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MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the cause of Christ by educating and demonstrating Christian love to those who have lost a spouse through chapters, churches and community.

Wings of Hope is a religious, non-denominational organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit ministry. We are faith based relying upon our followers for financial support.

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit the orphans and widows in their trouble

James 1:27 (NKJV)

Chapters

Wings of Hope Chapters are non-denominational groups of women who have lost their husbands through death, divorce, desertion, or imprisonment; and women who sense a calling to assist with widow's ministry. No membership fees. All donations are accepted.

If any widower or man feels led to start a Wings of Hope Men's Chapter, please contact the ministry. We will meet with you, and give you all the information needed to start a chapter for widowers.

According to Evelyn Silverman, a sociologist who has done extensive research with widows, the healing process is quicker when recent widows come together with other widows.

Wings of Hope Chapter Purpose:

- To meet on a monthly basis
- To provide a relaxed comfortable atmosphere where widows can minister to each other.
- To provide prayer partners and spiritual mentors
- To promote fellowship, friendship, and fun for widows.
- To assist in the re-entering process to the community
- To act as a referral agency

***But those who Hope in the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with Wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint
Isaiah 40:31***

Churches

Turning Christian Love into Christian Action

Wings of Hope may be invited by churches to give a workshop in developing an organized, intentional, widowed person's ministry (men & women) following the scriptural mandates.

The workshop will:

Encourage
Educate
Equip
Evaluate

You will be given everything necessary to start your ministry.

Churches should recognize the unique relationship of the marriage vows. The marriage relationship is the only relationship where a man and woman say their vows and make a covenant before the Lord with the two becoming one. When this covenant relationship is broken through death, divorce, desertion, or imprisonment there is great pain. This is an opportunity for the church to reach out in Christian love to those who are hurting.

Facts about Widows

- 800,000 women become widows every year in the United States
- Emotions of grief, anger, and loneliness intensify
- Clinical depression is the most common illness
- Financially, most widows experience decline, and many experience surprises
- Financial needs decline by 20%. However, income declines by 33%
- After one year 50% no longer attend the church they attended with their husbands
- Friendship networks shrink by 75%
- 60% of widows experience significant illness in the first year

