



2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the President and Executive Director

This past year has been another unforgettable and successful year for Community Hope. We continue to be guided by our mission of helping individuals, including veterans and their families overcome mental illness, addiction, homelessness and poverty by providing housing and support services. Those we serve are at the forefront of everything we do at Community Hope and we are proud that we continue to be the largest New Jersey charity serving homeless veterans and adults with mental illness.

We experienced significant accomplishments throughout this past year. Our programs remained strong, our residents flourished and worked each day to meet their personal goals. We are grateful to all our donors for their generous donations to our organization and for believing in the work we do each day. Our board of directors remains strong and dedicated to the organization and its mission, they continue to guide and advise the Leadership Team and all our employees. Our employees continue to maintain the highest standards by always striving toward and reaching new levels of achievement and setting us apart with their forward thinking and quality care provision for which we are so proud!

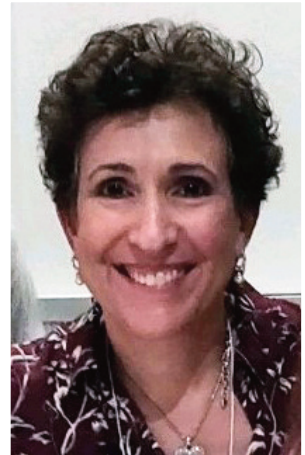
Highlights of this past year include:

- Driving down our expenses so more revenue goes directly to Program Services
- Serving more than 1,000 individuals and families
- Operating our 36 affordable homes for 150 adults in mental health recovery
- Maintaining uninterrupted services for the second straight year during the global COVID-19 Pandemic
- Achieving minimal exposure and transmission of COVID-19 within our residential programs and offices


The COVID-19 pandemic continues to provide challenges for our organization. In order to maintain the health and safety of our residents and employees, we have implemented strict protocols and continue to modify as needed or as revised mandates are issued. We are grateful to our employees who have continued to provide the support that our residents require while maintaining the high standards of Community Hope. As an essential healthcare provider we take the health and well-being of those we serve seriously and work hard to fulfil their needs from food supply to housing needs to recovery support services.

We are so thankful for the dedicated support of our donors. They have stepped in to help us no matter what our need, providing us with generous monetary donations, supplying meals and clothing to those in our programs and helping us spread the word about Community Hope's important work. Their assistance allowed us to deliver uninterrupted services and assure the vulnerable people in our programs that they are not alone. We are grateful for our supporter's dedication to our mission.

As we look ahead to 2022, we are hopeful that our world will continue to resume normal activities. While we believe that some operations are forever modified because of the pandemic, we will return to "more routine" activities. Our focus will always be on those we serve and helping them thrive. We look ahead to implementing new programs for veterans and adults with mental illness and will continue to provide high-quality essential services to those in our programs. We are honored to have a significant impact on the lives of over 1,000 individuals annually and are grateful to be able to help them overcome their personal challenges and thrive. The future of Community Hope is filled with the gift of hope and when someone has hope, anything is possible!




Diana Lunt, LCSW
President


Carmine V. Deo, MBA, MSW, LCSW
Executive Director

Our Mission



Helping individuals, including veterans, and their families, overcome mental illness, addiction, homelessness and poverty by providing housing and support services.

Our Story



Our nonprofit organization was founded in 1985 by caring families of young adults whose lives were impacted by severe depression and other debilitating mental illnesses. Our programs expanded in 2001 to reach homeless veterans struggling with mental health issues and combat-induced trauma.

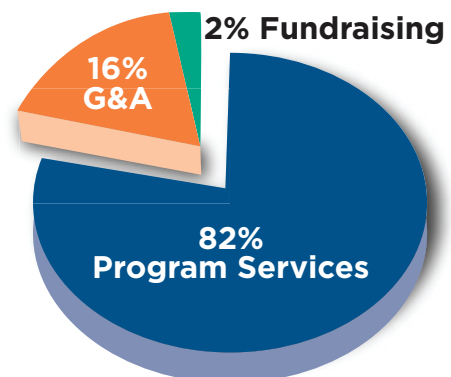
Today, Community Hope is the largest New Jersey non-profit serving homeless veterans and at-risk veteran families. We are at the forefront with residential programs that provide a safe haven and essential services each day to hundreds of homeless veterans

and adults struggling with mental health issues. Since 1985, we have restored hope to thousands.

Our Sustainability

Our affordable housing programs have been built as a result of collaboration and partnerships, and our operations include a diverse income stream developed over the past 35 years to ensure long term sustainability. We have broad impact over our communities and with regard to our veterans –over the entire state of NJ. We ensure that at least 82% of the funding we raise is directed to program services – to those who rely upon our housing and services, to ensure their health and safety.

FY2021 Expense Allocation





Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

Community Hope, Inc. and Affiliates [a Non-Profit Organization]

	June 30	
	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$571,254	\$1,426,000
Government grants receivable, net	452,537	540,360
Medicaid receivable, net	69,316	64,820
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	339,434	355,543
Total current assets	1,432,541	2,386,723
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	5,156,411	5,306,401
SECURITY DEPOSITS	44,785	44,785
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,633,737	\$7,737,909
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$882,247	\$773,292
Deferred revenue	292,950	129,500
Tenants' security deposits	12,754	12,908
Line of credit	200,000	550,000
Mortgages payable, current portion	12,443	11,836
Total current liabilities	1,400,394	1,477,536
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Mortgages payable, net of current portion	774,212	824,756
Loan payable - Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)	-	742,000
Notes payable to N.J. Department of Human Services	837,739	840,456
Total long-term liabilities	1,611,951	2,407,212
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	\$3,434,632	\$3,697,116
With donor restrictions	186,760	156,045
Total net assets	3,621,392	3,853,161
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$6,633,737	\$7,737,909

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

“Community Hope’s 3-year strategic plan, which was implemented in Fiscal Year 2019, is coming to a close in June 2022. This plan focused on four key strategic imperatives and guided us as a Board and Leadership Team while we led Community Hope and ensured our success for the 21st century. Any successful strategic plan will highlight what things we do well, what we can do better and areas where we can improve. Our current strategic plan did just that and as we develop our new plan in the spring of 2022, we will reflect on our accomplishments and successes brought forth by this plan while identifying improvements where necessary.

Community Hope continues to evolve while constantly keeping our mission as the centerpiece of all we do. We will work together as a team leading our organization towards a successful future.”

*— Carmine V. Deo, MBA, MSW, LCSW
Community Hope Executive Director*



Community Hope Strategic Plan

Creating a Future of Giving the Gift of Hope

Community Hope's strategic plan serves as the blueprint for the agency's development. Both the Board and senior level staff are involved in planning, developing, implementing and evaluating the success of the strategic plan for the agency. The Board works with the Executive Director and senior staff to ensure that our agency is operating within the scope of the plan.

The Strategic Plan is centered on four key strategic imperatives:

■ **Operational Excellence**

- Become a Lean, Adaptable and Efficient Agency Demonstrating Effective and Compliant Operations

■ **Financial Strength**

- Obtain Continuous Strong Financial Health and Achieve Breakthroughs in Fundraising to Maintain Success

■ **Inspired and Engaged People**

- Inspire Employees to Become Partners with Leadership to Achieve Desired Outcomes in a Collaborative and Culturally Proficient Way

■ **Innovative Services**

- Expand Our Programs and Offerings to be More Innovative With Extended Reach

Community Hope Impact Statement 2021

FINANCIAL

\$14.2 million - Operational Budget

\$11.7 million spent on direct services

DONOR

\$2 million donations received

82¢ of each dollar raised supports those in need

WORKFORCE STATS

15 Average number of years of management staff tenure
10% Employee turnover rate
80% Employee satisfaction rate

SERVICES

1,000+

Over 1000 individuals served in Community Hope Programs and Services

812

Veterans and family members achieved housing stability in 15 NJ Counties

153

Veterans saved from homelessness in our transitional Housing Program

305

Individuals (including veterans) receiving mental health services

99%

of mental health residents experienced well days in their community

66

Affordable housing units occupied by individuals, veterans and their families



A Marine Corps Veteran Honorably Rebuilding His Life!



James*, a 35-year-old male Marine Corps Veteran, was referred to Community Hope's "Hope for Veterans Program" (HVP) from the VA's PTSD Unit. This veteran reported struggling with symptoms of PTSD, Anxiety, Panic disorder, and Major Depressive Disorder, which made it difficult for him to maintain employment and live independently.

While in the Program, James had setbacks due to his mental health issues and also as a result of isolation and fears related to the COVID-19 pandemic. His Licensed Clinician met with him weekly, focusing on his mental health recovery as a priority. James also took full advantage of the resources available to him at HVP. There were times when he was overwhelmed with the isolation due to COVID, but James persevered and continued to work on his mental health, sobriety and obtaining permanent housing with the HVP team and resources.

James worked every day to overcome his mental health issues so he could be a role model for his 5-year-old son who lives in Southern New Jersey. He says his son always motivated him to be a better person and to improve his own well-being so he can be a strong and capable parent to his son. His greatest concern was being able to see his son. James was connected to the legal services provided by Community Hope "Veterans Justice Initiative" to assist him with child custody needs, including visitation and shared custody.

After almost two years living at HVP and continuously working on his sobriety, mental and physical health and securing full time work, James moved out of HVP in June 2021. He is currently living in Southern New Jersey to be close to his son in a four bedroom home that he purchased before his discharge. James was able to secure a mortgage using a VA loan and he has been granted shared custody of his son and is thriving.

James is so proud of his hard work during his recovery at HVP. He has honorably rebuilt his life and is looking forward to the future with his son and unlimited possibilities.

**Name has been changed for privacy reasons*

Since The Hope for Veterans Program opened in 2004 as the largest transitional housing program in the tri-state area serving homeless veterans, Community Hope has helped over 7,000 veterans and their family members, like Amber and her children, overcome homelessness and despondency.

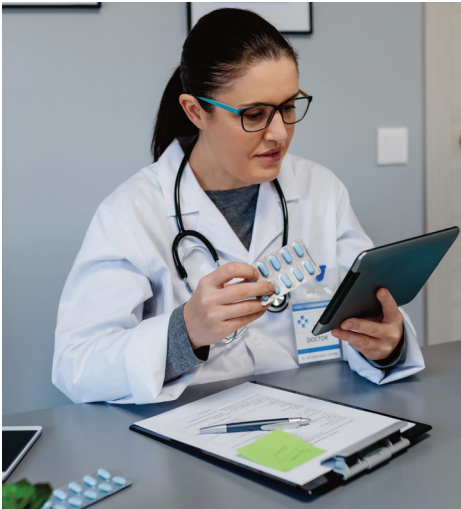


Community Hope Continues to Address the COVID-19 Global Pandemic

As an essential health care provider we continue to navigate and respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the onset, Community Hope made significant modifications to our operations to ensure that the work we do continued seamlessly, including providing direct and remote services with proper precautions and within teams to achieve success amid the new environment, meeting urgent food and housing needs, increasing sanitation and transportation, and acquiring necessary PPE.

2021 Challenge

We continued to navigate and respond to existing safety precautions and adopted new policies as needs arose. Many of the individuals we serve are priority populations according to the CDC and the NJ DOH pandemic response regulations and recommendations. The population served includes many minority individuals who have been inequitably affected by the pandemic. The unique needs and the challenges that they face including mental illness, substance use, homelessness, and poverty require a targeted response.



In order to ensure that we respond timely and accurately to changing needs, we instituted a Disaster Preparedness/Infection Control Program hiring a Coronavirus Prevention Specialist to monitor procedures, ensure compliance, educate staff and clients, record and track data. We stay prepared by managing our inventory and distribution of PPE supplies including monitoring use and burn rates to ensure the equipment is used as directed and that we keep a full supply on hand to mitigate the risk of shortages. We also prepare by staying current procedurally by monitoring CDC and NJ DOH guidance and recommendations. We conduct COVID safety inspections at facilities as needed and raise team awareness in order to identify improvement areas. We

purchase, distribute, post, and install educational supplies, signage, and other prevention equipment to ensure full preparedness.

Community Hope purchased iPads and data plans for our programs to provide our veterans and consumers with the ability to participate in telehealth services. Additionally, we provided our Hope for Veterans Program with an iPad charging and security station to allow simultaneous charging of the devices while maintaining safe storage.

“Those who are happiest are those that do the most for others”

- Booker T. Washington

In addition, Community Hope has purchased in 2021:

- tens of thousands of EPA disinfectant wipes,
- over a thousand boxes of gloves,
- thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer,
- dozens of gallons of disinfectant,
- thousands of paper towels,
- and as many as 20,000 masks, over 400 face shields and 4,000 KN95 masks.



Thanks to our funders who provided us with additional COVID funding in 2021, Community Hope continued to develop innovative ways to provide those we serve with the same high level of services as we did prior to the pandemic.

A special thank you to:

Novartis US Foundation

NJ Pandemic Relief Fund

Merck & Company

Provident Bank Foundation

Flames of Giving

For your continued COVID support this year.

Community Hope's SSVF Program Celebrates 10 Years of Giving the Gift of Hope

In 2010, President Obama announced the federal government's goal to end veteran homelessness. This goal was announced as part of the nation's first plan to prevent and end veteran homelessness, titled Opening Doors. Under this mandate, the VA announced the Supported Services for Veterans Family Program (SSVF) would begin providing assistance and services in the fall of 2011. SSVF creates public-private partnerships to rapidly re-house homeless veteran families and prevent homelessness for very low income veterans who faced immediate risk due to a housing crisis.



In July 2011, Senator Frank Lautenberg and Senator Robert Menendez announced the US Department of Veteran Affairs awarded more than \$1.7 million to two non-profit organizations in NJ to assist homeless veterans through the first SSVF Programs in New Jersey. Those two organizations were Catholic Charities of Camden and Community Hope in Parsippany.


Community Hope was awarded \$992,000 to serve approximately 140 participant households in Morris, Passaic, Somerset Sussex and Warren Counties in New Jersey. Within the first twenty months, Community Hope's SSVF Program helped more than 230 veteran households remain in their homes or, when facing eviction and homelessness, rapidly re-housed them and assisted in stabilizing the family. Of the 230 families first served, 75% were living below the poverty line with single veterans earning less than \$21,000 and families of four earning under \$27,000.

In the SSVF Program, Community Hope provides a wide range of financial assistance and supportive services designed to help veterans avoid eviction and rapidly re-house homeless veteran families. Financial assistance can include help with back rent or utility payments for families struggling to remain in their homes. For veteran families who have lost their housing, SSVF can provide financial aid with rental and utility security deposits and initial rental payments for those eligible.

Supportive services can range from assistance with transportation, child care, linkage to financial entitlements, linkage to medical care, behavioral healthcare and recovery services for veterans experiencing PTSD, MST, and other mental health and substance use problems. Employment assistance, help with budgeting, assistance with housing search and housing advocacy are also provided to help veterans and their families obtain financial stability and self-sufficiency.

Community Hope expanded into Middlesex and Union Counties in 2012 with an additional \$1 million award from the VA.

In 2013, Community Hope was awarded \$5 million by the VA to expand its services into an additional six NJ Counties and develop a presence in eastern Pennsylvania. In 2015,



Community Hope expanded its successful model to include establishing a drop-in center in Allentown, PA with a computer lab. This facility enabled veterans to use the computers for work and education. Additionally, staff was available each week for budgeting assistance, housing assistance, and mental health/recovery assistance. There was also a lounge with a TV, snacks, and refreshments offered each day and children were welcomed to play games and partake in various activities.

Community Hope continued to receive funding from the VA and in 2016, they expanded into Ocean and Burlington Counties in NJ and in 2017, expanded into six additional counties in Pennsylvania. This expansion brought the total number of to 15 counties in New Jersey and 13 in Pennsylvania. Thousands of veterans and their families were overcoming homelessness each year because of Community Hope's SSVF Program.

In October 2018, Community Hope's VA contract for Pennsylvania was not renewed which allowed us to continue focusing on New Jersey veterans and their families, especially when the Pandemic hit. SSVF was able to receive additional funding through the CARES Act which provided the opportunity to provide more resources and hire additional staff to help the veterans.

Today, Community Hope's SSVF Program serves close to 1,000 veterans and their family members each year providing each of them with personalized hands-on case management, employment assistance, navigation of the health care system and the benefits they are entitled to through the VA and within the community, assistance obtaining COVID-19 Vaccines, mental health assistance, and stress management groups via telehealth.

While the veteran homeless population has decreased since the inception of SSVF over a decade ago, the need for the program still exists. Veterans from World War II through the wars in the Middle East, including Afghanistan, have been enrolled in our program and Community Hope is dedicated to providing the gift of hope to each veteran who needs our assistance, today and into the future.

Community Hope: Ten Years of SSVF By the Numbers

Individuals Served	6,191
Veteran Households served	3,665
% of Households with Dependents*	22%
% of Female Veterans**	16%
% of Post 9/11 Veterans*** #	19%
% of those exiting the program and into permanent housing	85%

* SSVF National Average 15%

** SSVF National Average 13%

*** SSVF National Average 16%

#Veterans who served post 9/11 in Afghanistan and Iraq

Mental Health Recovery Programs

Transitional Housing Program

Our Transitional Housing Mental Health Program provides housing and case management services to individuals in various stages of mental health recovery. This is often the gateway to our mental health residential recovery programs, especially for those reintegrating back to the community after a lengthy hospitalization. This program is critical for individuals taking their first steps back into the community, who, in the absence of supported housing, may otherwise remain hospitalized. The supervised housing and assistance provided in the Transitional Housing Program are intended to be transitional. As individuals continue to recover from mental illness, they receive less supervision and eventually move on to independent living settings.

Within our Transitional Housing Mental Health Program, the depth of support services we provide are comprehensive and include assistance with daily living skills; ensuring that residents have access to behavioral healthcare, recovery and medical services, and we promote wellness and recovery through peer support, nutrition and exercise, reinforcing social skills and providing recreational activities and transportation.

This year, our Transitional Housing Mental Health Program served 52 individuals and:

- 100% of individuals discharged from a 24-hour supervised residence, moved to a more independent level of care;
- 81% of individuals had no psychiatric hospitalizations;
- 15% had employment or participated in volunteer work.

Community Support Services

The primary goal of the Community Support Services Program is to assist individuals who are further along in their recovery from mental illness, to maintain permanent affordable housing of their choice within the community, with access to a safety net of services. Without access to affordable housing and services, these individuals are at high risk of falling into homelessness and despair. Community Hope either assists individuals in maintaining or accessing their own apartment (i.e., serving as liaison with landlords) or sponsors the creation of more affordable housing through capital grants/private sponsors.

The Community Support Services Program team provides wellness and recovery-based clinical and case management services, with the aim of promoting community integration and the maximum possible recovery level. Our professional staff help individuals improve emotional, functional, social, interpersonal, problem-solving, coping, and communication skills.

This year 99 individuals were served in our Community Support Services Programs and

- 90% maintained their permanent housing;
- 86% had no psychiatric hospitalizations;
- 19% had employment or participated in volunteer work

We help build strong neighborhoods by ensuring the disabled individuals in our communities have both housing stability and recovery services so they can maintain healthy and satisfying lives and integrate seamlessly into the communities in which they reside.



Affordable Housing Programs

As both a housing and service provider, we are aware of the imbalance of housing supply and demand. Housing is particularly unaffordable for disabled individuals in New Jersey, who – according to recent reports -- would have to expend 151% of their monthly disability entitlement to rent a modest one-bedroom apartment. High rents and high prices for desirable homes in our communities, prices-out individuals with disabilities of a “place to call home”. Our affordable housing programs remove the economic barriers which prevent the most vulnerable members of our communities, many who are at significant risk of homelessness, access to subsidized housing.

In addition to providing affordable transitional housing daily to more than 150 veterans and individuals with mental illness, Community Hope provides 66 affordable permanent housing units to individuals, including veterans with special needs including mental health diagnoses, substance abuse diagnoses and/or various disabilities. We have developed and operate our affordable housing through our own housing stock purchased with numerous local, state and federal grants and private sponsorships. We also provide rentals in order to address the gap for affordable housing needs for low- and moderate-income and disabled individuals in our communities. We ensure that the individuals and veterans we serve are not “rent-burdened” (paying no more that 30 to 40% of their income towards rent and utilities) and that individuals have decent, safe shelter.

By addressing the need for safe affordable housing for low-income individuals struggling with mental health issues in our communities, we are enabling these individuals to focus on and sustain their recovery, rebuild their lives and establish greater self-sufficiency. Our housing programs ensure that those we serve have:

- **Access to Affordable Housing:** Community Hope provides affordable housing units through the agency’s own housing stock purchased with capital grants and private sponsors or assists individuals in accessing their own apartment (i.e., serving as liaison with landlords; assisting in applying for Section 8 rental subsidies).
- **On-Site Services:** Community Hope counselors provide the ongoing support which individuals need to make the transition to independent living and to remain self-sufficient. Counselors also link participants to other needed services (financial assistance, other mental health services, vocational rehabilitation, etc.)



CH's first Affordable Housing Program owned and operated since 1986

“Home is the nicest word there is.”

- Laura Ingalls Wilder

Veterans Recovery Programs

More than fifteen years ago, we opened the first-of-its-kind transitional housing program for homeless veterans with mental illness as the root cause of homelessness. **Since then, Community Hope has served more than 7,000 homeless veterans and veteran family members. In 2020 alone, our Veterans Programs helped nearly 1,000 veterans and their families overcome homelessness!**

National VA statistics estimate that 90% of homeless veterans suffer from substance abuse problems and 50% from mental illness. Veterans living on the street range from Vietnam Veterans struggling with chronic homelessness, to younger veterans returning from multiple tours and years of combat and suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, (PTSD) traumatic brain injury and the stress of transitioning to civilian life. Moreover, the mental health crisis among our nation's former military has resulted in an increased rate of suicide. The Department of Veterans Affairs **reports there are close to 22 veterans each day who commit suicide.**



We understand the difficult and recurring issues facing homeless veterans, and we are committed to providing intensive services to address these issues. Our wellness and recovery approach consists of counseling and therapy to help veterans overcome post-traumatic stress, anxiety, depression, addiction, and other combat and non-combat related mental health issues, with the goal of improving their mental health. We address the essentials of housing, food and medicine, and our wrap-around-services include transportation, workforce training and technology in preparation for employment. We have extensive partnerships with other service providers and private supporters to meet the range of needs of those we serve.

Our Veterans Programs:

Hope for Veterans Transitional Housing - We began addressing supportive housing for New Jersey veterans who are homeless as a result of mental illness in 2004, when we opened the first-of-its-kind 95-bed transitional housing program with comprehensive services for veterans with the invisible wounds of war. We address veterans' mental illness and substance abuse as the major issues leading to their protracted homelessness, poverty and despair. Veterans throughout NJ can reside in this program for up to nine months as we provide comprehensive services so that they can progress to independent living, including employment training for job re-entry and securing permanent housing.



Veterans Recovery Programs

Our **Veterans Mental Health Initiative** was launched in 2016 at our transitional housing program to provide onsite individual and group therapy and services directly and immediately to veterans. We recognize that for many people, and in particular veterans, a crisis can start from within. The Initiative is aimed at preventing crises and averting the mental health crisis afflicting veterans nationally.



The Alfred J. Thomas Home for Veterans - This transitional 8 bed- housing program is located in Bergen County, providing stable housing to veterans. Community Hope provides comprehensive case management and recovery services to the veterans in this program.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) - CH was awarded an SSVF grant by the VA and was one of the first agencies in the country to implement an SSVF Program. With the initial award of a \$5 million dollar grant commencing October 2013, and subsequent renewal and expansion grants awarded by the VA, we provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention to help veteran families in 15 northern and central



NJ counties of: **Bergen, Burlington, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Ocean and Warren Counties.**

Veterans who are in distress as a result of PTSD and other military-service issues or facing hardships due to the economy, are provided with case management services and healthcare as well as temporary financial assistance to remain in their housing, or if homeless to be rapidly re-housed.

*“The willingness of America’s veterans
to sacrifice for our country
has earned them everlasting gratitude.”*

- Jeff Muller,
Former US Representative

Events

Veterans Flag Day Run 2021

This year, our 20th Annual Flag Day 5k Run and Fun Walk was held as a hybrid event with both in-person and virtual components. After a year of no in-person events due to the COVID pandemic, we were elated to be able to host an in-person event again. A hybrid event gave our sponsors and participants the option to participate at their own personal comfort level. Our virtual participants had the option to participate at anytime from anywhere at their leisure. Our in-person participants were able to attend their first in person event in a year due to the pandemic, proving hope to be on the horizon.



Utilizing our social media platforms, we spread the word to a wide demographic and geography, collectively joining people in support of our mission.

Raising nearly \$107,000 at our hybrid Flag Day 5k Run and Fun Walk, the event was indeed a great success! Thank you to all those who participated in our 20th Annual Flag Day 5k and Fun Walk!



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Thank you for your dedicated and continued support.

Events



With ongoing concerns about in-person gatherings in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we held our first ever “Virtual” Sparkle of Hope Gala on October 5, 2021. This year, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary of our event honoring Pfizer Inc. and Dr. Albert Bourla, Pfizer Chairman and CEO received the Sparkle of Hope Award. With Fred Hassan as our Founding Chair and Brent Saunders as our Leadership Chair, we welcomed nearly 700 of our supporters and friends back to the Gala in 2021 through our virtual platform, which enabled colleagues to meet and greet each other as they have done in the past at this event. We were delighted to come together to celebrate virtually, the achievements of the pharmaceutical industry and biotech companies and the work of Community Hope. The evening’s events included the unveiling of Community Hope’s updated mission statement and re-branding and videos showcasing the impact of the collective work we do.

Fred Hassan established the Sparkle of Hope event in 1997 as a way to align community-based services with pharmaceutical advancements in mental health treatment. Since then, the Sparkle of Hope has grown into one of New Jersey’s signature events bringing together the life sciences’ industries most talented leaders. Thanks to the dedication and generosity of our sponsors and attendees, despite the limitations caused by the global pandemic, our virtual event raised nearly \$800,000 in support of the disabled individuals we serve, including veterans and their families struggling with homelessness, poverty, addiction and mental health issues.

Community Hope has successfully faced many challenges throughout our 36-year history, but we have persevered and thanks to the tremendous support of our sponsors, we continue to meet the rising need for our services. We are committed to helping those that need us conquer homelessness and provide them with such basic needs as food, shelter and support services so they can honorably rebuild their lives and live independently. We continue to expand our programs and services as the need arises so we can address the most vulnerable members of our communities and improve their quality of life.

We are looking forward to the 2022 Sparkle of Hope when Community Hope and our supporters can all come together – hopefully in-person once again. Mr. Joseph Papa will be accepting the Sparkle of Hope award on behalf of Bausch Health in 2022. We are proud to have Bausch Health as our honoree and as a long time Community Hope supporter.

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