



HOPE
ACADEMY GSO
Educate Encourage Equip



A MESSAGE FROM JOSH HEAD OF SCHOOL

We see in Genesis 12 that God’s plan for Abraham is to bless him and to give him the opportunity to be a blessing. The summer of 2020 we had one goal and that was to bless our students and families by seeking to have as much in person instruction as we possibly could, and to do so as safely as we possibly could. Like millions of others we attempted computer-based distance learning in the spring of 2020 and found it severely lacking in meeting the spiritual, academic, social, and physical needs of our students.

It has been such a hard and strange year, much was lost and is worthy of our grief and should certainly not be lost in the dash back to ‘normal’. That being said, I believe that right now is a time for counting blessings. I have been so blessed to lead at Hope Academy GSO during such a time as this. I could not be more thankful for the blessing of our parents and students who patiently navigated new protocols, shifting schedules, periods of quarantine, and communication challenges. I could not be more impressed by the blessing of our teachers who taught in masks, taught outside under tents, constantly wiped down surfaces, continually reminded kids to wear masks, switched groups, modified job descriptions, and met student needs day in and day out. I could not be more humbled by the blessing of our volunteers and supporters who showed up to donate food, sew masks, cover classes during lunch and recess, erect tents, create picnic areas, and continue to donate during such uncertain times. Friends of Hope Academy GSO, we have truly been blessed in order to be a blessing. May we continue to walk into the blessings the Lord has for us and rest on His redeeming love as He calls us to continue to bless one another.

HOPE BY THE NUMBERS

7

Tents used for outdoor learning

185

Hours students spent learning to pray for each other while growing in biblical knowledge and worldview

1,480

Hours of instruction/tutoring and after school programs

25

Different types of fruits and vegetables grown in the Hope garden

400+

Volunteers

(Keller Williams ONE, Elevation Church GSO, Catholic Heart Work Camp, Westover Church, GSO Fellows, Lunch Buddies, Backyard Bible Study, Graphic Components, UNCG Students, Mercy Hill, Grace Community Church)

3,400

Weekend meal bags and hot meals given to Hope families and the Glenwood Community

83

Students received an in- person, Christ centered education

400

Financial donors

33,300

Meals served from our new kitchen



OUR MISSION

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.



A MODERN DAY SCREWTAPE LETTER

This past year, the 8th grade class tackled the formidable task of reading the Christian apologetic novel *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. *The Screwtape Letters*, originally published in 1942, is told through the perspective of “Screwtape,” a senior demon who advises his nephew, a junior tempter, on how to lead a man astray from Christ. After reading the book, Hope students were assigned to write a “Screwtape Letter” of their own by mimicking Lewis’s writing style and

thinking of how *Screwtape* would twist a modern day experience to the detriment of man. Students chose a subject relevant to their lives (topics chosen included peer pressure and the use of Instagram and Tik Tok) and analyzed how tools of this world can lead us to or away from God.

- Mrs. Hammer. *Middle School Humanities*

EGIDE RUSAGARA'S "SCREWTAPE LETTER"

Dear Wormwood,

It appears that your patient has discovered something called YouTube. This thing called YouTube can maybe help drift the patient away from The Enemy. In the past, he was very pious and it was very hard for us to distract him from The Enemy. But now we have this thing called YouTube which will be easier for you to distract him from The Enemy. Today your patient uploaded his first YouTube video, but instead of distracting away from The Enemy, he was talking about Him. You said that thing so-called YouTube would help distract your patient. But instead, it brought them closer.

Wormwood, some time has passed since we last spoke. I have some good news, your patient has just received his first hate comments. We can use these hate comments to get him closer to Our Father Below and away from The Enemy. The hate comments have hurt the patient's pride and all he wants is to be loved. Your patient has now uploaded his second video. But this time he is talking about The Enemy less and more about himself. It seems that your patient is only making these videos to satisfy the viewer and his own pride.

Hey Wormwood, some time has passed since my last letter and it seems that your patient has stopped making videos about The Enemy completely and is consumed by inflating his ego. It seems that he is consumed by pride and gaining popularity from man. All your patient is thinking about is all the viewers, likes, and subscriptions. He is glued to

the screen and he is watching the likes underneath his video go up and down obsessively. He is barely blinking and is starting to see spots. But wait! Your patient somehow came across an old comment saying how your patient's testimony in an old video changed the commenter and brought him to Christ. But now the commenter is disappointed. He saw the new videos your patient was making and how much he changed. The patient started to remember his old videos and how he didn't make the videos to please man but to glorify God. He was consumed by so much pride that it made him change.

So that comment made your patient realize that he has changed and is starting to go back to make videos of The Enemy again and talking about this so-called good news gospel. Now because of all these new subscribers his testimony is reaching more people. OH NO!! OUR PLAN HAS BACKFIRED! He is talking about the gospel with a fire he's never had before. Wormwood you've made a huge mistake. Not only has your patient gone back to The Enemy, but he has converted many of his subscribers as well.

Your affectionate uncle,
Screwtape

P.S. Hey Wormwood. This is Slubgob. I am writing to let you know that your uncle got so mad at your failure that he turned into a giant bug and flew away.

CLASS OF 2021 8TH GRADE

Hope Academy works with all 8th graders to apply to Guilford County Magnet/Choice High Schools. This process includes letters of recommendations, essays and in-person interviews. These schools nurture the seeds of talent and interest planted at Hope Academy.

Here are their beautiful faces and some of the schools they will be attending: UNCG Middle College, Piedmont Classical High School, NC A&T Middle College, Western High Transportation/Distribution and Logistics Program and GTCC.



WE ARE GROWING!

Because of God's faithfulness seen through your generous support we are now positioned to add Kindergarten and a Theater/Arts program next school year. Our plan is to be a K-8 school by 2023.



Isabel
Theater/Drama Teacher

Isabel is a recent graduate of UNC Greensboro with her BFA in Theatre Education. Isabel graduated Summa Cum Laude and received the undergraduate theatre education award. Isabel grew up performing, and now desires to inspire and empower the next generation of theatre artists. Isabel is excited to work at Hope because she believes in the mission of the school. She desires to use theatre as a way for students to build empathy and showcase the gospel. Isabel believes our God is a creative God. We are being formed in His image when we also step into creativity. Isabel looks forward to starting the drama program at Hope Academy this fall!



Abeba
Kindergarten Teacher

My name is Abeba Merga. I was born and lived in Ethiopia until 1986. I came to the USA to pursue higher education, which I was able to do. My husband Solomon and I have been residents of Greensboro and members of Greensboro Mennonite Fellowship since 1994. I have been active member of my church serving as children's Sunday school teacher at different times. I have been a teacher in Guilford County Schools since 2008 teaching pre K and Kindergarten. I am excited to be a part of the ministry of Hope Academy.



Mana
Kindergarten Assistant and Development Communications Coordinator

"This year has been quite the challenge for me. I have recently moved from NY to NC. With that, I have been engaging in a new church community and experiencing life after college; all this during the pandemic. Nonetheless, the Lord was with me each and every step of the way. The word "present" comes to mind because He has always been there for me and I recall from His word Isaiah 43:1-3. As I transition from a Greensboro Fellow to a staff member at Hope Academy, I feel assured for the next coming season in my life."





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A NOTE FROM SUSIE

As I consider God’s faithfulness this past school year, I am reminded of those who came before us. Those who believed, prayed and were obedient to God’s call to start a school in the Glenwood neighborhood of Greensboro. Those who trusted God to make the mission of Hope Academy a reality. Those who knew in their hearts that a school was desperately needed to help the underserved become all that God created them to be. And not just any school, but a private, Christ-centered school that would be almost totally funded and supported by the surrounding community. And so, as we enter into our 10th year it is exciting to report that we have stayed true to that very mission. In the middle of a pandemic we added 3rd and 4th grades, opened for

in-person learning, raised more money in the history of the school and are now positioned to add K-2.

Why? Because God is faithful. And when you and I are obedient to what He has called us to He will enable, equip and do immeasurably more than we can ever expect or imagine. Thank you for answering God’s call, helping us stay true to our mission and being a part of the work God has so graciously given us.

In His service together,
Susie

FINANCIAL REVIEW



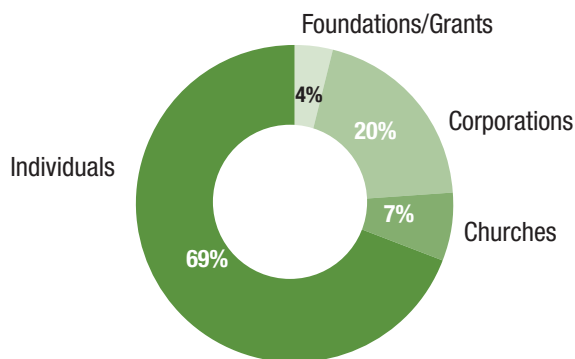
REVENUE

Total Contributions	\$1,141,513.70
Student Tuition and Fees	\$9,046.86
NC Opportunity Scholarships	\$189,827.46
Other Income	\$151,723.93
Total Income	\$1,492,111.95

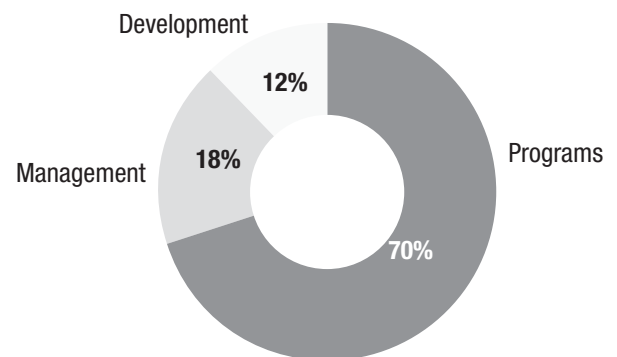
EXPENSES

Program Services	\$739,893.01
Management and General	\$192,145.99
Development	\$123,845.71
Total Expenses	\$1,055,884.71
Net Income	\$436,227.24

DONATION REVENUE



EXPENSES



GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

We would like to recognize our Hope Community Partners who gave at least \$5000 last year or committed to a monthly/recurring donation.

CHURCHES

Elevation Church of Greensboro
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Mercy Hill Church
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Anonymous

We cannot do this work without you. We appreciate all of our donors. To become a community partner, go to www.hopegso.org.



WORK OF HOPE

When I reflect on the 2020 school year, my first thought is “We made it!” I am so proud to be a part of what God has done at Hope in this last year. I am so grateful that our families trusted us with their students when we decided to resume in person learning. We were able to ensure our students were seen and cared for. What a blessing it was to see God shower us with his favor.

- Ms. Mattie, *Director of Student and Family Support*



ALUMNI

We had the opportunity to visit with several Hope alumni who are graduating from High School this year. We are so proud of their accomplishments and future plans. Some of their college choices for next year include: UNC Greensboro - Full Academic Scholarship, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Appalachian and Guilford Tech Community College

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

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A NOTE FROM BRUCE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Over the past year, Hope's Board of Directors increased in size and depth to better respond to God's expanding vision for growth and new opportunities.

Third and Fourth Grades were added a year ago and starting this Fall we have reached enrollment capacity for the start of Kindergarten. These two changes are in line with our strategic plan to accommodate grades K-8. This plan also includes focus on short and longer terms goals for both improvements to the campus and continuing to reach academic, spiritual and personal growth for students who primarily live in south Greensboro.

In order to address specific objectives the Board has set quarterly goals and established a broader representation of committees. These committees will support and contribute to Hope Mission's **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.**

Our hope is that through these committees there is the opportunity to engage our over 400 donors for specific areas of interest and God's call to serve in a broader capacity.

We're learning to be obedient to both His call and readiness.

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Night of
HOPE
Gala

Join us as we
celebrate God's generosity
to Hope Academy

Thursday, October 7, 2021
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Cadillac Service Garage
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