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100 MEN CLUB SELECTS OAKLAND HOPE TO RECEIVE \$10,200 GIFT

DETROIT, Mich. (JULY15, 2021) – 100 Men Club, a group of local men committed to making a positive difference for metro Detroit families, announced today it is donating \$10,200 to Oakland HOPE the largest Food Pantry in Oakland County and is a Pontiac-based nonprofit whose mission is to alleviate hunger and empower lives. 100 Men Club voted during its June meeting, held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions, to award its quarterly grant to Oakland HOPE, with the aim of assisting the nonprofit's efforts in their objective: to purchase Grace, a used Box Truck that is needed to pick up food/supplies for Oakland HOPE ministries. Food insecurity is everywhere and has become the fastest-growing problem. Oakland HOPE provides FREE groceries for thousands of Oakland County families, seniors and veterans each month.

100 Men Club will present the gift during a virtual ceremony set for Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Oakland HOPE leadership and club members will be on hand for the online event; members of the news media are invited to log in.

Click to join the meeting (Video and Audio) via Zoom:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83760677482?pwd=WGUzV3FDNC84SWt6bWZXVXY1N1Nkdz09>

“I have been aware of Oakland Hope for the last several years since they started in a location in the shadow of the old Summit Place Mall near my home in Waterford. The organization which serves Oakland County has modeled itself after Macomb Hope and Focus Hope and has been tremendously successful. They have fed almost 83,000 people during the pandemic and distributed 1.4 million pounds of food. This was all done with 927 volunteers and over 17,000 hours of time. Their simple model of running a high end thrift store that generates money to purchase food for a client choice food pantry located within the same building works beautifully. Their new location in Pontiac on Walton Boulevard is a testament to their success and their staff. ” said 100 Men Club member Mark Geis, who nominated Oakland HOPE for the gift.

Each quarter, 100 Men Club members donate \$100 each to a charitable cause selected by membership vote. Candidates for receiving the donation are nominated by any member of the club and can include individuals, programs, nonprofits, community groups, businesses and more. Since 2017, 100 Men Club has donated more than \$200,000 to 17 charities.

“Since its inception, 100 Men Club has had a substantial impact on our local community and the charities we support. A simple \$100 donation quarterly per member is pooled together for a sizeable contribution,” said steering team member Chris Charron. “Our members receive regular updates on previously supported charities, which often include firsthand accounts of the impact our donations have made. Oakland HOPE is yet another worthy organization much deserving of our membership’s support.”

Oakland HOPE began as an idea in the vision of One Heart Network (10 churches who meet regularly for prayer and encouragement). It was born out of a God-given desire to come alongside our community with more than just words.

We prayed, we planned, and then we prayed some more.

We looked at what God had already done in Macomb County through the effective ministry of Macomb Hope and in Detroit with Focus Hope. We were encouraged to press on.

After many ebbs and flows, an executive director was revealed and a board of directors was formed. We gained nonprofit status with the state, researched many community assistance models throughout Michigan, and here we are today... and the story continues.

About 100 Men Club

100 Men Club was founded in December 2016. The members range from recent college graduates to CEOs to retirees, with the common intention to build a tradition of helping others. For each member, the positive energy and camaraderie of 100-plus men with a sincere purpose to “give back” is compelling and rewarding. For more information on 100 Men Club, visit www.100menclub.com

About Oakland HOPE

As a faith-based organization, Oakland HOPE will provide its patrons with something more than material assistance. We will show them the love of Jesus Christ in everything we do, instilling the only true hope that never fails.

You’re welcome to come “Shop till you Drop” at Oakland Hope Thrift Store.

Note: Our Donation Dock is currently closed.

(Covid/Temporary) Thrift Store Hours: Tues-Sat 11am-4pm

We are a couple of minutes south on Baldwin road of Great Lake Crossings (Outlet Mall) and I-75

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