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Application #: 360025

Application / Project Name:

Hope House Food Pantry - 360025

Application Party ID:

35299

Organization ID#:

14922

Please complete the fields below for your organization. If your program is sponsored by a fiscal agent, please complete the information for the sponsor organization.

Organization Legal Name:

Hope House Day Care Center, Inc.

LIVEGIVEmidSouth.org Profile URL:

<https://roundtable.livegivemidSouth.org/organizations/1145637>

Organization Address:

P.O. Box 41437, Memphis, TN 38174-1437

Organization Phone Number:

9012921529

If your program is sponsored by a fiscal agent, please list the name of your program.

Grant Contact Name:

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Grant Contact Title:

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As stated in the application guidelines, an eligibility requirement for this application is a LIVEGIVEmidsouth.org profile in progress. To meet eligibility, the applying organization needs to submit a new LIVEGIVEmidsouth.org profile to be published OR submit updates to an existing profile for review by February 6, 2026.

I understand this requirement.

Yes

As stated in the application guidelines, a representative from each organization chosen as a grant finalist must participate in the presentation for the GiVE 365 Finals event in April.

I understand this requirement.

Yes

In order to keep GiVE 365 members informed of the grant's progress, grantees are required to provide brief updates that can be shared with members two times in the twelve-month grant period. If awarded this grant, you will be asked to provide updates that might be shared with GiVE 365 members through some or all of the following methods: social media, e-newsletters, photos/videos, site visits, and other donor education opportunities.

I understand this requirement.

Yes

How will GiVE 365 funds be used?

Expand or sustain an existing program

Grant Amount Requesting:

\$10,000.00



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Please provide a brief 2-3 sentence summary of your project or program for use in communications with GiVE 365 members and for The Finals event program, should your application be chosen. (The description may be edited by staff.)

Hope House's food pantry is a lifeline for families affected by HIV and poverty in Memphis, a city with the highest rate of new HIV cases in the nation. By offering nutritious food alongside critical services in one trusted place, Hope House reduces barriers, eases daily survival, and helps families focus on health and stability.

Please explain the ways your organization helps build food access and community connection through homegrown solutions.

Hope House builds food access and community connection through homegrown, people-centered solutions designed specifically for families affected by HIV and poverty in Memphis. As the city with the highest rate of new HIV cases in the nation, Memphis faces intersecting challenges of food insecurity, health disparities, and persistent HIV stigma. Hope House responds by meeting families where they are and addressing basic needs as an essential part of long-term health and stability. At the heart of this work is Hope House's food pantry, which provides consistent access to nutritious food for households impacted by HIV. Food insecurity is a major barrier to medication adherence, immune health, and overall wellbeing. By ensuring families have reliable, healthy food, Hope House helps stabilize households and supports better health outcomes. The pantry is designed to be welcoming, respectful, and judgment-free.

Hope House's approach is intentionally holistic and community-based. Families are able to access food alongside other essential services such as housing support, early childhood education, counseling, and healthcare coordination all in one trusted location. This "one-stop" model removes transportation barriers, reduces stress, and strengthens engagement by recognizing that food access cannot be separated from the broader realities of poverty and chronic illness.

Community connection is built through relationships. Staff and volunteers reflect and understand the Memphis community, fostering trust and long-term partnerships with the families we serve. For many participants, the food pantry is the first point of contact that opens the door to deeper support, peer connection, and a sense of belonging. By addressing immediate hunger while also combating HIV stigma and isolation, Hope House creates a supportive ecosystem where families can move from crisis toward stability.

Through locally driven solutions rooted in dignity, compassion, and collaboration, Hope House's food pantry does more than provide meals, it nourishes health, strengthens families, and builds a more connected and resilient Memphis community.



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How will the grant funds be used?

Grant funds will be used 100% to purchase food for Hope House’s pantry serving families affected by HIV and poverty in Memphis. All awarded dollars will go directly toward sourcing nutritious, high-quality food from regional wholesalers and the Mid-South Food Bank, ensuring consistent and reliable access to essential groceries for our clients.

Hope House operates the food pantry without direct overhead costs. Staff members collectively support pantry operations as part of their roles, allowing grant funding to be fully dedicated to food purchases rather than administrative or staffing expenses. This approach maximizes the impact of every dollar and enables Hope House to respond flexibly to fluctuations in food supply and family need.

Explain how people from the communities you serve are involved in your organization’s decision-making.

People from the communities Hope House serves are actively involved in decision-making at every level of the organization. This involvement ensures that programs remain responsive, relevant, and grounded in the lived experiences of families affected by HIV and poverty.

Hope House includes both a current client and a former client as members of its Board of Directors, bringing direct community voice into organizational governance and strategic decisions. Their perspectives help shape policies, priorities, and program direction while ensuring accountability to the families most impacted by Hope House’s work.

In addition to board representation, Hope House gathers ongoing input through quarterly client surveys that assess satisfaction, identify emerging needs, and inform program improvements. Clients are also encouraged to share feedback at any time through an anonymous feedback box, creating a safe and accessible way to raise concerns or offer suggestions without fear of stigma or retaliation. Hope House further deepens community leadership through a Client Leadership Council, which meets regularly to discuss new needs, evaluate current services, and recommend program enhancements. This council provides a structured forum for clients to collaborate with staff, ensuring services evolve in response to real-time community input.

As a result of this funding, what will be achieved for both your organization and those you serve?

As a result of this funding, Hope House will be able to strengthen and sustain its food pantry as a reliable source of nutrition for families affected by HIV and poverty in Memphis. Each year, Hope House distributes more than 1,500 boxes of food and supports approximately 250 households, many of whom rely on the pantry as a consistent source of nourishment. Funding that covers a two months of food will allow the organization to meet rising demand, reduce gaps in food availability, and ensure families continue to receive healthy groceries without interruption.



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For the families served, this investment will lead to immediate and measurable outcomes, including reduced food insecurity and increased household stability. Consistent access to nutritious food supports immune health, medication adherence, and overall wellbeing, which are critical factors for individuals living with or impacted by HIV. Receiving food in a trusted and stigma free environment also reduces stress for caregivers, allowing them to focus on their health, their children, and longer-term goals rather than daily survival.

For Hope House as an organization, this funding reinforces a highly efficient, community driven service model that maximizes direct impact. By sustaining a pantry that already reaches hundreds of households annually, staff can respond proactively to community needs while maintaining continuity of care. The funding also advances Hope House's broader mission to reduce HIV stigma by meeting families with dignity, respect, and compassion, strengthening trust and engagement across all services.

Full Name of Executive Director or Authorized Signer:

Lenox Warren

Date:

2/11/2026

Hope House Day Care Center, Inc.

Hope House Food Program Budget

Revenue

Community Foundation of Greater Memphis- GIVE 365 (grant request)	\$10,000
Old Dominick	\$10,000
Wal-Mart	\$3,500
Individuals	\$8,065.53
Enterprise	\$3,000
Southern Aids Coalition	\$5,000
Additional funds to be raised through a variety of individual, corporation and private foundation grants	\$20,434.47
	Total: \$60,000

Expenses

One year of food pantry (\$5,000 X 12 months)	\$60,000
	Total: \$60,000

***Hope House's food pantry aims to stretch every dollar. We order food as we raise funds. The expenses of the food pantry fluctuate depending on how much money we have and what we are financially able to order.**