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Resources of Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources to meet the physical and emotional needs of foster youth living in Johnson and surrounding counties.

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So much is going on at Resources of Hope Inc.

In March we put together 30 Bags of Hope and donated 15 of them to KidsPeace. The additional bags will be given to Providers during our Open House on April 10th. **What are Bags of Hope?** They are backpacks/duffel bags that are given to kids when they first enter foster care. They typically have: 2 outfits, pj's, socks/undies, blanket, toothbrush, book, toy, etc

If you would like to donate to Bags of Hope, please [contact us](#).

We are also SUPER excited to be holding our first **Night of Hope Fundraising Gala!** We hope you will join us for this festive fun-filled fundraising event! We'll have delicious hors d'oeuvres from Grafton Peek Catering, dancing and silent auction opportunities you won't want to miss! We are still looking for event sponsorship and basket/items for the auction.

Please [contact us](#) if you are interested.

We are so Thankful for you! Whether you are a foster parent, a sponsor, a volunteer, lift us up in prayers, or you're with us in some other form,

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!!**



### Board of Directors

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### Meet Matthew Kresse...

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I enjoy catching live music any chance I get. I see on average 30 shows a year. I'm not picky on the venue because the same band can sound different indoors/outdoors or large/small spaces. I like just about all genres of music, new and old.



**Where is your favorite place to eat?**

I love food and will eat anything, anywhere. My favorite food though is authentic mexican tacos, usually best place to get a good taco is inside just about any mexican grocery store where there is a taqueria inside.

**What has surprised you most about working with Resources of Hope?**

Two things: First, I never even considered how much need there is for this organization in the foster care system. Naively, I just kind of figured children sometimes are placed in foster care and that automatically made things begin to get better for them. Second, I really never volunteered prior to Resources of Hope, but quickly found that volunteering is not only beneficial to those we're helping, but also provides a great reward for one's self.

**Tell us about someone who has influenced your decision to volunteer with Resources of Hope.**

Although not a direct influence, my sister has inspired me to volunteer at Resources of Hope. She worked closely with DCFS for many years and I was able to see how rewarding it was for her to help. I wanted to be able to give back in a similar way.

### Upcoming Events:



Friday, April 5th: Teen Connect  
 For more details, please e-mail Heidi at:  
[resourcesofhope317@gmail.com](mailto:resourcesofhope317@gmail.com)



Saturday, April 6th: [Volunteer Orientation](#)  
 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
 Resources of Hope, Inc. \* 410 U.S. 31, Whiteland, IN



Wednesday, April 10th: [Case Manager/Provider Open House](#)  
 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Stop by, take a tour and see what we're all about!



Saturday, April 27th: [Rock the Block](#)  
 Center Grove High School  
 2717 S Morgantown Rd Greenwood, IN 46143



Monday, April 29th: [CPR/First Aid Certification](#)  
 \$20/per person  
 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Resources of Hope Inc. \* 410 U.S. 31, Whiteland, IN



Friday, May 3rd: Teen Connect  
 For more details, please e-mail Heidi at:  
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May 4th: [QPR: Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training](#)  
 \$10/person  
 9:30 am – 11:30 am  
 QPR: Question. Persuade. Refer  
 The three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.

# Thank You!

ROH relies 100% on volunteers. Volunteers play a vital role as part of the ROH team. It is because of volunteers that ROH is able to provide resources to foster families. We have a variety of service opportunities: **Clothing Closet Volunteers, Special Events, Fundraising, Grant Writing, Teen Connection Volunteers, and more.** If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, visit our website at [www.resourcesofhope.org](http://www.resourcesofhope.org).

ROH is incredibly appreciative of any donation that we receive. Your Tax Deductible donation makes it possible to provide resources to supplement the physical and emotional needs of foster children.

These are just some of the ways you can give:

 Donate by purchasing an item off of our [Amazon Wishlist](#).

 Designate Resources of Hope as your organization of choice on [Amazon Smile](#).

Online Financial Donations can be made by clicking [here](#)



Checks can also be made out and mailed to:  
Resources of Hope  
410 US 31 Suite R, Whiteland IN 46184

Now accepting new/gently used Spring/Summer clothes.

At Resources of Hope Inc., we believe kiddos should feel good about the way they look. We strive to only offer clothing items that are stain free and hole free.

We are not accepting stuffed animals or winter clothing, or clothing with stains/tears in them at this time. We simply do not have enough storage room.

Thank you for your understanding!

If you feel called, we are in need of:



- Plastic storage bins
- Metal storage shelves
- Large TV for our training room
- Adult Underwear S - XL
- Boys toddler shorts 2T/3T

### Corporate Sponsors

It is because of our generous corporate sponsors and individual donors that ROH is able to provide resources to the foster/kinship/safe families in Johnson and surrounding counties. If you are interested in learning more please email Heidi at: [resourcesofhope317@gmail.com](mailto:resourcesofhope317@gmail.com)



## Parent Resource Hub

### Foster Family Care Corner

Don't feel called to Foster? There are still so many ways you can help foster/safe/kinship kids through helping their host family. Each month we will be highlighting one way.

### \*Yard Maintenance\*

Are you one of those people that finds cutting the grass, weeding the garden, or planting flowers relaxing? If your answer is YES! This may be the perfect way to spread love and help to a host family. Don't forget to plan logistics & check weather before you offer. Do they have a lawn mower/weed whacker you can borrow? Do they have enough gas? Do they need help spreading mulch, weeding, planting, etc? This is something that could be done even if the family isn't home. What a wonderful surprise to come home to! Don't have time to offer to do the deed yourself? Why not hire a company to come out once or twice a month to cut the grass. You could be helping a small business and host family at the same time.

### Clothing Closet Hours:

Monday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 1st Saturday of the Month 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Need additional training hour ideas?

Did you know up to 8 hours (no more than 4 on-line hours) of training can be done by reading books and/or watching movies/documentaries? To find a complete list of DCS approved books and movies [click here](#).

*For more information or answers to any questions you may have regarding training hours, please contact your case manager.*

### Need a "NEW" bike?

Are you gearing up for Summer only to find out your kiddo(s) have out-grown their bike or need one? Have you heard about the Columbus Bicycle Co-op? They are a non-profit located in Columbus IN, that accepts and sells used bikes. Kids bikes are \$15/ea or \$5 with a trade in! Ask about their "Earn-A-Bike Program" that entitles you to a free eligible bike with 4 in-store volunteer hours.

#### Hours:

2 - 5pm - Sundays

4 - 7pm - Mondays

For more details please visit their website: [www.bikeco-op.org](http://www.bikeco-op.org) or find them on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/columbusbicyclecoop](https://www.facebook.com/columbusbicyclecoop)