



## **MORE TEENS! MORE COMMUNITIES! MORE HOPE!**

### Our Mission is to End the Hopelessness Among Our Teens & To Provide a Place of Peace, Possibilities, & Purpose!

Dearest friends!

Thank you so much for your support of our ministry! Thank you for your prayers, gifts, providing meals, to our volunteers that help out after school, to our van drivers, all our TreeHouse support group volunteers and mentors! You are all amazing, we couldn't do what we do without you! WE THANK YOU!

Plant Hope 2023 (April 27th) was a huge success. We celebrated...we enjoyed a delicious meal, awesome music...we enjoyed wonderful testimonies of what God is doing...we raised money, we praised Him and enjoyed the beautiful, rustic setting of the MN Horse & Hunt Club in rural Prior Lake. Thank you to all the were able to attend, to our SPONSORS, to all that provided silent auction items, to our raffle donors, to all our businesses and friends that donated business cards! WOW! We raised almost \$30,000! AMAZING! Huge thank you to my good friend, Tim Cryer, our emcee, that handled the wacky sound system quite well.

Ladies Day Market and Lunch was held on Sunday, May 13th at St. Wenceslaus Parish Hall! Thank you to Nancy Moulton, chairperson for this event and everyone the helped out! We had 27 area vendors, a wonderful lunch and hanging basket plant sale! We had a great day, even with pouring rain all day (wished we had some now).

Summer is here at The Well Rec Center. Due to a shortage of staff, we were unable to provide a summer program as planned. The afternoon hours are on hold during the month of June and July. We are open 5pm-8:30pm on Monday and Thursdays for TreeHouse Support groups for ages 7th-12th grade. We look forward to a couple July outings, a trip to Welch Mill Tubing the Cannon River, and also a trip to a MN Twins game! If you have a teen that would like to try TreeHouse, please reach out to Deb @ 952.412.4430.

### A VERY BUSY 12 MONTHS! GOD CONTINUES TO OPEN DOORS!

So now in addition to New Prague and Savage TreeHouse locations....the Shakopee TreeHouse opened in late September 2022, we hosted three in-school support groups in the 2022-23 school year...in Jordan Middle School, Hidden Oaks & Twin Oaks Middle Schools in Prior Lake. Just this past week, June 22nd, we opened the new Prior Lake TreeHouse at St. Michaels Catholic Church Coffee House. We were super excited to welcome 5 new students! The Well TreeHouse Network is serving over 130 students across Scott County! In addition, we have partnered with Scott County via a grant, to provide two full-time Truancy coordinators that work to keep students 7th—12th grade in school. More details on next page...



Tim Cryer interviewing our program leaders: Angie Gavic (Shakopee), Carrie Grossman (Savage), and Sara Bernard (PATH Program Coordinator). Three very amazing ladies!



Sara Bernard



Cherry Wilson

## P.A.T.H. (Promoting Attendance Through Hope) Program! Welcome Sara & Cherry!

The Well TreeHouse Network partnered with Scott County in April 2022 to assist with the growing problem of teens not attending school. Scott County was seeking a different approach to help and TreeHouse has had a very positive track record over the past several years in helping teens by providing support, mentoring, love and encouragement. The Well received grant funding from Scott County to employ a PATH Coordinator. Sara Bernard of Prior Lake was hired and Sara took off with the idea, created and implemented a successful truancy approach that uses the TreeHouse model as part of the program. Sara visited schools across Scott County during the school year, meets with parents and students, provides resources, and goes the extra mile to get teens back in school.

This past April, The Well was awarded additional funds to hire an additional PATH Coordinator to assist Sara and the county truancy team. Cherry Wilson of Savage, MN was hired and began her duties on June 15th, 2023!

During the summer months, both ladies will work on outreach and mentoring students with the goal of a positive start to the start of school this fall. The reasons for teens not wanting to go to school range from being bullied, specific learning disabilities, depression and anxiety, refusal to get out of bed or get dressed, transportation, social phobias, and so many more.

For more information about our PATH Program, please reach out to Sara@scottcountytreetreehouse.org.

Did you know... that 75% of teens attending TreeHouse develop hope for their future!  
2022 Teen Survey



### NEEDS LIST:

- Paper towels
- Plastic 12 ounce cups
- Disposable forks/spoons (heavy duty)
- Dixie Brand 10" paper dinner plates
- 8.5 X 11" copy paper
- Napkins
- Journals
- Sketch pads (small)
- Soup bowls (heavy duty paper)
- Snacks: fruit snacks, cheese sticks, beef jerky, Halo mandarins, assorted potato chips, etc..
- 5 quart Pails Ice Cream
- 35+ gallon trash bags
- Kwik Trip Fuel cards
- Clorox Wipes
- Meal providers for NEW PRAGUE, = for 10- 15 students.
- Theater-style boxed candy (we use as an attendance award)

## The Well Afterschool Program!

As the summer slips by, we are thinking about the future of our afterschool program hours that would begin again when school starts. This program is geared to meet the needs of parents that have a student in 6th—9th grade and would rather their student not be home alone afterschool unsupervised or maybe just needs a positive social outlet. The program provides a safe place for your student to hang out after school, have a snack, homework assistance if needed plus a positive, encouraging environment that is definitely not boring, We have plenty to keep them busy such as an arcade room, gaming systems, ping pong, air hockey, board games, structured programming such as seasonal crafts, art therapy, bracelet making, and life skills programming. Plus, the center is well supervised.

- We are seeking volunteers to help with this program! Hours are Monday-Thursday, 2:30-5:30pm.
- Would there be a local church, service club, bible study group that would be interested in the responsibility of this program? We are open to ideas! We have struggled to staff this area of the ministry.
- We are seeking a volunteer to assist with our marketing and social media presence.

To inquire, please reach out and visit with Deb Bodensteiner, Executive Director of The Well Ministries. Deb@scottcountytreetreehouse.org or call 952.412.440. Thank you.



## Overcoming the Transportation Barrier!

For many families, transportation to attend TreeHouse programs is difficult, sometimes impossible. From day one, we have strived to provide transportation to & from support group at all locations. The ministry owns three vans that are being used across Scott County. Our Shakopee TreeHouse is our biggest challenge, we are at capacity with one van. Over the past several months of searching; we discovered that 12-15 passenger vans (used with somewhat low miles) were impossible to find. **But with God, nothing is impossible!** We, unexpectedly found a 2020 Chevy Express, 15 passenger van in Belle Plaine...became our latest purchase. We took a huge leap of faith...now to pay for it. This van will serve the New Prague-Jordan-Montgomery area on Mondays, the Shakopee area on Tuesdays, Prior Lake on Thursdays!

## Become a SUSTAINABILITY PARTNER today!

The Well Ministries has been serving teens since September 2017! What began as an after school drop-in center has evolved into our presence in six cities across Scott County. When we partnered with TreeHouse, Inc. of Minneapolis, MN in Feb 2018...we knew that God had plans for so much more. Visions came, doors were opened and we are thriving with four physical TreeHouse locations (+ 3 in-school groups). Each of those sites host programs that give teens a safe space to find support and belonging. Plus, through mentorships, retreats, and other off-site activities, teens have the opportunity to build even deeper relationship with peers and caring, compassionate adults.

Teens are a vital part of every community. Hopelessness is becoming a defining story of this generation. That's why we are on a mission to end hopelessness among teens. We offer grace-based programs and environments where teen learn to know a loving God, build resiliency, develop healthy relationships, and plan for the future. We strive for every teen to be rooted in the living hope of Jesus—unleashing untold potential in communities everywhere.

**WE NEED YOU!** Please pray about becoming a sustainability partner! Here's a glimpse of where your gift could be used:

- ⇒ Building lease/utilities - \$2500 monthly
- ⇒ Staffing: (3 part-time paid staff) - \$2250 monthly (We are very fortunate to have many volunteers....and our PATH Coordinators are funded by a grant.)
- ⇒ Transportation: 3 vans to transport teens to/from support group & special activities: Fuel/Maintenance/Insurance - \$1200 monthly



### Here's what our students are saying!

*"My favorite part of TreeHouse is sharing my life and struggles without others judging me. Oh, and I love the food."*

Centrice, Shakopee

*"It's a safe place to talk. I struggle with family issues, I can get out of my bubble and share my feelings."*

Clover, Shakopee

*"Supper is the best! I think TreeHouse has helped me mature. I've met really cool people, listened to real life issues and have tried to provide support to others."*

Rowan, New Prague

*"I've attended TreeHouse for over 3 years. I love all the amazing people that volunteer and that I have to talk to. It really feels nice to be noticed and greeted with a smile when walking into TreeHouse. I'm so thankful it's here!"*

Gavin, New Prague



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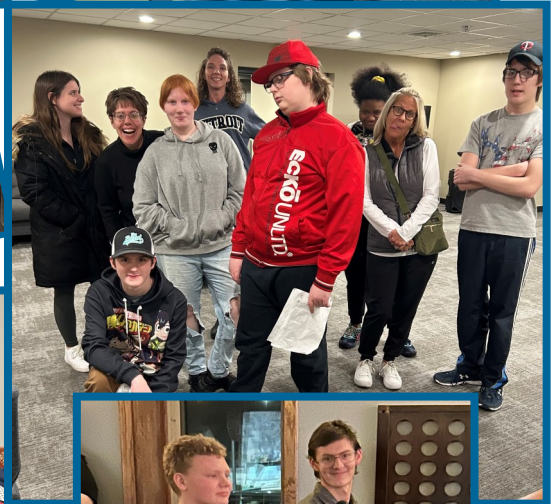


## We love our teens! Fun times!

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If interested in serving on the board, please see any of the above board members to inquire. We are looking for additional board members in all the communities we serve. Thank you.



Games! Group Outings! Building Community!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wed. July 12th** Tubing the Cannon River at Welch Mill  
Leaving NP at 10am. Sign up required.
- Thurs. July 20th** Calvary's Block Party in Memorial Park!  
5-8:30pm.
- Wed. July 26th** MN Twins Baseball Game @ Noon! Sign  
up required, tickets are limited.
- Tues. August 8th** 6:30pm Shakopee TreeHouse to move  
to Family Resource Center, 1615 Weston Court,  
Shakopee, MN.
- Sat. Sept 9th** Shakopee TreeHouse Block Party! 11-3pm  
More info coming!