



Champions of Hope 2023-2024 Calendar of Events

**Champions are expected to attend at least 20 hours of program activities
Calendar subject to change due to speaker or location schedule if necessary**

September 2023

Saturday, September 16

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Ferncliff Camp and
Conference Center
1720 Ferncliff Road

Mandatory Champions of Hope Kick-Off Retreat

Team Building Activities led by Quapaw Council Boy Scouts staff
Pick up your Champions of Hope T-shirt and yard sign,
orientation to The Centers and Champions of Hope. Includes
lunch. Lunch by Jess's Chicken.

Thursday, September 21

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
1521 Merrill
The Centers Outpatient
West

**Therapeutic Foster Care at The Centers and Fundraising
Planning**

Melissa Hendricks, The Centers Foundation
Foster Care Program staff

Saturday, September 23

Saturday, September 30
9 a.m. to noon
J.A. Fair Middle School,
13420 David O. Dodd

**Service Project: LRSD Athletic Foundation 6th & Goal-Model Up
6th grade football; 10 volunteers needed weekly**

Tuesday, September 26

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Interstate Park, 3900
Arch

**Little Rock Kickball Association / Champions of Hope Kickball
Tournament; need 27 Champions to sign up for a four-team
event**

Larry Betz, LRKA GrandPooBah

October 2023

Saturday, October 7
Saturday, October 14
Saturday, October 21
9 a.m. to noon
J.A. Fair Middle School,
13420 David O. Dodd

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October 2-October 6
October 10-October 13

Fundraising Plan Support with The Centers Foundation
30–45-minute one-on-one fundraising planning with The Centers' Development staff
Set up personalized fundraising web site and brainstorm fundraising ideas, schedule in advance between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday, October 9
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Country Club

33rd annual Centers Classic Golf Tournament
10 volunteers to help with awards ceremony and tear-down

Sunday, October 15
4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
6501 W. 12th St.

The Centers' Tour and Ice Cream Social
Parents and Champions of Hope invited
Featured Speaker: North Little Rock Police Officer Tommy Norman

Saturday, October 21
Oak Forest Community Garden
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
2600 S. Monroe St.

Service Project: Oak Forest Community Garden
Limited to 10 Champions
Contact: Mark Nelson, mnelson2@ualr.edu, 501-295-9429

Saturday, October 21
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
6501 W. 12th St.

Halloween Carnival Set-Up at The Centers
Group games for Champions led by The Centers' Recreational Therapist Madison Dorman; limited to 10 Champions
Parents invited to volunteer and can stay for Halloween Carnival from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 28
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
10 a.m. to noon
Pulaski Heights Baptist
Church, 2200 Kavanaugh
Blvd.

Service Project: Hillcrest HarvestFest Pancake Breakfast
8 volunteers for each shift; 16 volunteers altogether

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Sunday, October 29
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Camp Aldersgate
2000 Aldersgate Road

Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry
Maximum of 10 volunteers

November 2023

Saturday, November 4
8 a.m. to noon

Service Project: Habitat for Humanity

Wednesday, November 8
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Little Rock Tech Park
417 Main St.

Introduction to Economic Development and Entrepreneurship
Brent Birch, Executive Director, Little Rock Technology Park
Jay Chesshir, President/CEO, LR Regional Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, November 16
Arkansas Regional
Innovation Hub
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
204 E. 4th St., NLR

The Innovation Hub: Introduction to a Makerspace
Errin Stanger, Director, Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub
& **Giving Tuesday** brainstorming: our goal, our strategies and
plan for the ask-a-thon day on November 28
Group Photo by Melisa Smock, Photography by Melisa; photo
will be displayed at The Evolve Gala, Inviting AR and Lamar
billboards

Monday, November 20

**Christmas wish lists for a child at Little Rock Residential or
Therapeutic Foster Care.** Estimated cost is \$100 to \$150.

Tuesday, November 28

3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Kemuri in Hillcrest

2601 Kavanaugh Blvd.

Giving Tuesday Ask-A-Thon and Celebration

Champions call, text or email during the fundraising celebration followed by a reception for Champions, parents and supporters and friends of The Centers

December 2023**Sunday, December 3**

Rusty Tractor Event
Center

10 Rusty Tractor Lane,
72210

Brunch with Santa benefiting Our House

3 volunteers from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 3 volunteers from
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

3618 W. Roosevelt Rd.

Service Project: Compassion Center

Serve dinner to residents at home for people who are
unsheltered

Tuesday, December 19

1-3 p.m. or 3-5 p.m.

The Centers, Freeway
Medical Building
5800 W. 10th St.

Gift wrapping presents for youth living at The Centers

Limited to 10 Champions

**During Holiday Break—
Time/Date TBD****Tour of Arkansas State Capitol, visit with elected leaders and
importance of advocacy**

Wear business casual attire for photos; All Champions and
parents invited

January 2024**Thursday, January 4**

5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m.

5300 Asher Ave.

Immerse Arkansas Overcomer Dinner

Limited to 20 Champions

January 8-January 10

4 p.m.-7 p.m.

18601 Kanis Rd,

Mandatory: Individual Photos at Photography by Melisa

By appointment only, call 501-821-2290 to schedule; 15 minutes
max; Champions should wear a suit

Saturday, January 6

9 a.m. to noon

1501 W. 10th St.

Service Project: Ronald McDonald House Charities

Tour and helping to take down holiday decorations

Tuesday, January 16

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Freeway Medical

Building, 5800 W. 10th St.,
Ste. 101**Into the Light and The Centers**Human Trafficking Awareness and Treatment Program at The
CentersGretchen Smeltzer, Into the Light and Amanda Martin, The
Centers**Saturday, January 20**

9 a.m. to noon

717 E. 10th St., NLR**Service Project: Recycle Bikes for Kids**

Limited to 10 Champions per session

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February 2024**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CHAMPIONS OF HOPE 2024-2025! EACH CHAMPION FAMILY IS
REQUIRED TO SUBMIT 2 NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CLASS.****Thursday, January 4**

5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m.

5300 Asher Ave.

Immerse Arkansas Overcomer Dinner

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Tuesday, February 6

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

501 W. 9th St.**Mosaic Templars Cultural Center**

Guide: Brian Rodgers

Saturday, February 17

8:45 a.m. to noon

4301 W 65th St.**Service Project: Arkansas FoodBank****Tuesday, February 27**

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

1521 Merrill Road, The
Centers' Outpatient West**Adult Services at The Centers****March 2024****CHAMPIONS OF HOPE WILL BE FEATURED IN INVITING ARKANSAS in APRIL AND PARENTS WILL HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE AN AD TO CONGRATULATE YOUR SON. CHAMPIONS WILL ALSO BE
FEATURED ON LAMAR ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS IN LITTLE ROCK.****CHAMPION FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE A BOTTLE OF WINE VALUED AT \$25 OR MORE
FOR THE CHAMPIONS OF HOPE WINE PULL AT THE EVOLVE GALA. DEADLINE IS APRIL 1.**

Saturday, March 2
9 a.m. to noon
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Saturday, March 9
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Thursday, March 28
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
1210 Wolfe St.

Children's Protection Center Tour

April 2024

April 1

Deadline for bottle of wine or financial gift for The Evolve Gala
wine pull/auction

Sunday, April 7
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Twin City Limo
901 Main St.

Champions of Hope Awards Celebration
Featured Speaker: Greg Hatcher, Founder Mighty Bluebirds, The
Hatcher Agency, and Board Member, The Centers Foundation
Certificates of Accomplishment and Award Presentation
Awards: Champion of the Year, Champion of Hope Difference
Maker and Champion of Service
Watch Presentation by Jones & Son
All Champions and Parents Invited

Saturday, April 20

Two nominations for next year's class of Champions of Hope due:
FoundationMail@TheCentersAR.com

Saturday, April 20
Statehouse Convention
Center
101 E. Markham St.

The Evolve Gala
Presentation Rehearsal 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Champion Family check-in 5:30 p.m.
Champions presented early in the program
Attire: Black tie optional, Champions wear suits, moms wear long
dresses and dads wear suits. Both parents or only one parent can
be part of the presentation.