

HOPE

ACADEMY GSO

Educate  Encourage  Equip



HOPE ACADEMY GSO ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Hope Academy GSO is a private, community-funded, non-profit school serving the community in Greensboro, NC. Through the hope and power of Christ, we partner with families and the community to educate, encourage and equip our students to transform their futures.



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A MESSAGE FROM JOSH



“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.” This quotation from missionary Hudson Taylor was the primary rallying cry of our founding Head of School, Ed Zimmerman. I heard the call to do God’s work: to help create a Christ-centered school for children and families who most needed an excellent schooling option and an education that could transform their futures. We learned (and are still learning) that it would take faith, hope, and love to do this God’s way, especially when doing it God’s way meant depending on Him to activate our community to be the conduit for his supply.

I started at Hope Academy GSO ten years ago as the only full-time instructor. That first year, I taught a 5/6th combined class and drove the van to pick up students and return them home. I knew from before the first day of school that the way we needed to do this work would require us to grow, to serve children younger and lay a strong foundation, which would require us to build trust with our community and to seek even more supply from our generous donors. The Lord continues to show up and perform miracle after miracle to carry out the important mission of educating, encouraging, and equipping these wonderful children. Thank you to every piece of our community for joining God’s work in this place called Hope Academy GSO!

Josh Mullins
Head of School, Hope Academy GSO

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SCAN ME!



REAPING WHAT WE SOW



My wife (Kim) and I recently added both soil and mulch to our garden. It got me thinking about the phrase “we reap what we sow” as well Greensboro’s garden of Hope Academy GSO.

Through the generosity of our donors, the necessary and critical funds for first and second grades were recently met. These seeds were planted last year with the addition of Kindergarten. . .hoping/praying/

building our the dream for what is now a K-8 School.

Ten years ago, Florida Street Baptist Church was willing to partner with us to lease space for Hope. . .starting with just 26 students. In 2017 the entire building was gifted to Hope and we now have almost 100 students.

The successes of growth have been “tilled” by prayer, volunteers/donors, outstanding staff, and maybe more importantly, students willing to grow academically and spiritually. Seeds were planted in rows titled “equip,” “educate,” and “encourage.” Over the years, we’ve experienced “harvests of plenty.” This is evident in not only the student growth and success but also in their families and the surrounding community.

While it’s natural to think about the harvest, like any garden, the fruits of our labor come in seasons. We’re about to graduate 17 eighth graders (our largest class yet). Over the years, we’ve provided the soil and nutrients for their success. As they move on from Hope, I like to think that we leave them with our prayers and continued support (akin to a top layer of mulch to retain necessary nutrients for growth and prevention of weeds).

The seasons for harvesting are cyclical at Hope. As we think about the next ten years, we are now in the process of planting seeds for expanding our campus and scope of reach. This will continue to require our continued support, faith, and Hope for bountiful harvests to come!

Gratefully,
Bruce Bunce, Chairman, Hope Academy GSO Board

NEVER GIVE UP



Congratulations!

First, to all Hope Academy GSO students. You have shown your strength and focus once again as you have successfully completed another school year.

Although 2021-2022 has been challenging for you, your friends and family, as well as the entire world, you showed your

determination and finished strong. We are extremely proud of you and confident that you will continue to soar.

Continue to believe in yourselves and never give up. We, the staff and volunteers will continue to work hard to encourage others to join our donation efforts. We will strive to continue to support you and your family as you continue being a part of the Hope Academy GSO Family.

Thank you for your attendance, your time, and your continued support

Parents and Guardians, thank you for your support. I believe that it truly does take a village...and we are here to walk alongside you.

Donors and Volunteers, we ask that you remain committed with your financial support. It is greatly appreciated AND needed. Thank you for all that you have done to support these young people. You are truly the foundation of Hope Academy GSO. Without the students, parents, guardians, donors and volunteers, Hope Academy GSO would only be a great idea. Let’s continue to work together.

Thank you.
Kendrick T. Mayes, Director of Development
“Eagle Pride”



ENCOURAGED BY GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

It has been a wonderful school year. As I reflect on this school year, I am encouraged by God’s continued faithfulness to us. This year we began putting an emphasis on caring for each other as a school community. Did you know that caring about someone is a skill that one has to learn, just like math? Our staff spent a large portion of our Professional Development time together learning how to teach and model this learned skill to our students. I am so excited in all of the ways God is blessing and growing Hope. It is an honor to be a part of what God is doing here. A big “THANK YOU!” to everyone who makes it possible for our students, families and staff to experience the love of Jesus everyday.

Mattie Neese, Director of Family & Student Support

HOPE BY THE NUMBERS

96

Students Enrolled

100

Students Served

88%

of 8th grade students accepted into magnet high schools

9

Student Clubs

15,580

Weekend meal bags and hot meals served to students and families

19

Staff Members

4

New Staff

3

Outdoor Learning Tents

100+

Volunteers on Campus

400+

Supporting Partners

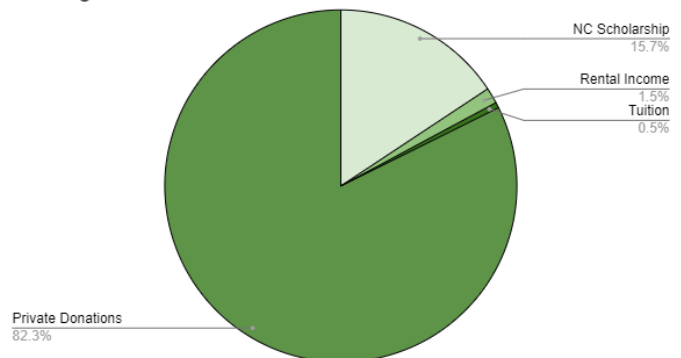


FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

DONATIONS

NC Scholarships	\$270,900
Donations	\$1,420,550
Tuition	\$8,879
Rental Income	\$25,090
Total Income	\$1,725,419

Funding Breakdown



ANNUAL STUDENT GROWTH

Evidenced by annual test scores, all grades 3rd-8th achieved one year of growth or more in reading and math, meaning that each grade met or exceeded expectations for the 2021-2022 school year. The school's growth average was 1 year of growth in math and 1.5 years of growth in reading.

READING

1.5

Years of Growth

MATH

1

Year of Growth

THE HOPE COMMUNITY

THANK YOU

The African proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child," and that could not be more true at Hope Academy GSO. Thank you to our donors, volunteers, ambassadors, staff, board members, and families for the way that each of you have each generously gone above and beyond to show your support, share your prayers, and bless the school with your talents and resources. We want to thank all of the people that make Hope Academy GSO what it is today, which is a place for God to move so that hearts and futures can be transformed by His love.

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FEATURED STUDENT ESSAYS



One of my favorite parts of teaching at Hope Academy is working with the 8th graders on their choice high school admissions essays. The prompts challenge students to reflect on their growth,

future plans, and how Hope Academy has helped mold them into exceptional young people. I have been given the opportunity to know these students for their full tenure at Hope, and I can attest to their growth, humor, and brilliance. This year, the majority of our students will attend a choice high school. The following three essays are a few of my favorites.

Kristine Hammer



Jaelah Joseph-Baker, 8th Grade

I've been at Hope Academy since 2019. Hope Academy is a non-denominational Christian school. I've learned lessons in life outside of school of course, but at Hope I've learned some of the most important lessons of all. One of the lessons I've learned is how to become a leader. Also, my work ethic has

improved. I used to get in a lot of trouble before attending Hope Academy. Coming to Hope has taught me that the road to success is being yourself and showing people who you are as a person. I used to be so worried about fitting in with the cool kids that I used to block myself from being me. Everybody thought that I was cool because I got good grades and I used to fit in with the cool kids, but I was dying inside. I wasn't being myself with these people and Hope helped me become my true self. When I get to high school, I will continue to take these leadership skills to high school with me. I will continue to take my good grades to high school. I will continue to take me to high school. I haven't always made good grades, but they get better and better every day. Now in the 8th grade, I am in a leadership position in the student council. I help around the school and make good decisions for Hope. One of the missions I've been on is seeing how I could help students get to know each other better to make our school a community. I hope to make my future high school an excellent community as well.



Kyron Conyers, 8th Grade

This year, I have been involved in a robotics club. In the robotics club, I've built robots that can sense a difference in light and are aware of their surroundings. I have recently built a robot that is able to walk by itself. I have learned many things from the robotics club such as programming, teamwork, and leadership over my peers. As a leader in robotics,

I've learned how to work well with others and work on my own. Outside of school, I like to build different lego designs. I've recently found an interest in building lego cars, but I've always been interested in building all types of lego designs. In high school, I am interested in taking more advanced classes in engineering and design. I am very interested in learning how to build new creations. I enjoy building new designs with legos because they can tell a story. Different brands and types of legos can be used to tell stories about the building process. I can use my imagination to create my own designs using spare pieces from lego sets. One of my favorite designs I have created have been two miniature motorcycles because I appreciated the aesthetics. Building lego designs can be challenging because you have to learn how to make a design look appealing and functional.



Trashawn Dennis, 8th Grade

Soon after I began attending Hope Academy, a sports program began when I was in 5th grade. I was one of the youngest kids on my team. Since I began playing sports in 5th grade, I have been appointed team captain every year by the school's head coach. I have been a captain of the cross country, flag football, volleyball, soccer, and basketball teams.

Through being a captain, I have learned how to be a leader. Being a captain of a sports team is not easy. It can be challenging to have to learn how to slow down and be patient, but it has taught me how to be a kinder and more compassionate teammate. When we lose games, I try to keep a cool head and a positive attitude. From playing sports with Hope I have learned to never give up even if you are having a hard time. My 8th grade year my cross country team won every race. But my favorite sport was basketball. We had some tough games but we never gave up. Even though we lost some games we still keep our heads up. Everything I have learned from being the captain of a sports team I will take with me to high school. Perseverance, teamwork, and a positive attitude are all important in the classroom.

8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2022



Jaelah Joseph-Baker



Kiaro Bell



Nyasia Broughton



Jaesin Carr



Kyron Conyers



Trashawn Dennis



De'Arin Dozier



Ava Gallant



Katlyn Kelly



Nevae'h Little



Jelynn Diaz-Martinez



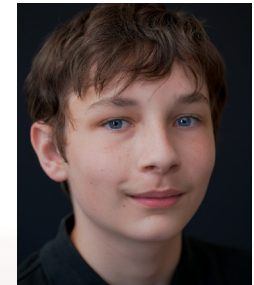
Jaedyn McNair



Xavier McNeal



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Zaydin Price



Briana Rodriguez



Audrey Simmons



HOPE HIGHLIGHTS



THEATER ARRIVES AT HOPE ACADEMY GSO

The arts have been flourishing on campus since the start of the new theater program, directed by Isabel Friesen. Through this program, students of all grade levels have had the opportunity to explore set design, character development, acting and more. One of the highlights of this new program was the middle school students' performance of Hope Academy GSO's first ever spring play, titled "The 10 Best/ Worst Things about Middle School" by M.G. Davidson. The students worked very hard all semester and did an amazing job performing in this play! Special thanks goes to our volunteers Beth Dunbar and Tabitha Mclaughlin for all of their assistance with the theater program this year.

That being said, the skills learned in theater go beyond just the performing arts. Students at Hope Academy GSO utilize the skills learned in theater class to improve their presentation skills, public speaking abilities, emotional intelligence, and social confidence. We are so excited to see the positive effects this program has had and we look forward to increasing students' access to arts education in the future.

HOPE ACADEMY GSO EAGLES HIGHLIGHT

Hope Academy GSO athletics is a proud member of the Independent School League. This year, the Hope Academy GSO athletics program was awarded the league's Commissioners Cup award at the annual Hope Academy GSO Sports Banquet for the first time. The commissioners cup is awarded to the school that scored the most points across all five sports: cross country, soccer, flag football, volleyball, and basketball.

Several of our Hope Eagle athletes earned individual special recognition for their hard work and dedication this year:

Annual Outstanding Athlete Awards

Eagle of the Year: Trashawn Dennis
Stanley Scholar Athlete: Ny'iera Price
Coach's Award: Jelyn Diaz Martinez

MVP Award Recipients

Cross Country MVP: Jaelah Joseph-Baker, Trashawn Dennis
Soccer MVP: Aruna Msenwa
Flag football MVP: Kiaro Bell
Volleyball MVP: Audrey Simmons
Basketball MVP: Trashawn Dennis, Matthew Gibson & Ashawn Satterwhite

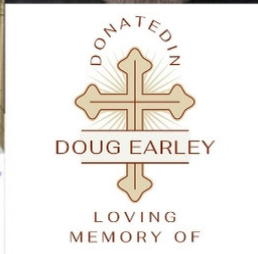
A special thank you goes to Bre Johnson, Admissions and Volunteer Coordinator, and the volunteers who planned and made the annual Hope Academy GSO Sports Banquet a great success!



Coach Adam Hubert and Tim Montgomery of the Independent School League

ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Thank you for growing the Hope Academy GSO Athletics program. We would like to thank all the people that came together to make the new athletics van possible for our growing sports program. Because of your generosity, we now have enough seats for our elementary and middle student athletes to attend all of their games comfortably and in style! Thank you all so much for your investment in the lives of the students!



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Mr. Vince Cvijanovic from
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THE HISTORY OF HOPE ACADEMY GSO

The nonprofit paperwork for Glenwood Family Ministries is filed to begin fundraising and determine the feasibility of a school.

Glenwood Family Ministries receives permission to begin renovating the building of Florida Street Baptist Church in June. Every week, volunteers come from all over the community to clean and paint the building. Due to God's providence, the school, titled "Hope Academy," begins just over 60 days after the approval notice and just 16 months after the planning committee was founded. Hope Academy GSO opens with 32 total students enrolled into 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Amazingly, by December 2012, the operational budget for the year is fully funded by the community.

North Carolina begins a scholarship program for economically disadvantaged students who wish to attend private schools, increasing funding opportunities available for new students who apply.

Florida Street Baptist Church gives the church's building and land to Hope Academy GSO. Hope Academy GSO's enrollment numbers increase to 53 students. A new partnership is formed with Backpack Beginnings, a nonprofit that provides free weekend food bags to students.

Sherricka Stanley, former Dean of Students, starts the Hope Academy GSO sports program. In partnership with Raven's Pursuit, the sanctuary is converted into a hub for a school-wide CrossFit exercise program.

After serving 5th-8th grade since 2012, Hope Academy GSO successfully adds 3rd and 4th grade classes in the middle of the Covid19 pandemic. A new partnership is formed with Black Child Development Institute, providing an afterschool program for students on campus.

Through the generosity of the community, Hope Academy GSO adds Grades 1 and 2, enabling the school to serve Kindergarten through 8th grade!

Pastor Marshall Benbow of Grace Community Church begins the Glenwood Tutoring Program in his home and eventually it is relocated to the Grace Community Church grounds. This program provided tutoring services three days a week to students in the Glenwood community.

Founders Regina Clark and Marshall Benbow visit Restoration Academy in the Fairfield neighborhood of Birmingham, AL to gather ideas for starting a school. Upon return, the decision is made to start a planning committee for the school the following month. The original plan is to launch a school in three to five years.

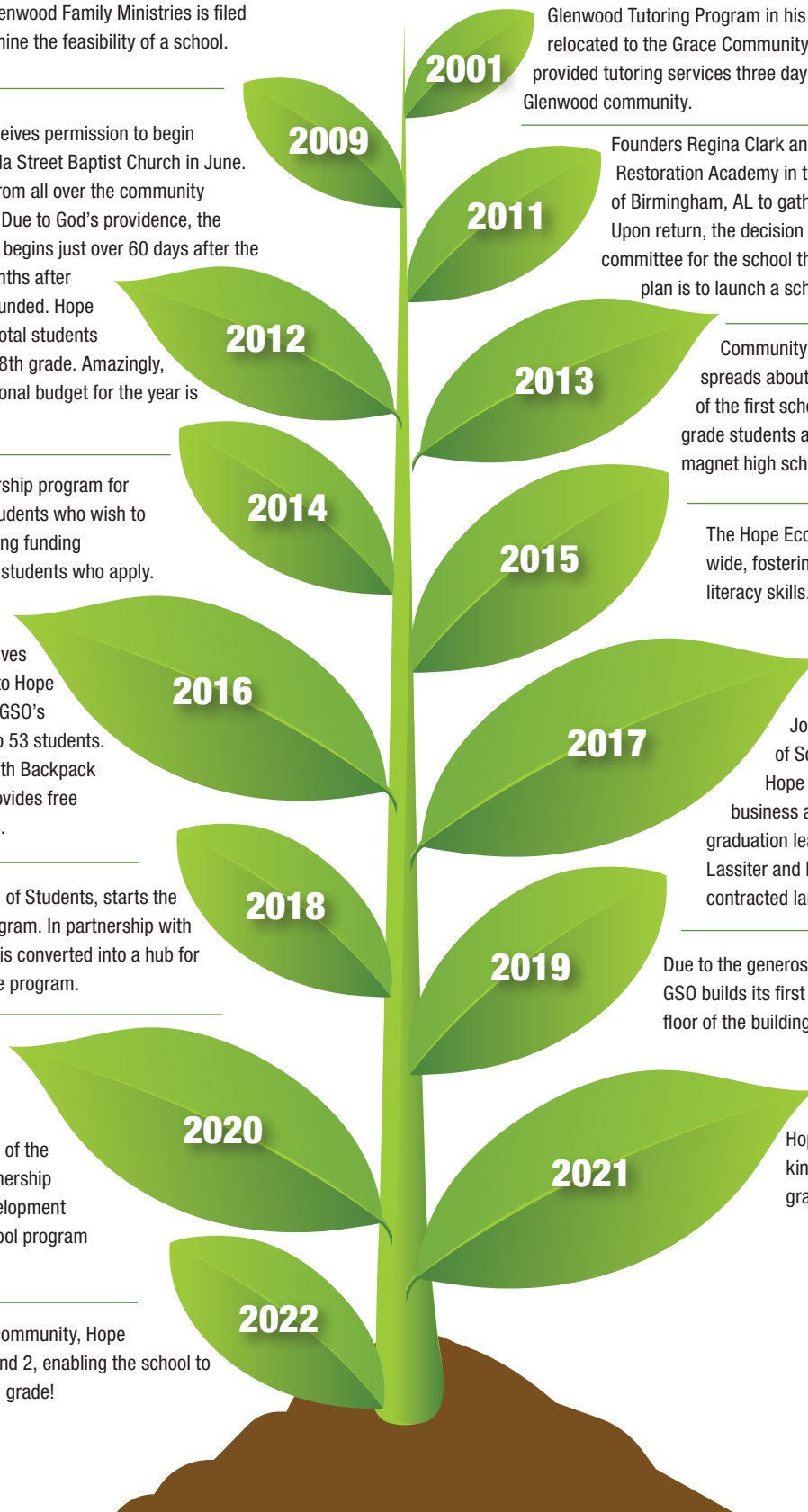
Community support grows as the word spreads about Hope Academy GSO. At the end of the first school year, 83% of graduating 8th grade students apply and are accepted to local magnet high schools.

The Hope Economy system begins school-wide, fostering students' personal financial literacy skills.

Josh Mullins becomes Head of School at Hope Academy GSO. Hope graduates start a landscaping business as the result of a post-graduation leadership class taught by Britt Lassiter and become the school's first contracted landscapers.

Due to the generosity of our donors, Hope Academy GSO builds its first industrial kitchen on the main floor of the building.

Hope Academy GSO adds kindergarten, serving a total of 6 grades and 100 students.



10 STORIES OF HOPE

In celebration of Hope Academy GSO's 10 year anniversary, we would like to celebrate 10 stories that reflect the culture of Hope Academy GSO and how the ministry of Hope Academy GSO has impacted people in our community.



Savannah Goans, 6th Grade Student

[Since coming to Hope,] what's improved for me probably is my grades. The teachers are really nice here and most of the middle schoolers are nice too. To me, I feel like [at] this school... the expectation is different...at my old school...[it] was a good school but, to me, I feel like the students, the way they acted wasn't as good. For

me, I was pretty good, but the thing is...there was drama issues. People would get in trouble a lot. People would act up, get bullied sometimes. [...] Here, it's much better because we have teachers that take care of us and that help us with learning and how to communicate better...Here, we have a garden that we get to help around. We get to go on field trips more. At my old school, we didn't really go on field trips. So I feel like this school is much better than my old school. Some days I didn't really want to go [to my old school]. Here, I love to go because it's helped me with my education and making more friends. I know people here from church so that's how I knew them here. I like this school better than my old school.

[Something I'll take with me in the future] is helping kids communicate better and [using] computers more because I didn't really use them as much until now. Helping kids with learning and disabilities...that's what I want to help kids with.



Jelyn Diaz-Martinez, 8th Grade Student

[Hope Academy GSO has] honestly has changed my life. Being a part of the Hope Academy family since October 2018, when I was only 10 years old, was a real thrill. A place that has never brought me as much joy as Hope Academy has. For me personally, it's going to be really hard having to leave

and start at a new school. This is for many reasons of course, such as having the best friendships here, having teachers that can actually understand us and help us, and just the feeling of comfort I got from being here was amazing. I'll for sure miss...the memories I'll always remember just from being here and getting to spend time with everyone, getting to know everyone better, and not having to feel like I'm being judged.



Tykashi "Ty" McNeil, Alumni of Hope Academy GSO

Going to Hope academy really helped me pave the way for where I am now. Hope is a school that emphasizes chasing your future goals and dreams beyond school. Hope prides themselves on helping each student attend the right high school for them, which has led me to where I am now. I am currently a

Junior attending UNCG [and] majoring in Kinesiology. I also plan to become a chiropractor after undergraduate school. Hope really helped me grow into who I have become as a person and I would recommend the experience to any kid with the opportunity to attend.



Shawntina Dennis, Parent & Front Office Administrator

It was the summer of 2014 and Hope Academy had a teacher named Ms. Suzanne. Ms. Suzanne came walking down through our neighborhood. She and a group of Hope Academy students were passing out brochures and popsicles. It was pretty warm that day. They wanted to give us some

information about Hope, letting us know that they were enrolling and just to come check it out and see what good things Hope Academy had for our neighborhood.

I love it. One of the reasons is because...coming to Hope, it helped my children because there are small class sizes. They get the one-on-one help that they need and, to me, it makes them more academically successful. I know my kids enjoy it here better verses the school they were coming from or would have to go to, so I think they have adjusted really well.

With my older son, Justice, he came in 2016, I believe. He was really quiet. When he came to Hope, Mr. Mullins was his 5th grade math teacher. They gave him a high standard, you know, [they said], "we'd like for you to be a leader instead of a follower." He took on to that role really well. He became a leader, he had a great attitude around other children- older and younger, and I believe with him being here it made an impact. I love the culture and everything here.



Dale Slaughter, Counselor

This school actually thrives on donations. That's what makes it unique. It's the kindness of other people's hearts to pour into a school and to know that within that community, you pour into this community and it comes back out. Financially and even just volunteering. Volunteering your time, your efforts, your talents within a community that

sometimes people look at and say "yeah, I don't need to do anything." Well, yeah! You can do a lot for the community! So just being able to share their hearts and see it grow. Because as you pour into something, you know it's going to grow out... [I would like to see] more of the community pouring into where [the students] are at. Other businesses that are around just to pour back into the community. That's what Christ promoted. Community among us all. Just pouring back into what we are in and seeing every day. [...] When somebody plants something, you want to see it grow. And you see the buzz! And so you want to see it continue to grow and see what it becomes, ultimately. So, I like that. I like what Hope is doing within the community. That's why I'll stick around and see what else God's up to with Hope Academy.



Isaiah Hamilton, Volunteer & UCG Student

I actually found out about Hope Academy through a class I was taking through college. It was called "Communications in the Community," so we could have chosen any organization in the area, so I decided to choose this one because it was right here, and it worked out!

The culture around here is very encouraging. Each of the staff members are all willing to help out the students, help out each other, and then encourage the students to be the best students they can be, the best adults that they can be. [They are] always giving character improvement, moral lessons, different things that will help the students out that they don't know right now, but will help them later on in life. That's really cool and I like that about it.

Faith impacts [Hope] because people know that if we all stick together, we know that the outcome will be alright. We know that as long as we have each other, as long as we have faith, as long as we have God in our lives, we know that the outcome is going to be fine.



Michelle Brooks, Volunteer

Hope Academy has become near and dear to my heart. I first was introduced to Hope by Susie Ghune. Susie invited several of us to a luncheon at the school where we were able to hear about their mission as well as the impact they were having in the community. After looking around and speaking to several students, I knew that I wanted the

opportunity to be a part of the Hope community.

From tutoring, to food preparation and even lunch relief I love that I am able to make an impact where I can. Volunteering at Hope is one of the best parts of my day.

I am most impacted by the education that Hope provides their students. I have witnessed students who have a knowledge base below their grade level but were taught in such a way that they were able to acquire the skills needed to flourish in the classroom. However not only have they grown academically, they have grown spiritually as well. I am truly motivated by the hard work that the teachers are all doing and am excited to continue to serve at Hope. Hope impacts the community by providing children with a safe space to learn the information/skills needed to succeed in life. Hope is able to take children who might have given up on themselves and help them to not only succeed but to gain a passion for learning. While on the outside Hope may seem like a normal academic institution, it is truly anything but. Hope academy is a place where young minds are exposed to the wonders of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ and learn that all things are possible through Christ.



Jasmine Dennis, Alumni of Hope Academy GSO

I would love to say that Hope academy was the best middle school I could have chosen. I made so many longtime friends. I like how Hope's classes are very small. That was always different from my elementary school. The teachers were so nice and like to help you when you needed it. Hope Academy

always had fun activities for us to do. I am so happy that I was able to attend Hope academy.





Dominick Pittman, Elementary Humanities Teacher

The end of this year will be my sixth year [teaching] at Hope Academy. With Guilford County Schools, I had been there for eight years, so altogether 14 years [of teaching experience]. The public school setting was fine but this was something that I really [wanted] to do because I was already volunteering

at the church with students. Getting to be here and to witness and things of that nature excited me, in addition to teaching students.

Being at a private Christian school means that we're invited to encourage and love and share with kids the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We get to encourage them in a very spiritual way... that whole piece of it, in addition to teaching them a standard curriculum, excited me... because you cannot teach children without first ensuring that they are safe, without ensuring that their other needs are met, in terms of spiritual and emotional. I think that a lot of times, in a public school setting, those things may not be considered with the student, unfortunately. You're just supposed to push through. But we, here at Hope Academy, we get to respond to those things. We get to really tap in and really encourage using Christ and talking about the Holy Spirit. I've always thought that that was necessary. And since we get to do it here, let's do it!



Susie Guhne, Former Director of Development

I first learned of Hope Academy as my family and I served meals at Grace [Community Church]. I have lived in Greensboro for 30 years, but had no idea there was such an amazing place in south Greensboro. Shortly after, our daughter, Kristine, was hired as a teacher and we became financial

supporters. A few years later I joined the staff as Director of Development. I had never raised money in my life, but believed in the mission and heart of the school. I quickly fell in love with the children and their families. It became a joy to tell others the "story of Hope". During my time at Hope I saw God transform hearts, minds and souls. Hope Academy GSO is a beautiful example of God's Kingdom on earth and His people joining together to love their neighbor.

HOPE IS GROWING!

Dear friends of Hope,

This year is an important milestone. Through the hope and power of Christ, we have been able to actively partner with families and the community to *educate, encourage and equip* our students to transform their futures for 10 years as of August 2022! Additionally, we are excited to share that, because of God's continual faithfulness and your generosity, Hope Academy GSO is now educating, encouraging, and equipping students in grades kindergarten through 8th grade, making us a complete elementary and middle school for the first time in our history.

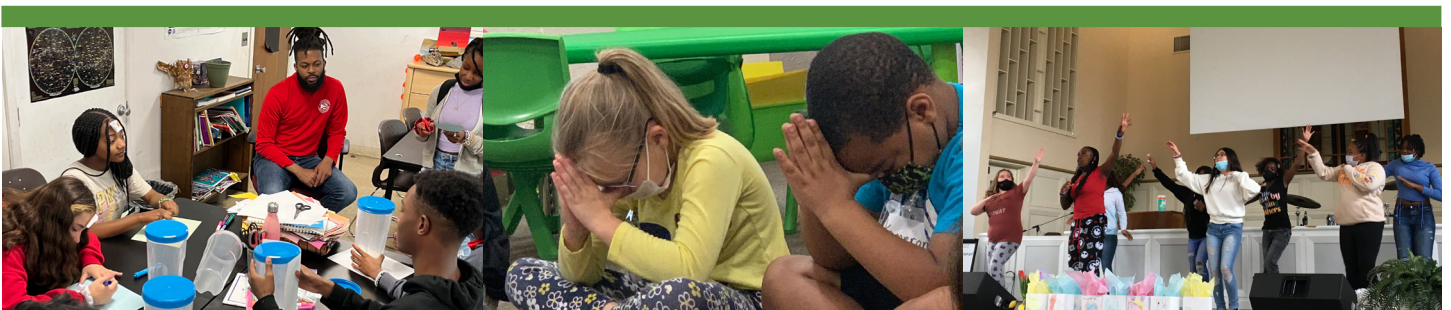
Year after year, we could not do this work without you. It is your partnership that opens our doors every day, allows our students to hear about the love of God, and provides educational opportunities that transform their futures. We want to say thank you to all of our supporters, partners, and volunteers for empowering Hope Academy GSO to be the hands and feet of Christ to our community of Greensboro, NC. It takes all of us to make this work happen.

We praise God for these last 10 years and look forward to the next 10. With your continued support, your donations, time, and prayers, we will touch more lives for God's glory. We invite you to stay connected with us by visiting our website, social media and our campus to see more of the programs that you make possible. Please feel free to reach out to our Development Team at development@hopeacademygso.org to learn more about connecting with us and donating to the school.

Blessings,
Regina Clark & Pastor Marshall Benbow
Founders of Hope Academy GSO

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