



Therapeutic Music & Movement Classes

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HOPE's Cherubs (Preschool-age children)

HOPE's Angels



“For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm
you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

We will encourage by:

- Meeting twice monthly in the afternoon to develop friendships with other parents going through similar situations
- Providing a forum for parents to exchange ideas, information and strategies.
- Providing families with social and recreational opportunities

We will support through:

- Prayer
- Awareness training for the congregation
- Seeking financial grants to help with scholarships for outings, babysitting, conferences, etc.
- Developing and screening available list of Christians willing to provide respite
- One-to-one mentoring

We will equip by:

- Disseminating information
- Networking
- Providing pertinent workshops and bringing in guest speakers

HOPE club

A Social Group for Teens and Adults (18+) with Disabilities

- Time for refreshments and getting acquainted
- Conversations about social communication skills such as:
 - Personality
 - Self-esteem
 - Friendships
- Structured activity or more socialization such as:
 - Board games / puzzles
 - Open Mic Night
 - Karaoke/dancing

Welcome! We are glad you found us! HOPE.network is a support ministry for individuals with special needs, and their families and friends. As a group we have many differences. We are men, women, young, old, single, married, parents, grandparents. Our children have a variety of special needs: Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Asperger Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Attention Deficit Disorder, Down Syndrome, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Mitochondrial Myopathy, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Epilepsy Developmental Delay, Mental Retardation, and Learning Disabilities. We are unique because we encompass many "disabilities" rather than just one.

We also have many things in common. We are families with special needs. We need to be accepted, respected, and loved. We

need understanding, friendship and support. We need to love, laugh and dream. We need information and help to understand our child's special needs. We need encouragement from other families experiencing similar difficulties. Most of all, we need HOPE.

On life's journey we all seek HOPE. HOPE in the midst of difficulties. HOPE for our child's future and HOPE from others. Jeremiah 29:11 is God's promise:

"For I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a HOPE and a future."

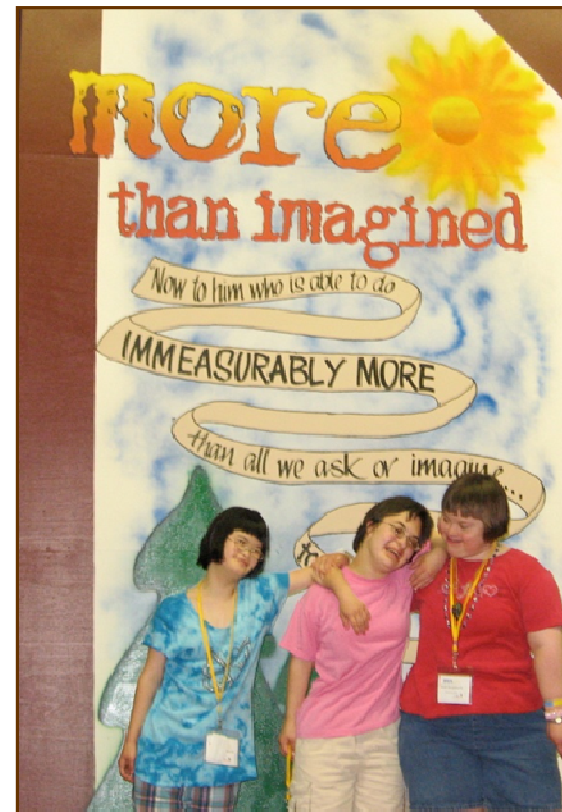
We believe that we have been joined together by God and that we are commanded by Him to love and support one another. Since we are a faith-based group, we are able to address the spiritual needs of families along with their "special" needs. HOPE.network's ministry statement and action plan, found elsewhere in this brochure, explain how we plan to help families HOPE again!

So...we invite you to join us as we walk together... on HOPE's journey.

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Ministry Statement:

Through God's love and wisdom, we seek to encourage, support and equip parents of special children. We will do this through education, awareness training, networking and one-to-one mentoring.



HOPE's Song

*I was born lost and alone
But you came along and loved me for me
You helped me to see that I matter
You opened up your heart
and opened up your home
And gave me a family to call my own
When no one else cared, you were my hope
My ray of sunshine, my comfort in time of need
When no one else cared,
you stretched out your hand
You gave up your life to offer me mine
You are my hope
In a world where things have no meaning
We struggle to find our own way
But He loves us and gave up His life
Jesus is the Life, the Truth and the Way
Because of what He did to Him we can say
When no one else cared, you were my hope
My ray of sunshine, my comfort in time of need
When no one else cared,
you stretched out your hand
You gave up your life to offer me mine
You are my hope
When no one else cared, you were my hope
My ray of sunshine, my comfort in time of need
When no one else cared,
you stretched out your hand
You gave up your life to offer me mine
You are my hope*

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