



It began as a discussion among three grieving couples. All had suffered the overwhelming loss of a child. Each knew first-hand how crushing the grief was. And each knew how important a place of peace, faith, and solace can be to the healing journey.

And so a dream formed – a dream of a place where parents and families also experiencing such loss could – without additional burden or cost – find respite, comfort, encouragement, and support. A place constructed on faith, blanketed in tranquility, and filled with peace.

The dream began to take the shape of a cabin – a private retreat where parents and families experiencing loss could go during their grieving journeys. The dream was to build a place to heal, to remember, and to retreat with family. A place where hope could be restored, where souls could refill, and where healing might begin.

At Hope House, families will find encouragement. Here they will find support. Here they will find peace. And here grieving families will find solace and healing filled

WITH HOPE.



Hope House of Central Illinois is a volunteer-run, faith-guided 501c3 nonprofit organization serving parents and families of all faith preferences in their time of loss.

In the coming year, on seven peaceful wooded acres just south of Taylorville, **a refuge will spring forth.**

Embraced by a thicket of arching trees, blanketed in dappled sunlight, and steps from the gurgle of a meandering stream, **healing will spring forth.**

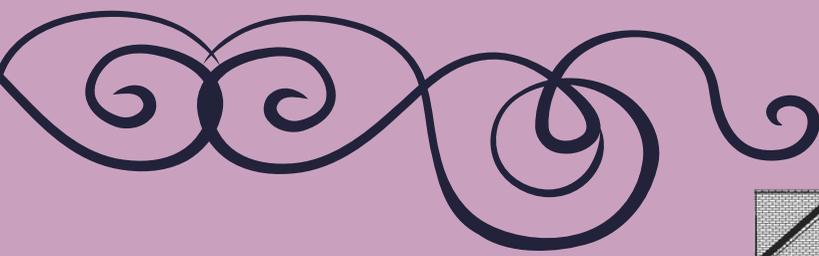
In the midst of this serenity, **a building will spring forth.**

This place – **Hope House** – will offer solace and healing to parents and families who have suffered the loss of a child.

From this place,
HOPE WILL SPRING FORTH.

**come
together**
build hope.

*"We dare to dream that although life can be difficult,
there is always a reason to hope."
Monica Wamsley*



The Hope of Hope House

Hope is like the stream, cutting its way into the earth, a bit uncontrollable yet also sustaining and cleansing and serene.

Hope is like the twisted vines, contorting around trees in ways that seem impossible, evidence of persistence over time.

Hope is like the fallen tree, providing a place for people to rest or critters to live even when it doesn't seem to be in the place or position we expect.

Hope is like dappled sunlight, piercing through the overhead trees, lighting the path ahead and making beauty with the contrast of light and darkness.

Hope is like the trails, forging the way ahead even through our uncertainty.

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**“I wish there was
something I could do.”**

**Now there is
something you can do.**

**Please join us in
making Hope House
a reality.**

*Hope
House*

**A refuge for
grieving parents
and their families
to find hope
following the loss
of a child.**

*There is no footprint so small that it
does not leave an imprint on this world.*