

"For every girl who comes  
to Safe Harbor, I believe  
God will restore not only her,  
but generations of her,  
the kids we will never meet.

***You are a vital part of the great  
exchange of beauty for ashes."***

Melissa Brown  
Safe Harbor Ohio CEO

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Eight Days of Hope



**Dear Friend,**

2023 brought hope, healing, and restoration to so many – from our 19th rebuilding trip in Fort Myers, Florida, to each rapid response outreach, to the construction of Safe Harbor Ohio, which will be the largest facility serving girls rescued from human trafficking in the Northeast. God moved mightily in bringing together volunteers, leaders, churches, and resources so that over 1,000 families could experience hope across the United States!

**“Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness!”**

Psalm 115:1

This year has been fulfilling and exciting, but most of all, glorifying to God. We are humbled to see all that He has done and continues to do through Eight Days of Hope. We hope you enjoy reading about the Kingdom work completed and watching our video recaps shared via QR codes as you flip through the pages of this year’s annual report.

We thank you for your continued support – whether that is through praying, volunteering, or donating. You’ve made an eternal impact this year. You’ve brought hope. You’ve helped restore freedom – to God be the glory!



Stephen Tybor III  
EDOH President and CEO

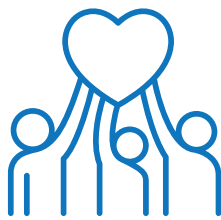




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Families  
Served

9,420

Meals  
Provided

4,314

Volunteers  
Engaged

203,911

Volunteer  
Hours Donated

\$10.2 million

Of Work  
Donated

“

I can't thank you enough for what you all did for me and my family -  
**not just the removal of the trees and crushed garage,  
but the kindness, friendship and love you all showed.**

Your devotion to God and spreading His Word  
has truly touch my family and I in more ways than you realize.

Thank you all for all you have done.

**We are so blessed that God brought you all into our life.**

- Family Served

Perry, FL, Rapid Response following Hurricane Idalia



## COMMUNITIES SERVED

Selma, AL  
Memphis, TN  
Amory, MS  
Fort Myers, FL  
Millersburg, OH  
Moss Point, MS  
Buffalo, NY  
Maui, HI  
Perry, FL  
Perry, FL

Rapid Response  
Safe House  
Rapid Response  
Rebuild  
Safe House  
Rapid Response Heavy  
EDOH Buffalo  
Rapid Response  
Rapid Response  
Mass Feeding



Maui, HI





## Safe Harbor Ohio



Fort Myers, FL



# FORT MYERS, FLORIDA EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE XIX

**May 20-27, 2023**

Over 8 days, 1,041 amazing volunteers served 102 families in the Harlem Heights community of Ft. Myers. These families have lived in the area for generations, holding immense sentimental value to the homes that were damaged. What an honor it was to help bring renewal to these families, providing \$2.4 million of donated work!



**102**  
FAMILIES SERVED



**48,465**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS  
DONATED







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EDOH XIX Recap Video



**1,041**  
VOLUNTEERS



**\$2.4 million**  
OF WORK DONATED



"We are just so excited about what God is doing for us. There are so many volunteers, and we really do appreciate them. Their work, their attitude shows love. It's like family. We appreciate every hour they have spent helping us get back into the home that means so much to us."

**-Julia and Leon Everett, Family Served**







WORK DONATED  
**\$1.9 million**



FAMILIES SERVED  
**456**



VOLUNTEER HOURS  
DONATED  
**48,168**



VOLUNTEERS  
**1,250**

"I couldn't get to my house from the road. Eight Days of Hope came Sunday afternoon and cleared the driveway for me so I could get to my house. They are taking down the trees for me. I think I am very blessed."

Connetta Lane, Amory, MS



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Amory, MS, Recap Video





## SELMA, AL

**January 18–February 4, 2023**

Together with 182 volunteers, we responded to the destruction caused by a tornado in Alabama, which took the lives of nine individuals and left widespread damage. Over 18 days, 162 families were loved on and served, experiencing the hope of Christ in the midst of unimaginable loss.

## AMORY, MS

**March 28–April 15, 2023**

We brought almost 1,000 volunteers, along with heavy equipment, to serve the community of Amory following a devastating tornado outbreak. The storm's aftermath was overwhelming, but we had the chance to serve 183 families as they walked the road to recovery.

## MOSS POINT, MS

**June 25–July 1, 2023**

Our Rapid Response Heavy team deployed, bringing 12 skilled chainsaw cutters and equipment operators to serve Moss Point after a tornado left many hopeless in the midst of their loss. Over 7 days, we had the chance to serve 18 families and show the joy of Christ.

## PERRY, FL

**September 3–16, 2023**

Hurricane Idalia made landfall in Northwest Florida, leaving hundreds of thousands without power and surrounded by damage. For two weeks, 180 volunteers served 83 families with roof tarping, debris removal, tree work and more in the community of Perry.





## MAUI, HI

Throughout the month of August, wildfires ravaged the island of Maui. Thousands of families were displaced, without food, shelter, or medical assistance. The damage was heartbreaking, and we knew God was calling us to stand in the gap for those who were hurting. During August, we collected financial gifts and acted as a conduit of support to local churches as they loved and served those in their community.

It was a true blessing to connect with 5 local churches and 1 local food bank. Together, we helped provide immediate needs, including medical

supplies, water, food, and clothing, as well as supported temporary housing solutions for those impacted through rental assistance and other shelters. We are in awe of how God moved mightily through our leaders and donors to bless the local church and allow it to shine!

In December, members of our team returned to Maui to provide additional support. The holidays are hard for so many, especially those recovering from such loss. It was an honor to be able to provide additional funds to help displaced families experience the hope of Christ during the Christmas season!





## A WAY OUT MINISTRIES

Memphis, TN | March 16-April 1, 2023

We partnered with A Way Out Ministries, one of the oldest organizations serving human trafficking survivors in the United States. This wonderful ministry is building a restorative campus called "The Meadow" just outside of Memphis, TN. Over 40 volunteers came together, and in a record 10 days, we framed, roofed, and installed metal siding for the first building at this wonderful place of refuge.



# A WAY OUT MINISTRIES





# SAFE HARBOR OHIO

## April-December 2023



Safe Harbor Ohio officially broke ground in April, surrounded by support from the local community. Once open, this refuge will serve as the largest facility in the Northeast that is dedicated to restoring girls, ages 14 to 18, who are rescued from human trafficking.

We are beyond humbled to lead this project from the ground up alongside many wonderful partners. **Together, the community raised funds, donated materials, discounted labor, and more, to declare that the price of freedom for the captive is worth it.**



In July, the first EDOH volunteers arrived at Safe Harbor and began the construction of Phase 1, which includes 3 cottages, an administration building, a chapel, and a school. Throughout the remainder of 2023, skilled volunteers served once a month for two weeks at a time and completed projects such as framing, roofing, painting, and more. Our hope is that in 2024, Phase 1 will be complete and Safe Harbor Ohio can open its doors as a place of freedom for survivors in need of emotional, physical, and spiritual healing!





Blitz I



Blitz II



Blitz III



Blitz IV



Blitz V



Blitz VI



"Have you ever felt the presence of God from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet?  
Let me take you to a place where you can experience just that.  
**There is a haven of hope sitting on holy ground built by holy hands.**  
The rolling hills call out for the weary to come and find rest.  
The concrete forms, studs, and newly finished walls shout: freedom is here.  
The bright white siding sings of redemption and restoration.  
The winding fence whispers, 'You're safe, forever, you are safe.'  
The front door welcomes a child to find the true meaning of home for the first time.  
The window overlooking new possibilities ushers dreams of a future.  
The door to each bedroom gives control back to the girl behind it.  
The chapel stands tall and ready to offer everlasting, unrelenting, and never-ending love.  
The dirt pad where a school will sit exclaims a chance at a new beginning.  
Can you imagine this place in your mind? Can you feel the freedom and security it provides?  
This place is called Safe Harbor."

- Volunteer, Safe Harbor Ohio



## MASS FEEDING TRAININGS

### Tupelo, MS and Buffalo, NY

We had the privilege of hosting two Mass Feeding Ministry trainings in 2023 to prepare for the launch of the ministry. Throughout both trainings, we welcomed over 100 volunteers, who learned to operate our equipment, utilize food safe preparation methods, and more.

During our Tupelo training, roughly 8,000 meals were prepared to distribute immediately after a disaster. God knew that just a few weeks later, those meals would be nourishing the brokenhearted in Perry, FL, following Hurricane Idalia.

## PERRY, FL, DEPLOYMENT

### September 1-8, 2023

Hurricane Idalia made landfall in Northwest Florida, leaving hundreds of thousands without power and surrounded by damage. Many not only faced the loss of their homes and belongings, but they were also left unable to secure a warm meal as they worked tirelessly to rebuild what was lost in the storm.

For the first time ever, our Mass Feeding Ministry and brand-new mass feeding trailer, responded, bringing 9,420 warm meals prepared by loving volunteers to families in need.







“  
Taste &  
see

*that the Lord is good! Blessed is the  
man who takes refuge in Him!*

*Psalm 34:8*



# EDOH - BUFFALO 2023 LOVEJOY DISTRICT



FAMILIES  
SERVED

**475**



VOLUNTEERS  
ENGAGED

**1,511**



VOLUNTEER HOURS  
DONATED

**57,600**



WORK  
DONATED

**\$2.7 million**





## July 15 - 22, 2023

Each year in July, we have the privilege of serving a different district in the city of Buffalo with free home repairs. This year, we brought 1,511 volunteers to the Lovejoy District, where 475 families had their houses painted, porches repaired, roofs replaced, windows installed, and landscaping completed. In addition, we were able to serve the whole community by revitalizing Schiller Park. It was amazing to see Western New York and the surrounding community join hands to build a better Buffalo together!



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EDOH Buffalo Recap Video





# INTRODUCING OUR CORE VALUES

**By Chandler Gurley**  
**Director of Operations**

Have you ever asked yourself, “*Who am I?*” If you’re like me, the answer is yes. It is a basic question that quickly gets to the core of what makes you *YOU*. What do I want to be known for? Why do I exist? What is the most important thing about me? We were challenged this year to ask the same question about Eight Days of Hope. When you strip away equipment, trucks, amazing food, and cool t-shirts, what are you left with?

## **What is Eight Days of Hope?**

We are nothing without **FAITH**. Our belief in Jesus Christ is not only central to everything we do but is the reason for everything we do. Good works will only last so long, but good works with faith will last forever.

The **HOPE** that God allows us to provide to those in need is what propels us to travel across the country, make thousands of meals, build safe places, and more. As people, we need something stronger than what wind and water can take away. We need everlasting assurance – the kind only found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Faith without works, or **SERVICE**, is dead. We have been called to serve, which is to love beyond our comfort, preference, or desires. We must reflect what we believe in our actions and willingness to place someone else above ourselves.

Living out what we believe and the hope we possess is summed up in one word, **INTEGRITY**. As an organization, we strive to lead others to not only serve people well but love people exceptionally. We hope and pray that at the end of the day people don’t see the tree we cut down, but instead, they see the real-life expression of Christ’s love displayed through each vessel God sends to this ministry.

God’s Word says to be of one mind and heart, to be unified. Unified with what or with who? **UNITY** with Christ and with other brothers and sisters is at the core of the Bible and at the core for EDOH. We are to strive for unity with each other and desire to be in step with Christ in everything we do.

We hope and pray that you experience the heartbeat of this ministry and the heartbeat of Christ as we strive to embody faith, hope, service, integrity, and unity through every deployment, rebuilding effort, safe house build, and warm meal!





## FAITH

**Hebrews 11:1**

The foundation of our existence is believing in the finished work of Christ and the salvation found in His name alone.



## HOPE

**Hebrews 10:23**

The dependence on the promises of Christ and the assurance of His presence for eternity.



## SERVICE

**1 Peter 4:10**

The act of putting someone else's wants and needs above our own with humility and selflessness.



## INTEGRITY

**Ephesians 4:1**

Living a life above reproach as we live, grow, and change into the image of Christ over time.



## UNITY

**Ephesians 4:3**

Being united in pursuing the heart and example of Christ as we love and serve those in need through each arm of our ministry.





## EDOH GALA

**December 1, 2023**

For the first time ever, over 300 EDOH supporters from across Northeast Mississippi gathered together to give glory to God for the continued growth of the ministry and the Kingdom work accomplished in 2023.

This Celebration of Hope featured encouragement from Melissa Brown, Safe Harbor Ohio CEO; videos highlighting the joys of serving throughout the year; and an intimate concert with Ben Fuller.



## STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS RECIPIENT

### Wayne Vanlandingham

We are excited to introduce the "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" award, which honors those who have devoted themselves to EDOH, have embodied our core values, and have gone above and beyond to live a life of loving and serving those in need. It is because we are standing on the shoulders of giants of the faith, like Wayne, that we are able to accomplish far more than we ever fathomed possible when this ministry began in 2005.

Wayne has been chosen to be the first recipient of this award, representing a foundational cornerstone on which the growth of the ministry has benefitted greatly. Wayne has been devoted to EDOH since day one, serving faithfully with integrity and steadfastness as a volunteer, a leader, and a board member. Thank you, Wayne, for your outstanding support through years of service to the ministry!







## OPEN HOUSE & BEN FULLER CONCERT

**December 2, 2023**

We hosted hundreds of people at our headquarters in Tupelo for a time of fellowship. We served lunch, invited people to learn more about what we do, and helped kids experience first-hand what serving is like through touch-a-truck.

Later that evening, almost 500 community members joined us for a free Ben Fuller concert. It was a wonderful time of worship, as we glorified God for the amazing work done through EDOH.







## SUPPORTING SAFE HARBOR OHIO

We partnered with We Are Messengers, Cochren & Co., and Ben Fuller for the “Where The JOY Is” concert tour to raise awareness and support for Safe Harbor Ohio. For two stops on the tour - Dover, OH, and Buffalo, NY - we worked with these amazing artists who share a passion for helping survivors of human trafficking.

They agreed to allow all proceeds from tickets sales to support the restoration of girls rescued from trafficking at Safe Harbor.

The concerts brought in almost 3,000 people to enjoy an evening of worship and fellowship, as well as education about the problem of human trafficking and what Safe Harbor was doing to restore girls across the Northeast.

The community outpoured its support, and together, we were able to gift Safe Harbor over **\$135,000**, which allows the organization to open in excellence as they begin loving and serving girls in 2024.

**\$135,000**  
RAISED





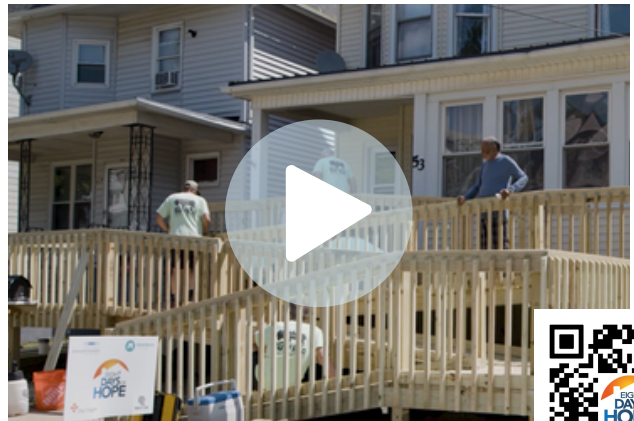


## HOPE REIGNS: THE EDOH RADIO SHOW

Did you know that every Saturday we host a radio show featuring stories from the EDOH mission field?

We would love for you, your family, and your friends to listen along with us as we share how God moves through volunteers to love and serve the brokenhearted!

To find a station near you, visit [eightdaysofhope.com](https://eightdaysofhope.com). You can also find us on Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube Podcasts.



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**THE HEART OF HOPE**

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