

Hope Ministries to offer FREE Easter Meal, Teddy Bears

Des Moines, Iowa— Hope Ministries volunteers will be handing out Teddy Bears (not Easter bunnies) at their annual Meals for Hope lunch on Easter Sunday.

“Bear Your Burdens is our theme this year,” explains Leon Negen, president/CEO for Hope Ministries. “We got the idea from a nine year old girl named Hannah who started handing out teddy bears with her grandmother to hurting people after her daddy died.”

Hannah and her mother will join hundreds of homeless and hungry men, women and children for Hope Ministries’ Easter Lunch at Hope Café, 1310 Sixth Avenue in Bethel Mission, Sunday, March 23, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. During the celebration, each meal guest will receive a “Bear Your Burdens” bear from Hannah (as supplies last).

Hope Ministries will also distribute over one thousand single-serving in-home meals to homebound, elderly and low-income individuals and families in metropolitan Des Moines. **People wishing to receive a free meal for themselves or someone they know can reserve one or more meals by calling 515-265-7272 no later than March 21.**

Hope Ministries also needs volunteers to help with the Easter Sunday event including donating food. To register as a volunteer call 515-265-7272.

Hope Ministries is a privately funded organization providing food, clothing, shelter, and recovery services to homeless and hungry men, women and children in Des Moines and throughout Iowa since 1915.