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Bart Wear, co-founder of Homes of Living Hope

making a difference

Homes of Living Hope

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Homes of Living Hope, a Louisville nonprofit co-founded by long-time resident Bart Wear, has a simple equation: work with local organizations and people to convert shipping containers into functional facilities to benefit underserved communities. This solution was created to seize the opportunity to encourage everyone's different talents, resources, and abilities when it comes to serving others.

Many people have a heart and desire to help others. Still, it can be challenging to find the right opportunity to use their resources to serve. Homes of Living Hope has found a way to bridge a service project in local communities while still helping people worldwide.

Once the container is converted, it is closed up and shipped to a community in need through one of Homes of Living Hope's partnerships. Upon arrival, the container is opened, windows are cut out, and the container is ready for use. These containers have benefited communities throughout Africa, Mexico, and one is still in downtown Denver where it is an office for a domestic violence victims' safe house. In short, these container projects are as unique as the people who help build them.

With these containers, the possibilities are endless! It can become a school, medical clinic, library, dormitory, and more. Through leveraging people's time, treasures, and resources, Homes of Living Hope projects are filled with passionate people who can elevate the projects with their unique skills. Take, for instance, the container constructed by a New Jersey high school for a village in Uganda. The art teacher at the school was able to research Ugandan art and transform the container into a beautiful mural that became the living explanation of their hard work during construction.

At Homes of Living Hope, the core mission is the heartbeat of the operation: to connect communities through service. When a local organization commits and converts a container, it can engage its community more authentically. Homes of Living Hope workdays are filled with people of all ages, families, professionals, and spouses, all working towards a common goal of providing a resource to a community in need. These service opportunities are perfect for the workplace service project, youth outreach, hands-on learning in schools, and more.

Homes of Living Hope has had the honor of working with numerous



sponsoring organizations across the Front Range, including Street's Hope, Monarch High School, Musana Community Development Organization, St. Vrain School District, and more. With guidance from Homes of Living Hope, these sponsoring organizations constructed and filled these containers with donated goods to serve those on the receiving end.

Homes of Living Hope has been humbled by the generous support of local businesses as well. Walker-Stanley Communications, Superior Liquor, Mountain High Appliance, Leading Associations, Casey Industrial, Keen Capital, MTECH Mechanical, and Campfire Studios have all graciously donated goods, services, and money that has allowed Homes of Living Hope to better support projects. Long-time 80027 residents Dave Beaver, Tricia Akins, and Kathy Rice have also donated their time, resources, and wisdom for the betterment of Homes of Living Hope projects.

Casey Industrial, who has recently relocated their corporate offices to Louisville, has also completed a container project with Homes of Living Hope.

Despite the current challenges that are facing everybody in 2020, Homes of Living Hope containers are still being constructed! There are two active container projects currently. For more information about these containers or how you can get involved, please visit www.homesoflivinghope.org.