

Words of Hope

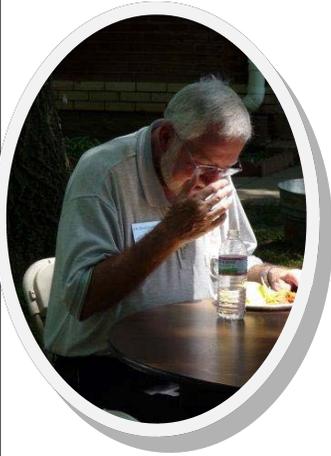
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Advancing Dawn

Dear Friend of Sanctuary of Hope,

Welcome to the **Fall Season**, as Jesus reveals Himself to us in many ways and in the fall colors, as we say in Cursillo, **de Colores!** The Jubilee Year of Mercy still beckons us to let go of our fears and judgments and be more open **to forgive** oneself and others, and **see the blessings** life holds out to us all. I was talking to Lou Finocchiaro, and as we both age, we find ourselves more grateful for today. "So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat? or What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?'...Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." (Mathew 6:31-33).



I am so touched by the many people, of **different faiths and cultures** that have helped us build this mission of prayer and retreat at ole SOH. One of these volunteers is **George Miller**, who **turned 70** in July, and his wife, Trish. They began their involvement some 13 years ago. George is battling cancer, so please keep him **in your prayers**, and they are so grateful for all the support they are receiving, Praise God! But when George was in the building and/or on the grounds, I never had to worry about things happening. I knew George, backed by Trish, would take care of matters. His generosity and concern were so tangible. Like Jesus said of Nathaniel: "In him there is no guile." (John 1: 47). I know Jesus sees this in George as well.



We are working on a way to **invite younger leadership** to go forward with the mission of Sanctuary of Hope. These **sacred 33 acres** have always in one way or another been a source of healing for the larger community. It is possible that the vision for this place will embrace **ministries that are akin** to what has happened here for these 120 years! People are looking for quiet places to discern their life vocations, people are in need of being immersed in the beauty of nature, to grow in gratitude for all that God has bestowed on them. People just need time for **more serious reflection** and stop the business of life. Yes, prayer and retreat are at the heart of it all!

So please keep this in **your prayers** that **God will reveal** exactly what will sustain the on-going future of this Sanctuary, begun by the Native Americans on top of one of the highest hills in KCKS....long before the two doctors began the Grandview Sanitarium. Look forward to seeing you at the **Hope Benefit**, October 15, again at the Abdallah Shrine, where we met last year.

Love, prayers and gratitude,
Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Dennis Wait

Fr. Dennis Wait, Director





Dear Friends of Sanctuary of Hope,

Welcome to our 11th Annual The Hope Benefit Dinner, Dance and Live Auction. Our theme this year is “God, Create a Clean Heart in Me.”

As our major fundraiser for SOH, the annual Hope Benefit provides crucial financial support for the operation of SOH. In past years, you have been most generous in supporting SOH and it is through this support, we have been able to keep this *miracle growing*. Again this year, we invite you to attend and we solicit your assistance in helping us through sponsorship, financial donations, and items for the live auction. The funds generated through these avenues are *very* important to the continued operation of Sanctuary of Hope.

As we reach out to the community and to our many generous benefactors who have supported us over the years, please be assured that your support and prayers this year will help us to ensure that SOH remains open for all who walk through our doors. Our guests come seeking a place to be with God, for a time of quiet reflection, contemplative prayer, and service to others.

To help us keep the miracle going, we need your support in any capacity you are able to provide. Please consider our sponsorship opportunities, which are detailed below. Your support at any and all levels will be acknowledged in our Souvenir Program, if received by September 30. Single tickets will be sold for \$50.00 each.

Please make your checks payable to Sanctuary of Hope, with “Hope Benefit” on the memo line. Mail to: Sanctuary of Hope: The Hope Benefit , 2601 Ridge Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102. For more information on our event, visit our website at: SanctuaryofHope.org, or call us at 913-321-4673.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Be assured that we hold each of you in our heart and prayers.

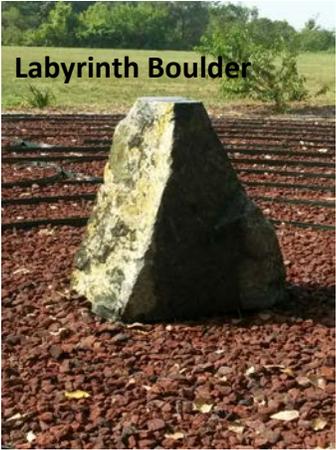
Fr. Dennis Wait
Brother of Peace

The Hope Benefit - Sponsorship Opportunities:

<u>Sponsorship Level</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Benefits</u>
Grand Benefactor	\$1,500 - \$3,000 & Up	website recognition, listed in program, 8 event seats
Benefactor	\$1,000 - \$1,499	website recognition, listed in program, 6 event seats
Patron	\$750 - \$999	website recognition, listed in program, 4 event seats
Sponsor	\$500 - \$749	website recognition, listed in program, 4 event seats
Donor	\$250 - \$499	website recognition, listed in program, 2 event seats
Corporate Table Hosts	\$400	website recognition, listed in program, 8 event seats
Friend of SOH	\$100 - \$249	website recognition, listed in program
Supporter of SOH	\$50-\$99	website recognition, listed in program

A few words from some of Sanctuary of Hope's guests:

Julie, I want to let you know about our experience, so that you can let others know how wonderful our stay at the Sanctuary of Hope was for my wife and I...Everyone was helpful and friendly. Jeff is a great person of many talents who patiently listened to my ear beating about my life's travel. Finally, to the warm and gracious Fr. Wait who prayed and shared God's wisdom with us. My wife and I walked the grounds once again as we love your facility very much where silence often helps a troubled heart. The meals were exceptional and reading material and the Chapel were readily available to use anytime during our visit. The accommodations and rooms were lovely and comfortable. We plan to visit you again when time permits and relive the serenity and peaceful moments we shared there.



Labyrinth Boulder



Butterfly Garden

Dear Fr. Dennis and SOH staff,
 Thank you for the wonderful day. I am so recharged and amazed by what a few quiet moments have done for me. Thank you for leading me back to God and to myself. I will spread the word about this wonderful Sanctuary and I am certain I will return.



Water Garden

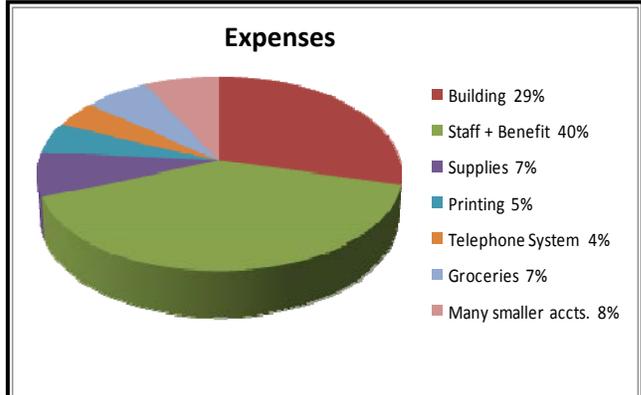
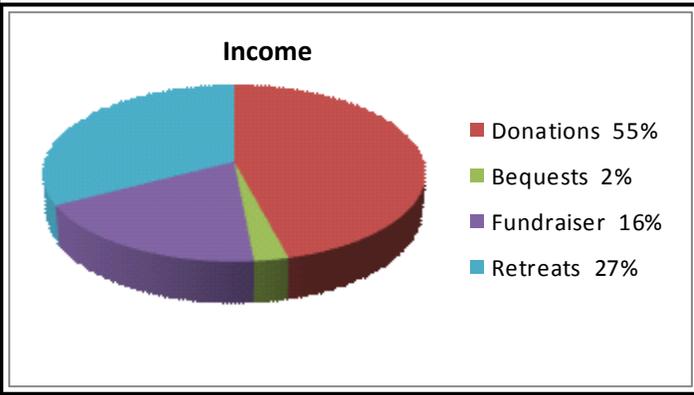


Front Porch

I wanted to thank you for all of your help in arranging our RCIA Retreat at SOH. Jeff was so helpful and made sure we had all we needed as well as helping to carry in the things we brought. Fr. Dennis said Benediction and it was awesome—just beautiful. I would like to hold next year's retreat at Sanctuary of Hope again.

Financial Report 2016

Below is a graph displaying how your generous donations are being used. We want to thank all of our loyal contributors for making it possible for Sanctuary of Hope to continue our mission. May God bless all of you for your kindness and generosity!





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Return Service Requested

Hope Benefit 2016

Date: October 15, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00.p.m.

Price: \$50.00 per person

Where: Abdallah Shrine Temple, 5300 Metcalf Ave., Mission, Kansas

Menu: **Entrée:** Brisket with demi glaze, Chicken Cordon Bleu with four cheese sauce, cheesy potatoes , mix roasted vegetables.

Salad: Fresh garden salad with Italian or Ranch dressing
Warm dinner rolls with butter

Dessert: Various desserts and fruit tray served with coffee (Decaf) & Iced Tea
Complimentary Wine & Margaritas

If you do not receive a personal invitation or need extra tickets, please call Julie at 913-321-4673 or e-mail Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org

Please join us as we celebrate the 20th year of the mission of Sanctuary of Hope and all of the people who have been touched by our mission.