

THE HOPE PAGE

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



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A donor shares from her heart

My husband, Jeff, and I have been steady donors to TheHopeLine for over 25 years. However, my first connection with Dawson McAllister occurred 10 years prior, when he came and gave a message about the value of fathers at First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls.

It was such a powerful address, and I cried through most of it! I had longed for the kind of connection with my dad that Dawson spoke of. I remember Dawson challenging the fathers at the church to come forward if they were willing to make a new commitment — to step up and be the dads that their kids needed ... and they did! It left such an impression on me and drew me to learn more about Dawson's unique ministry.

Fast forward to 2007, when our youngest daughter was a junior at Sioux Falls Christian School. Dawson was scheduled to speak at the school's chapel service during a time that our daughter was struggling with some difficulties in her life — it was a divine intervention.

During his visit, Dawson met with our

daughter and invited her to come and tour the local radio station where his program was airing. She had the opportunity to be interviewed by him during a live broadcast. To this day, our daughter remembers the kindness and love Dawson showed her and the help and guidance he provided.

God led me to volunteer at Direct Line Prayer Center in Sioux Falls in 2008, the same year Direct Line began partnering with TheHopeLine. As Hope Coaches gathered prayer requests from young people, we had the privilege to pray over them. When they were in town, Dawson and his team always enjoyed

coming into our center themselves for prayer. He would say, “There's just something special about Direct Line.” We are so grateful for the partnership we have shared all these years, as prayer is the foundation for both ministries.

Jeff and I have been especially drawn toward TheHopeLine because it gives words of life to the wounded. Young people who are lying on “the battlefield of life,” bleeding

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and hopeless, have a place to turn. Because of TheHopeLine, teens and young adults can share what is happening in their lives with Hope Coaches who care deeply about them — and, in turn, receive the truth of the love that Jesus has for them, through His gospel.

As a result, young people are being saved, healed, and delivered. What an honor it has been to sow into this incredible mission!

—Becky Aegerter, Sioux Falls 



12/31/2025 Mark your calendar! **Maximize your giving and transform students and young adults by the power of God!**

Every gift dated and postmarked by December 31, 2025, can apply to this year's taxes and have eternal ministry benefits, too. Great options for year-end giving include:

- 1 IRA Rollover.** If you're 70½ years of age or older, you can make a qualified charitable donation (QCD) of up to \$108,000 directly from your traditional IRA without adding a penny to your taxable income. For most people aged 73 or older, this also counts toward your required minimum distribution (check with your financial advisor to confirm).
- 2 Appreciated Assets.** Receive a charitable income tax deduction if you have owned the asset (stocks; bonds; real estate such as homes, vacation properties, commercial or undeveloped land) more than 12 months. You will also likely avoid the capital gains tax on the appreciation that you would have owed if you had sold the asset. Therefore, more resources will go toward ministering the hope and love of God to young people in need.
- 3 Donor Advised Fund.** Now is a great time to distribute grants from your DAF to TheHopeLine. These funds are already set aside for ministry and your select charities, so you can give freely, impacting lives 24/7 through TheHopeLine, without touching your ready capital.

Contact Mark Gries at mgries@thehopeline.com or at (605) 366-3951 for more information.



HOPE COACH CORNER

VOICES FROM THE FRONT LINES

At TheHopeLine, every live chat conversation is a sacred space — a divine appointment made possible because of generous supporters like YOU.

Our trained Hope Coaches show up daily for hurting young people, meeting them with compassion, truth, and Christ's love. Over the next several newsletters, we'd like to offer you a glimpse into these Coaches' hearts, their challenges, and their victories.

Read on for heartfelt comments from 3 of our growing team of 45 Hope Coaches ... and be encouraged by the ministry you make possible!



"At heart, I'm just an evangelist, relying 100% on the Holy Spirit. There is absolutely no way that I, in my natural mind, could come up with solutions when I'm chatting with people on my shift. **It's only through open hands and open ears to the Lord** and how He's leading. Coming from a background where I personally struggled with mental health, I can put myself in their shoes, almost as if I'm seeing through their own lens. Even though every chat may not be 'a recorded salvation chat,' these people are being met with the love of God. And it's something that has a ripple effect and a massive impact on the world." —Tate

"There was a season of time where my life was really dark, and I was suicidal. And so **I have a real testimony to share about God speaking to me in the midst of that pain and saving me** from the darkness." —Kai



"I was never meant to be their Savior. That is Jesus and Jesus only. I am simply a tool to shift their focus to Him. People will say, 'I've tried other chat lines, but I really felt heard here. I didn't feel rushed.' I think that's unique about our team on TheHopeLine, that we do want to be here. We do want to help you. I want young people to know that, yes, you are going through this, and your pain is valid, but God is not going to leave you in it. And He will never let you walk through it alone. We truly are bringing hope. **We get to be the hands and feet of Jesus to young people from across the world.**" —Ames



A personal word

FROM CEO TIM ALTMAN

Vanessa was cutting. Every pain, every heartache, every fight with her dad ... etched into her skin with a sharp blade. ***But I'm grateful.***

Because you pray and give, Vanessa discovered a far different avenue to pour out her pain — TheHopeLine. She connected with a highly trained, deeply compassionate, Gospel-focused Hope Coach who listened to Vanessa, prayed with her, and pointed her to a counselor in her area.

At the end of the chat, Vanessa shared, "Thank you so much for this talk. I'm so grateful for you guys and your work here. I don't know what I would've done tonight without being able to come here to vent."

Praise God! You're such a valued part of our team. **What a difference you are making!** Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for offering lasting, life-transforming hope to teens and young people like Vanessa.

May the Lord richly bless you and your family. Please keep praying for today's youth. Happy Thanksgiving!

Your friend,

Tim Altman