

HOPEPAGE

*Celebrating God's Work in the Lives of Young People
Through YOUR Prayers & Giving!*

Despair Addiction **Human Trafficking** Abuse **Bullying** Anxiety **Self-Harm** Loneliness

Hopeless **Be the Love of Christ** *Rape*
Abortion *Pornography* **Suicide** *Confusion* *Abandonment*

For a generation dealing with overwhelming issues, TheHopeLine is meeting teens and young adults where they are, whatever their struggle, and showing them the love of God ... Through you.

The most recent statistics tell us ...

- **Suicide** is the second leading cause of death among those 10-24. Tragically, 7th- to 12th-graders make 5,400 suicide attempts EVERY DAY.
- **Human trafficking** is a BIG problem in America today. **300,000 American teenagers, age 18 and under, are CURRENT VICTIMS of sex trafficking.** According to the State Department, the United States is ranked as *one of the worst countries in the world* for human trafficking.
- **Drug addiction is epidemic.** According to the American Addiction Centers, approximately 1 in 25 adolescents age 12 to 17 suffer from a substance use disorder; 1 in 7 young adults age 18 to 25 are battling such a disorder.

At the same time, we're seeing a massive crisis of faith. Barna Research tells us that among America's young people (those 20 years and younger) ...

- **80% are ambivalent toward biblical practices** like prayer and dependence on Scripture.
- **13% embrace atheism** (more than double that of previous generations).
- **Only 29% strongly believe abortion is wrong.**
- **Only 34% believe lying is wrong.**



It's to this broken, damaged, and hopeless mission field that we've been called together. With the Lord at the helm and you by our side, our digital ministry is making a significant difference.

Online streaming radio, Dawson Podcasts, social media, content-rich blogs, stories, videos, eBooks, online chat, and many other digital resources are helping 13- to-29-year-olds with the struggles they are facing. And infused at every level is the life-saving message of Jesus Christ.

We're on track to minister to many more visitors to TheHopeLine than last year. With your support, we'll help them through the darkness. And by God's grace, we'll save their lives.

Thank you for the vital role you play in reaching, rescuing, and restoring a generation in desperate need of Jesus.

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." Philippians 1:3

"I wish I had a way to be free"

Brandon began his chat on TheHopeLine like this ...

 "i hate myself, i hate my life, i hate everything.

im locked in my room with a blade and i wanna end it.

i have nothing, i have no one to talk to.

I just want a way out. I just want to finally feel good.

I wish I had a way to be free."

For several hours, Brandon and our dedicated HopeCoach chatted together — Brandon sharing his pain ... our HopeCoach sharing God's love. Before the chat ended, Brandon chose to give his life to Christ. He said ...

 "Jesus, i choose you. i choose to let go of all the hurt.

i choose to forgive myself, and all who have done harm to me.

i choose to let You into my life and my heart.

Make me know You and Your plans for my life."

**Thanks to the Lord and you, Brandon is free!
God bless you for being faithful.**

Prayer Power It changes lives!



You know and believe that God answers prayer. Through The Prayer Show, we're privileged to see it happen firsthand!

A young man named Dakota was hit by a truck. His pelvis was shattered — broken in 36 places. He's now in a nursing home recovering.

At The Prayer Show, we've been earnestly praying for Dakota. Through the power of prayer and God's healing, he's walking now! We've become Dakota's family through prayer — offering love, support, encouragement, and community ... to help him through a difficult time.

Join Dawson and his co-host Rachel Cardinal as they pray live on Facebook, YouTube, and Periscope on Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:00 a.m. CT and Wednesday and Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m.

God is working and transforming lives through your prayers!

An Important Reminder

- ✓ Extend the impact of your generosity
- ✓ Experience tax benefits
- ✓ Impact young people who are seeking change!

Donate from your IRA ...

If you are 70½ years of age or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 as a distribution from your IRA and not add a penny to your taxable income — and this also counts as part of your required minimum distribution. *Even if you don't itemize deductions, giving from your IRA allows you to experience a tax benefit for your benevolence.*

For more information on giving through your IRA or other planned giving options in order to make a lasting impact on the next generation, contact **Mark Gries at mgries@thehopeline.com or 605-366-3951.** Thank you!



Thank You!

Thank you so much for your support of our \$115,000 Matching Challenge.

Together, we met the goal ... and will continue reaching more teens and young adults *with even greater impact!* We're deeply grateful for your generosity.



A PERSONAL WORD

Greetings....

Dear Friend,

"Taste and see." That's what God says.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good," Psalm 34:8 tells us.

For so many teens and young adults, you're their very first taste of Jesus Christ.

The love you show and the compassion you share through an online chat ... a much-needed Scripture ... a word of prayer ... a blog, podcast, or eBook — is shining the Light of Jesus into the darkness of this world. You're giving hope to the hopeless. You're extending God's grace to teens and young adults who are shackled to every kind of pain and sin imaginable.

And lives are being eternally changed because you give, pray, and stay the course with us.

How sweet it is!

God bless you.

Your friend,

Dawson McAllister

