

Jesus Christ is The...

ChangeMaker

Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
Psalm 80:3

Reaching a Lost
Generation for

17 Years

1993-2010



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From the Executive Director...

There is a virus more devastating than H1N1 (the Swine Flu). This virus is not seasonal, it can last a lifetime. It effects primarily young men and crosses all ethnical boundaries—it is *Fatherlessness*.

Everyday we deal with the *virus* of fatherlessness. It's hard to cure because it is living, and it spreads from generation to generation. How does a young man learn to be a father himself when he has had no one to look to as a model?

This virus effects young men in many ways. Some have wept in my office because they never had a father; Many have become angry, and they take this anger out on their families and on society. A few are indifferent and hardened. Regardless of the emotion that surfaces, the hurt is tremendous.

At Hope Now For Youth we dispense the cure for fatherlessness. We build relationships, care for, instruct, correct, hold accountable and love each young man. We point them toward the *Father of the fatherless*. Some get well. With your help we will continue to do so through 2010.

You have been such a big part of helping us give out the cure. Your support has been inspiring. While last year was difficult for many organizations, your generosity allowed us to keep Hope Now running well. We were able to keep all of our staff employed and work with more and more young men.

People have asked, "Why don't you guys try something new? You've been doing the exact same thing for 17 years." The short answer is, *What we do works*.

Certainly, there are new things we would like to try. I have asked for some help with our technology (see sidebar on page 2), which will allow us to organize ourselves better. We would like to add a database for employers where they can login to our computer server and find a resume of a young man who might fit a position. We would like to add teaching modules on our computer to help train young men vocationally and academically.

It is my hope that you will share what we are doing at Hope Now with others. We've added a *Facebook* page to help get the word out. We have a new webpage under development. 2010 is a great year to attack the virus. Together we can break the cycle of devastation.

May God bless you and your family in 2010.

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For more information about Hope Now, including a list of our Advisory Council and Board of Directors, visit our website at www.hopenow.org.

Roger Feenstra, Executive Director and CEO

New Website Coming Soon

Check our website this month. We have a new design coming soon. We'll share stories and articles throughout the month of young men whose lives have changed through the work of Hope Now For Youth. Bookmark www.hopenow.org and check back often.

17TH ANNUAL BANQUET NEWS

Invitations will be mailed soon, but **you may also RSVP for our free banquet by going to our website at www.hopenow.org and clicking "Banquet Info", then "Online Reservations."** Our 17th Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 25th at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Fresno. In addition, you may want to sponsor a table or buy an ad in our ad book (Please see the enclosed form for details). Due to a "Sneak Preview" of the movie production, **Finding Hope Now**, the banquet may fill to capacity this year. Make your reservation early.

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For Over a Decade Hope Now Has Helped Keep Fresno's Streets Clean

Have you ever wondered why the streets of Fresno are so clean
and litter free?

City of Fresno Litter Control: The routine manual removal of trash and debris in main thoroughfares and local freeways. Litter control assists the Street Sweeping program when the mechanical sweepers cannot negotiate a turn or corner by helping to clean that particular area. Litter control provides services for downtown events and parades. Litter control partners with **Hope Now for Youth** to provide experience and promote good working habits for at risk youth. Litter control also leverages their resources by working with Community Service Workers to enhance the workforce.

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Tech Solutions for a New Decade

It wasn't too many years ago when all we had at Hope Now was a telephone and a DOS computer. With our growing database of hundreds of youth and donors, **we are in need of a server and IT setup** for our offices. Can you be of help? How can we solve this crucial issue on our small budget? If you can help, please call our Executive Director.



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*