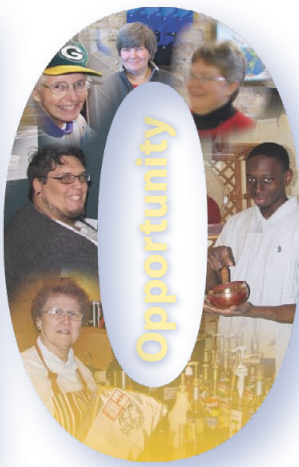
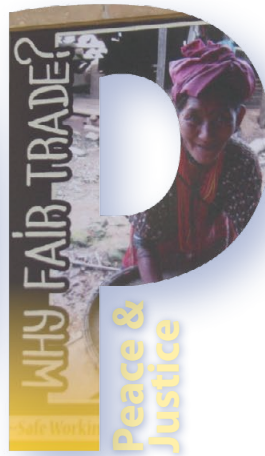




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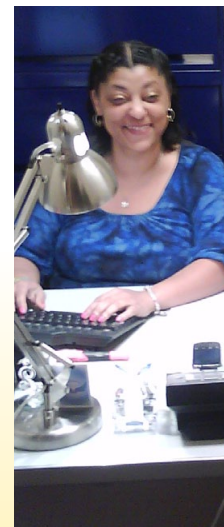
## And our services grow...

HOPES Center is one of eight organizations in Wisconsin providing services in the Project for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH). It is designed to identify and reach out to homeless people suffering from mental illness and assist them to secure permanent housing.

This year, we have been able to augment our case management program with street outreach services and peer mentoring. Norman Smith, Jr. joined HOPES Center in October 2012 and visits parks and beaches, truck stops and free meal sites, abandoned buildings and the Hospitality Center on Main Street to identify and offer information about services to those who are living on the streets. He works directly with our case managers when individuals are ready to seek permanent housing by enrolling them in the PATH services.

A unique feature of PATH is provided by a mental health peer specialist. With the assistance of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, we were able to provide training for DeMario Adams who joined us in January. He assists mentally ill persons, who are experiencing homelessness, in navigating the social service system. He is a mentor, sounding board and companion on the road to a better and more productive life. DeMario can legitimately say, "Been there, done that" since he has a mental illness that has been successfully treated.

HOPES Center's PATH team – case managers, counselors, outreach worker, and peer specialist – enable us to reach several hundred people, enrolling more than 100 individuals in the program this past year.



## Rain or shine, the bake sale was "sweet"

At 6:00 am on Saturday, June 22, 2013, Racine's Downtown Farmer's Market was inundated with a healthy downpour. Our wonderful volunteers braved the elements, were soaked to the skin, but managed to display the goodies provided by many friends of HOPES Center. By the end of the morning we sold out our wares and realized a profit of more than \$700. Thanks to the bakers, the donors and to those who purchased cookies, pies, breads, and even jellies!



# It Takes a Village to Raise a “Man”

At HOPES Center we see this happening every day! Martice Scales, our newest case manager, is an example of how the kindness, care, and sincere interest in the life of another can change that life forever.



One wrong decision led to involvement with the law and a felony charge. It isn't easy to start life again after you have a record, but fortunately for Martice there were people who saw an intelligent, gifted young man with a strong desire to start over and make his family proud. Mentors at Racine Vocational Ministry helped him assess his skills and capabilities, write an impressive resume that captured his incredible common sense, his musical talents, his love of life, and his belief that he could help change the world in a positive way.

Martice began his tenure at HOPES Center as a barista in October 2008 and was promoted to retail venture coordinator in 2012. He continued, however, to dream about a future that would enable him to work directly with people in HOPES Center's social services program. In May 2013, when a case manager position became available, he applied for the position and was hired. His plans include enrolling in school next fall to pursue a degree in social work. He keeps himself healthy and grounded with mixed martial arts training, and even offered a mini self-defense class for HOPES Center's Women's Group, enabling the women to feel more secure in our changing world.

All of those who helped Martice become who he is today can now stand back with pride in his success and accomplishments. The “village” has indeed helped Martice become the man he is today. Now his work as case manager affords him the opportunity to bring together resources and people to raise other young men and women and launch them successfully back into society.

## Walks for HOPE on June 1, 2013



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HOPES Center is a collaborative, multi-dimensional organization designed to promote awareness and offer solutions to the causes and consequences of poverty, mental illness and social injustice. HOPES offers counseling, case management and healing arts services to Racine's homeless and mentally ill free of charge. It is funded in part by Cup of Hope coffee shop which sells Fair Trade coffees, teas and chocolates; the adjoining Just Trade store selling certified Fair Trade products and through community support by donations and volunteerism.

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