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Thank You

for your tremendous support during ExtraGive!

Because of your donations, we can help children with incarcerated parents and their families. We thank everyone who has showed us support by donating this ExtraGive!

If you missed ExtraGive, it is **never too late to donate** to AFH! You can support us at any time by donating directly to our website:

<http://www.ambassadorsforhope.com/>

Thank you to all of you wonderful supporters! With your help during the 2023 ExtraGive we were able to raise \$8,798.31 to continue our mission this year! Please see the thank you note below from our Board Chair, Tara Loew.

If you donated to us during the ExtraGive on November 17, 2023 we want to thank you!

The Ambassadors for Hope Board of Directors, on behalf of children with incarcerated parents, offers you a sincere and heartfelt thank you for your recent contribution to Ambassadors for Hope during the 2023 ExtraGive. With your help we successfully raised enough money to continue our mission into 2024.

Your gift will help us provide:

- Financial assistance to meet emergency needs of children with a parent in prison.
- Age-appropriate books for children and resources for caregivers to help them understand the challenges they face. There is a collection of elementary level books in every school district in the county and we are currently working

So far 300 bears have been purchased and well over 200 have been distributed to children!

· Advocacy on behalf of a vulnerable population.

We know that you have many worthy causes to which you contribute, and we appreciate your having chosen Ambassadors for Hope. If you would like to learn more about our efforts on behalf of children with incarcerated parents, please consult our website, www.ambassadorsforhope.com or follow us on

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AmbassadorsforHope>

If you have additional questions, would like to know more about our work, or would like to get involved, please contact us via email

at ambforhope@gmail.com

Once again, thank you for your generous gift to support children with a parent in prison.

Sincerely,

Tara Loew, Board Chair

Another unique way to support the Ambassadors for Hope mission is to consider donating on February 14, 2024 to the Ambassadors for Hope Scholarship Fund. Please see the information below to learn more about the One Day Give held by Millersville University

"Give to what you love" during Millersville's annual One Day Give, which is being held on Wednesday, February 14. Visit millersville.edu/onedaygive for the latest news and updates



[ONE DAY GIVE 2024](#)

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Give To What You Love with the 11th Annual One Day Give! Join the celebration of this exciting online giving event with the Millersville University community, and prepare to "give to what you love" and make a difference at the 'Ville....

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Community Liaison Update

Aside from the ExtraGive we were very busy in the fall of 2023. In September we participated in the United Way Lunch and Learn program hosted by Meals on Wheels. This event gave us an opportunity to meet and talk with people in the community about Ambassadors for Hope's mission.

In October we took part in the Friends Helping Friends one day fundraiser at Boscov's department store. We were able to raise over **\$600!**

We also participated in the Children's Systems Conference held in October at the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13. This conference provided Ambassadors for Hope with wonderful exposure to diverse child-serving organizations working across Lancaster County.

We also participated in another Family Fun Fest event at Millersville University

Hope table was a hit with colorful Legos and our giant bear! There will be two more Family Fun Fest events this spring. The first event "Japanese storytelling with Magical Masks, mime, and music/orgami tales" will be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 23 at the Millersville University Ware Center in downtown Lancaster. The second show will take place on April 20, at 1:00 p.m. again at the Ware Center. Come an hour before the show to participate in the pre-show children's activities with us! Hope to see you there!

Great progress has been made on the selection of books for middle school and high school ages for the children's book project! We have finalized a collection of six books and are beginning to distribute them through various channels, including schools and community organizations that support children.



Children playing with legos at the Ambassadors for Hope table during the pre-show activities for the Millersville University Family Fun Fest in November 2023.

Family Services Advocate Update

Since September, as Family Services Advocate, I have distributed more than 75 bears to children with incarcerated parents throughout Lancaster County. In addition, I was able to help more than 10 families meet their Christmas needs. Some changes in prison policies have resulted in more special visits being scheduled for incarcerated parents and their children. This is wonderful because parent connection continues to be the biggest need when it comes to

the families I work with. I am finishing up the 6th cohort of Parenting Inside Out. Over 40 participants who have completed the class since March of 2020. Overall, things have been busy as over 140 children have been identified for services since July 2023.



Watch this space for information on future events we will be participating in!

Connect with us on social media using these links:



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