

**Winter Newsletter 2021** 

## Happy Holidays.

### **Holiday Greetings From Our Community**

On behalf of our participants, team members, volunteers, and Board of Directors, we hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. We know, just as well as anyone, that this has but an unusual year for all of us, and that the recent holiday gatherings have proven to be no exception to that. Despite the uncertainty that has accompanied the pandemic this year, our participants and team members have responded with nothing short of creativity and resilience.

Our team has done an exceptional job in continuing to take the appropriate actions and precautionary measures by following the recommendations and mandates of both the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and CDC health professionals. Seeds Of Hope also continues to implement strategies to ensure



and maintain the health and safety not only of our participants, but also of the general public, including mandatory masks for outside visitors, volunteers, and team members.



# Winter Updates.

### What We Have Been Learning and Doing

Over the course of the last few months, our participants at Seeds Of Hope have been helping us with a variety of fall and winter activities, including baking pumpkin bars with the fresh pumpkins we grew this summer, making holiday wreaths to fill orders from our website, organizing a virtual holiday program for parents and guardians, and much more.

We also had the opportunity to participate in the Let It Glow light festival held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds this

past December. This was a drive through holiday light show, for which Seeds Of Hope donated several trees in honor of participants and families who had recently lost loved ones.

We are hopeful that, going forward this winter, we will be able to resume some of our community outings to Matheson Memorial Library, Inspiration Ministries, and possibly even Elkhorn Area High School to utilize their gym, weight room, and agility center.

# **Fundraising Goals.**

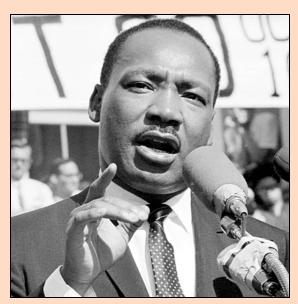
### **Our Priorities Moving Forward**

Despite the implementation of strategies to maintain health and safety in the midst of a global pandemic, we still recognize that Seeds Of Hope provides services to a population that is more vulnerable and at a higher risk of negative health effects due to the virus. This makes



precautionary measures, such as social distancing, an absolute necessity.

In light of this, Seeds Of Hope is continuing to raise funds to help pay for additional team members that will allow us to maintain social distancing with smaller groups and rotations. These funds will also be utilized for the development of an additional greenhouse to help mitigate the concerns associated with social distancing, while also providing more opportunities for vocational training and an increase in plant production.



### **Humanitarian Award.**

### **2021 Martin Luther King Award Recipient**

Seeds Of Hope had the privilege of being selected by Gateway Technical College as the 2021 Doctor Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award recipient at their 27th annual celebration on January 18th, 2021.

Seeds Of Hope is an organization which stands for equality and justice for individuals with developmental and other disabilities. These are some of the very same core beliefs which made Doctor King such an influential figure throughout the history of The United States of America, particularly as it relates to his unique contributions to the American Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. In what is now recognized as his most famous speech, Doctor King stated, "I Have A Dream." This dream

was an America without racism and segregation. This is a shared vision with our team at Seeds Of Hope, a vision of a safe and encouraging community, where those with developmental and other disabilities can feel accepted, loved, and encouraged to become all they can be.

# **Planting Possibilities.**

## Thank You To Our Corporate Sponsors

As a nonprofit organization, Seeds Of Hope relies heavily on fundraising efforts and the generosity of our local community. We would like to thank our recent corporate sponsors for helping us continue to Plant Possibilities in the lives of our participants, team members, and the Walworth County Community.

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