



HOPE ALLIANCE OF MISSOURI

The background of the lower half of the page features silhouettes of a family—a man, a woman, and two children—holding hands and standing in a field. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise. The silhouettes are dark against the lighter background. There are also large, semi-transparent geometric shapes: a yellow triangle in the top right and a blue triangle in the middle right.

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

FUTURE PROGRAM NEEDS

History & Mission

In 2018, Hope Alliance of Missouri expanded its services with the addition of the Abundant Blessings resource center. Abundant Blessings vision is to cultivate a sense of community in order to support families so they can achieve success. To fulfill this vision, Abundant Blessings mission is four-fold through care for physical needs, connecting families to establish a network of support, cultivating knowledge to empower families and communicating needs to the community.

Hope Alliance of Missouri cannot support the growth of the program. We are seeking an organization to transfer the program to in order to allow this crucial resource to continue to serve our community. Figures below illustrate the growth of the program as well as some of the benefits provided to our community.



A Snapshot of 2023*

*As of July 31, 2023



Figure 1

Abundant Blessings Growth

In 2022, Abundant Blessings served 771 individuals from 293 different families at 476 shopping appointments. All appointments and support has been provided by volunteers. Funds have been obtained through private grants, donations and support from local businesses.

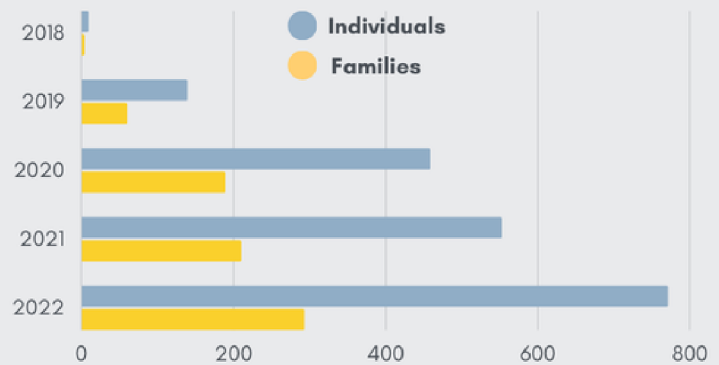


Figure 2



Our impact in their words

“It's like our foster daughter is a different person! Her confidence & attitude improved so much after she shopped with you!”

“I've never had my very own brush before!”

“I didn't know how I was going to provide for my kids before I heard of you.”

“I was just worried about my kids. Thank you for taking care of me too!”

“It will be nice not to have to carry my stuff in a trash bag.”

“I get to pick my own clothes? I've never done that before.”

Collaboration & Partnerships

At Abundant Blessings, our goal is to build partnerships with other agencies and organizations to serve the community in the best way possible. With reducing duplication of services, forging collaborative endeavors and sharing information or resources, we hope to help facilitate a stronger support network in our community.

Some current partners and community connections are highlighted below in Figure 3. Abundant Blessings provides referrals to many programs through other community organizations in order to help the families we serve. We work to build partnerships with civic groups, churches and businesses to fulfill program needs and are involved with area coalitions such as Phelps County Child Advocacy Network and Community Conversations. We serve and partner with a wide variety of individuals and organizations.

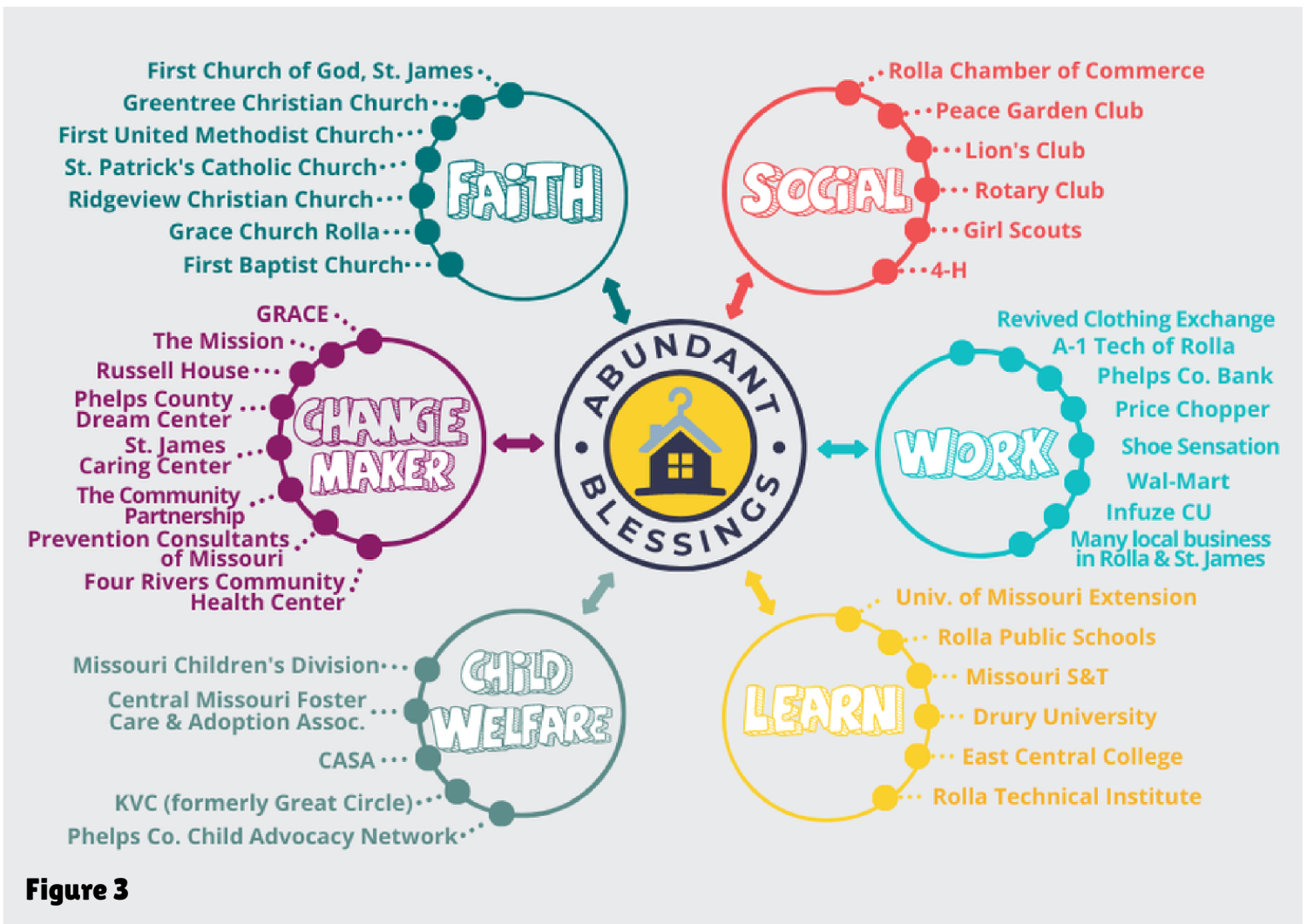


Figure 3

Sustainability & Future Growth

With a volunteer workforce, Abundant Blessings will not be able to sustain the current rate of growth. We have been working to raise funds to hire a full-time staff person and have raised approximately \$20,000 to date. This staff person would coordinate appointments as well as providing training for incoming volunteers to help meet the growing demand at Abundant Blessings and to further our community partnerships. In addition to the staff person, there are currently 9 volunteers maintaining the Abundant Blessings shop & resource center as well as handling current appointments. There are an additional 60 others on our volunteer email list for events or periodic work opportunities.

Program Future

Hope Alliance of Missouri is looking for an organization with the oversight and administrative structure in place to operate the Abundant Blessings program. What began as a small shop has grown to fill a crucial niche in our community and region with a resource center working to help meet physical needs as well as connect those we serve with other supports.

A staff person is needed to maintain growth and ensure sustainability. Dedicated volunteers are in place to assist with continuing to work towards our current vision of cultivating a sense of community in order to support families so they can achieve success.

If a new home for Abundant Blessings is not found, Hope Alliance of Missouri cannot maintain the growth the program needs and it will cease to be available.

If you would like to discuss current operations or have questions, please contact Kari Lane at ab@hopemo.org.