

## We Introduce to You INSPIRING HOPE MINISTRIES

Long a dream in the heart of its founder and president Mary Beth Haunty, Inspiring Hope Ministries (IHM) is becoming reality. We have begun building a team, providing opportunities for those with disabilities, and making ambitious plans for the future. We invite you now to see what Inspiring Hope Ministries is all about.

Our mission is to inspire hope and encourage life wholeness for individuals with disabilities, their families, and their extended communities. This is a population that has long been underserved as well as isolated, yet has above average needs and challenges.

Using an integrative community model, we want to create opportunities for individuals with differing abilities to pursue a meaningful life; to explore the creative arts; to grow in body, soul, and spirit; and to be made whole through a Jesus-centered approach to healing and wellness for the whole person.



### THE PLAN



**CREATE:** An art studio that supports and encourages a community of IHM artists and those who desire to explore the arts with them.



**GROW:** Educational opportunities for growth in life wholeness including areas of personal and family development for physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.



**HEAL:** Opportunities for prayer, encouragement, creativity exploration, learning and resources—for hope, healing and wellness, physically, emotionally and spiritually.



**LEARN:** A bookstore of products for faith, hope, growth, and encouragement creating jobs in retail and micro-business.



**SHARE:** A coffee house gathering place for performing and displaying our creative work through open mic, theater, music, and visual art.

### INSPIRING HOPE & BEYOND

Proceeds of Inspiring Hope projects will go to bring awareness to and protect the vulnerabilities of people with disabilities in our community and encourage a life well lived.

We want to create a place of hope for all, especially for those with life's greatest challenges! Please join us as we promote life wholeness together—be a part of Inspiring Hope.

### FROM MY HEART

Our son Alex was born with many challenges including developmental disabilities. Like many others with similar stories, we spent our days, months and years with doctors and therapists when we wanted to be doing ordinary life with our family. When Alex was near five we had these words spoken over us by an expert in his field in a room filled with specialists: “Mary Beth, you have got to understand. You have too much hope. Your son is... your son will not be... your son will only be....” and I let the rest of the words fade away. How can you raise a family without hope? My heart was overwhelmed. Yet our spirits rose up and decided to choose hope.

I pressed into my faith and made it my daily declaration over Alex for him to walk into everything God had in mind for him when He thought of creating him. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for—the things we envision in our hearts. When Alex started creating art with such a passion I knew I was seeing God's handiwork through him.

Inspiring Hope Ministries is birthed out of this partnership with God for everything He had in mind for Alex. Alex needed a meaningful life,

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### From My Heart cont'd

and I wanted that for Alex. And what is a meaningful life? It's being able to be one's true self. It's a life filled with creative expression and purpose, one filled with love and joy, passion and hope. I long to see healing and wholeness manifest in all our lives. I want that not just for my son, but for all of my family. Not just for our family, but for all families on this journey. I do not want to stop living in so much hope.

We hand on to others what we ourselves have received. Inspiring Hope is about carrying this vision of hope into the community of those with intellectual and other disabilities and their families, flowing out into their extended communities.

We invite you to join us in this journey of hope for one another.

Mary Beth Haunty, Founder and President



**The whole family:**  
**Alex, Melissa, Mary Beth, Tom, & Josh Haunty**

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## JOINING HANDS TO HELP PEOPLE SHINE

We want to join hands with different organizations to provide unique opportunities for young adults with disabilities. Our first partnership was with Alex Haunty's Theater and Arts Fund, Inc. (AHTAFI). Together we hosted an integrative community pilot workshop in dance, singing, theater and art, using the creative arts to give individuals with disabilities an opportunity to shine.

Our first target population is for those individuals in transition as they move from the traditional school setting to being integrated into the community at large.

## SING! STOMP! ACT!



In 2017, we launched AHTAFI / IHM's first workshop, **SING! STOMP! ACT!** A small group of us gathered each week to learn more how to dance, sing and act. It was a great success.

## IT MATTERS WHAT WE BUILD

We are looking for a space to house the opportunities we dream of for Inspiring Hope. It matters what we build. Accessibility requires intentional design. It is not only about a physical building, but more importantly about a community building access for one another to experience that life of hope and meaning.

Our vision includes an *Inspiring Hope Studio* that will encompass room for visual arts, theater, dance, music, writing and more. We see the creative arts as an avenue for life healing and wholeness. We also look forward to creating a store and coffee house called *Inspiring Hope Books* as a place for books of faith and hope and creative products from the work of our artists—a store which would allow for job creation for our community of those with disabilities. Lastly, *Inspiring Hope Gallery* will display artwork from our community, the proceeds of which will go to protect the vulnerabilities of individuals with disabilities. As we embrace these goals, we hope you will join hands with us to create space that will help support a meaningful life.

### 2017 REVENUE



### 2017 EXPENSES



## YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to learn more about what we are doing and how you can join hands and help, please contact us; we would love to share more with you.

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