Who We Are

The Providing Avenues to Hope Society (PATHS) provides care and support to help marginalized individuals or families who have not been able to access sufficient support in the community to meet their essential needs.

We are a caring community where people are accepted no matter how difficult their circumstances may be and irrespective of their background, status or belief system. This is a place where each person’s story can be heard and cherished and where each one can find personal support to walk in more growth, strength and healing, while discovering their own value.

We are committed to upholding those who are oppressed, giving them a voice when they are not being heard and empowering each one to speak for themselves. We respect the integral value of every person and accept each one without judgment.

Our Vision

We envision a safe community where everyone knows care, compassion and hope along their journey.

Our Mission

Providing Avenues to Hope Society (PATHS) is an organization devoted to providing both long and short term support and programs to those in need. PATHS will come alongside people who may be experiencing marginalization, poverty, homelessness, domestic violence or other unique challenges.

What We Do

COMPASSION AND CARE PROGRAM

The PATHS Compassion and Care Program comes alongside people when they are in distress to help them find solutions that establish or restore their situation to a place of stability and hope. This may include helping them get connected with support to access basic needs such as:

- Food, clothing and shelter
- Child care, education, transportation, medical support
- Therapy, spiritual care, support groups, treatment programs
- Funding options, employment supports, legal advice and a variety of other needs

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE PROGRAM

Empower • Protect • Respect

PATHS’ Domestic Violence Response Program (DVRP) works with those who have been identified as being at high risk of an incidence of intimate partner violence/stalking. We will respond to requests from partner agencies (shelters, law enforcement, social services).

- Immediate assistance for the ones at risk and their families
- Situational monitoring
- Building a viable and realistic safety plan to provide protection

There is no fee charged for these services.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATIONS

Our representatives are also available to speak, make presentations, or develop written materials to raise public awareness or offer learning opportunities regarding the issues and needs of those experiencing domestic violence, marginalization, or poverty.

What is Hope?

Hope grows from a place of possibility; a place that may appear to be barren or damaged beyond repair but nonetheless is present. It may be dormant, but not dead, even for those who have lived a life bereft of hope. As seeds in the desert can lay dormant for decades waiting for enough rain to cause them to bloom, so hope waits hidden until it is called forth to life through nurture and care.

Hope that is dependent on being in favorable circumstances or focused on difficult circumstances being “fixed” is always vulnerable to collapse. But the hope that is fostered through the support of others who care and come alongside in challenging times is an enduring hope that grows stronger in adversity.

Hope is life-giving and is germane to empowering each of us to realize our intrinsic value and worth.

"To give life is to be full of sacred wonder and reverence in front of the mystery of the person; it is to see the beauty within and beyond all that is broken. To love is not to give of your riches, but to reveal to others their riches, their gifts, their value and to trust them and their capacity to grow." ~ Jean Vanier