



The HOPE Chest of Pekin is not just a thrift store, we are a faith-based organization that exists to Help Other People Excel. We supply tangible needs to support those in crisis, living in/or bordering poverty, or experiencing a life changing event.

Address: 1414 N. 8th Street, Pekin, IL 61554 (Thrift Store)

1416 N. 8th Street, Pekin, IL 61554 (Food Pantry, Administrative offices, Community Room)

The HOPE Cupboard-The HOPE Cupboard is our food pantry located at 1416 N. 8th Street. We offer a recipients choice shopping experience available to individuals or families once per month. Recipients ONLY need to bring valid identification to participate. We supply food and personal hygiene items donated or purchased from such groups as Midwest Food Bank, Peoria Area Food Bank, and local business and personal donations. The HOPE Cupboard is open at least two times per week.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (309) 620-9043.

Paws of HOPE-One of only a few pet food pantries in central Illinois, Paws of HOPE helps families and individuals feed their four legged family members at no cost. Paws of HOPE is open the same hours as our HOPE Cupboard.

Community Service Room-This is an area in our new facility located at 1416 N. 8th Street available free of charge to area agencies who can offer help and assistance to local residents. This room is great for classes, seminars, or one on one meetings. This room seats up to 14 people, and can be reserved by calling our Director of Community Service at (309) 472-3189.

Volunteer Opportunities-The HOPE Chest is a great way to give back to the community and spend a few hours helping out in the thrift store or food pantry. We accept those in TANF, seeking community service hours for court supervision, The Nation-Able program, or just because you want to find a quality organization to help. All volunteers have to be vetted and approved. For more information, please contact our Director of Community Services at (309) 620-9043.

Seeds of HOPE- This program is geared to help individuals or families who are working their way out of a crisis, i.e. fire homelessness.. Partnering with multiple tri county agencies and many local churches who refer clients to us, we provide clients with basic household necessities and clothing to help them get back on track.

Learn-2-Earn-This program is tailored to those who are looking for a little more for their household, but can't quite afford the nonessential extras. Participants can work in our thrift store, or food pantry and earn credit at the minimum wage rate. This credit is used to purchase items which don't qualify for the Seeds of HOPE program.

BLESSINGS OF HOPE

Holiday Meals-The HOPE Chest is proud to offer prepackaged meals for the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Distribution days and

times will be announced prior to holiday. Meals will be distributed through the HOPE Cupboard

Back2School Back Pack Program-Not only does this program supply hundreds of area children with a new backpack and grade appropriate school supplies right before entering school, but we also distribute coupons to families so their children have adequate clothing to get their school year started. Backpack and coupon distribution dates and times are announced prior to the beginning of the school year.

Christmas Gift Giveaway-The HOPE Chest offers new Christmas gifts for children of low-income families. Amounts per family and amounts of families served may vary based on availability. Sign up notices and distribution dates and times will be announced prior to Christmas.

Homeless Support-We strive to offer support to the homeless population. We offer tents, sleeping bags, blankets, cooking equipment, MRE's, and clothing to those in need. We also connect them with resources from local partnering agencies.

THRIFT STORE

The HOPE Chest Thrift Store is the business end of the organization. Everything sold in the thrift store comes from local donations. The proceeds from the sale of these donations goes directly toward funding our programs after expenses are paid.

Our team works diligently to put the best gently used items out for sale. Our thrift store carries furniture, media, housewares, sporting goods, hardware, electronics, medical equipment, jewelry, purses/accessories, and of course, clothing. We are the "Home of the \$.99 Clothing".

The HOPE Chest offers FREE furniture pick up in the tri county area. Our truck team can also deliver your purchase for a fee based on mileage from The HOPE

Chest store. To schedule either a pick up or delivery, Contact the Truck Team Coordinator at (309) 620-9043.

Donations for our store are also accepted at the drop off site located behind the store in the alley off Amanda Street south of the store. Donation hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm.