? If not, we wish you could have been on THC's campus on April 14, 2023. We hosted an outdoor evangelistic outreach celebration commemorating Christ's death and **RESURRECTION.**

The event kicked off with a reminder from our THC students that Jesus is ALIVE! Their energy and excitement were on full display as they worshipped in song and dance. Their spirit was electric and helped set the atmosphere for performances from Macedonia Baptist Church's Praise Dancers, our THC staff and other invited guests.

The celebration concluded with a powerful message from our COO, Rocky Hodge, followed by an invitation to accept Christ and closing prayer from our CEO, Marvin Daniels.

The presence of our Living God filled our campus as we celebrated the decision of several attendees who made the life-saving decision to follow Christ. ■



THE GATHERING: WHERE MOMENTS BECOME MEMORIES

Leaders, families and friends from the community joined The Hope Center on May 16, 2023, for a much-anticipated groundbreaking ceremony. The former church and existing asset at 2800 E. Linwood Blvd will soon become "The Gathering" and house our programs, community events and more. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates and exciting news as renovations get underway. And thank you to those who generously contributed and made it possible for us to begin remodeling this beautiful space. Fundraising is still underway. ■



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT | DARYL HALEY, SR.

In the eight months Mr. Haley has volunteered with us, he's already leading by example and inspiring others.

The Lord led him to retire from the United States Post Office so he could serve in different ministries. "I serve because Jesus Christ came as a servant—so I should serve also," he said.

Mr. Haley enjoys listening to the Gospel presented by Mrs. Angie and takes great joy in guiding others through discipleship lessons.

He's also pretty handy with his tools (he has a lot of them!) and loves spending time with his grandchildren and riding his bike. We're glad you're part of The Hope Center family, Mr. Haley! ■

