



*impacting lives  
impacting families  
impacting communities*  
BUILDINGHOPECAMPAIGN.ORG

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Dear Friends,

***Big things coming soon!***

We are so excited to announce our plans to address the mental health and foster care crisis in Stark and surrounding counties. Substance use, mental health issues and suicide rates are on the rise with less than half of the people receiving mental health treatment. We also know there are thousands of children who are victims of abuse and neglect, desperate for safety, care and the love of a family.

Encompass Christian Counseling and Encourage Foster Care are part of a family of ministries with Christian Children's Home of Ohio (CCHO). Our non-profit organization has been addressing the social and emotional needs of children and families for more than 55 years.

Encompass and Encourage have provided mental health and foster care services in Stark and surrounding counties since the early 2000's. As the mental health and foster care needs in Stark County have continued to increase, our current facility's restrictions and size limitations have made it impossible to increase our capacity.

The Massillon Encompass office is located at 7317 Portage Street NW in Jackson Township. It is a one-story ranch house that was built in 1957. Although it has served countless clients for the past 20 years, the county's needs have outgrown the facility. There is a wait list of up to 100 people desperate for mental health treatment. Although we have continuously renovated the building to make the space usable for our needs, there are only six therapy offices, minimal parking, flooding and electrical problems and other issues that disrupt the flow of counseling sessions.

The Building Hope Campaign is a 2.5-million-dollar initiative to construct a new Encompass Christian Counseling and Encourage Foster Care facility. The new facility will more than double the current size of Encompass Christian and provide vital mental health resources to the area. It will provide better accessibility to allow a wider range of clients and will include a life skills room and a new training & group room which will provide space for group therapy sessions and enable us to host foster family trainings.

We are excited to announce we are halfway to our fundraising goal and hoping to begin construction soon. It is in our ability to impact lives, families and communities – to allow us to better care for the mental health and foster care demands in Stark and surrounding counties.

Would you like to learn more about the Building Hope Campaign? You can watch the campaign video and take a virtual tour of our new facility at [buildinghopecampaign.org](http://buildinghopecampaign.org). We are so grateful for this opportunity, and we cannot wait to see what God has in store.

Thank you for all you do to help our children and families heal and experience their worth in Christ.

Peace and blessings,

Kevin Hewitt  
President & CEO

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OF MINISTRIES

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# BUILDING HOPE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



*Together we can impact lives,  
families, and communities.*



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## MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Mental health & suicide are the top two emerging issues that need addressed in Stark County.

**113,000** Ohioans ages 12-17  
are depressed

**52%** Ohioans ages 12-17 who have depression  
and did not receive care in the last year

*Help more kids, adults, and families experience their worth in Christ!*

For more information, visit [buildinghopecampaign.org](http://buildinghopecampaign.org)



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