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2022---What a year!

Annual Report, HUMANITY FOR PRISONERS

HFP Ideals

Mission: With compassion for those who have nowhere else to turn, Humanity for Prisoners (HFP) provides personalized problem-solving services for people in prison.

Motto: Action with Compassion

Message to prisoners: You matter!

Diversity, equity and inclusion: HFP and its Board are committed to incorporating the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion ("DEI") in its governance and operations, as outlined in a position statement approved by the board.

HFP Activities Services provided in 2022

- Responded to nearly 29,600 pleas for assistance!
- Assisted prisoners in filing nearly 360 FOIA* requests!
- Provided prompt answers to 2,600+ healthcare complaints!
- Helped 60 inmates prepare and file commutation applications! -Added 2,350+ names to our client list!

HFP Team Current Staff:



Doug Tjapkes, Founder



John Rottman, Interim CEO



Mark Hartman, Executive Director



Susie Greenbauer, Office Manager



Ted Dimke, Client Services Assistant



Sarah Ebidon, Volunteer Manager



Mitchell Pugh, Client Services Assistant

Former staffers: Volunteer Coordinator Melissa Tjapkes left to pursue other interests, after 3 years of stellar service! CEO & President Matt Tjapkes concluded 11 years of amazing service!

Volunteers: A dozen kind helpers provide 40 hours assistance per week! Professional Panel: Medical and legal specialists standby as consultants!



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HFP Board

As of January 1, 2022, three new west Michigan residents began serving on our Board of Directors. Chairman Russ Bloem made the announcement. Serving 3-year terms are Joe Haveman of Holland, Nancy Pagan of Grand Rapids, and Onesiphorus **Burrel** of Muskegon. Diversity, interest in the work of HFP, a variety of skills and prior history were key factors in the selection process, according to Bloem. Current board list:

> Russ Bloem, Chair Jim Niewenhuis, Secretary Dave Bardolph, Treasurer MaryMargaret Grillo John Rottman Marla Mitchell-Cichon Nancy Pagan Onesiphorus Burrel **Eric Wilkins** Joe Haveman Ron Bultje Doug Tjapkes, Founder



Former HFP board member Michelle Loyd-Paige, won recognition by a national Christian leadership conference in 2022. Michelle, a sociology professor and executive associate to the president for diversity and inclusion at Calvin University, Michelle

was awarded the Inspire 2022 Dante Venegas Award in recognition of her leadership at the university.

HFP Budget

(revenue in 2021, \$412.598.51) 2022 revenue: \$411.591.86 2023 budget: \$410,000.00

Our 2022 financial success due, in part, to these amazing gifts!

\$85,000, from Mr. and Mrs. Anon! \$20,000, from Dr. and Mrs. Anon! \$15,000, from Mrs. Anon! \$10.000, Technical Assistance Grant, GH Area Community Foundation! \$5,000, Ferrysburg Community Church! \$2,500, Prisoner Benefit Fund, Lakeland CF!

HFP Events

The Annual HFP Unball

An opportunity for our supporters to spend an evening with family instead of attending another charity event. Held each April, the 2022 event attracted more than 250 non-attendees, with reservations for 25 tables! Our goal of \$20,000 was reached!

CPI Graduation

On May 9, Calvin Prison Initiative students participated in an extraordinary commencement ceremony at the Richard J. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia. A gala event was held to honor the graduating classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022. 46 students were awarded bachelor's degrees and 32 were awarded associate's degrees. Numerous grads were HFP clients! The event was the largest of its kind ever to take place in a Michigan correctional facility.

Annual Author Series

Susan Burton was the guest of honor last fall at HFP's annual community lecture series. She's the author of Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women. The program was held in Grand Haven.

Year-end Matched Giving Fund Drive

The 2022 campaign, launched on Thanksgiving Day, was the most successful in history, according to interim CEO John Rottman. More than \$60,000 was raised, and then doubled by a group of HFP supporters!

HFP Sorrows

Marcia Tjapkes, 84, wife of Doug and mother of Matt, died on April 16.

Ruth Mulder, 8o, faithful HFP volunteer, died on July 24.

Alfred "Jack" Bloem, 92, father of HFP Board Chair Russ Bloem, died on August 15.

HFP Prisoner Response

I want to do my part in the uplifting of fallen humanity. Thus, I'm sending a donation to the organization Humanity for Prisoners (\$25.00). God bless you all for y'all's services on behalf of us prisoners! Thank you much!

Cole D. Stevenson-Bey

Donate today at HumanityForPrisoners.org