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## Project HOPE provides outreach during the World Games...



Project HOPE's street outreach team provided services to homeless youth during the 2022 World Games. To assist the homeless community, Birmingham service providers joined together through Project Compassion. Project Compassion was hosted by Faith Chapel Care Center from July 7-17 and provided food, showers, entertainment and other services to meet the needs of homeless individuals in Birmingham. A special thanks to all the organizations that teamed together to make this event a huge success!



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## September is Suicide Prevention Month...



September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention Month. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, 33% (one-third) of runaway and homeless youth attempted suicide in a single year. Family Connection recognizes the need for suicide prevention education to help raise awareness for this deadly phenomenon. If you or someone you know is considering suicide, do not hesitate to call 988 to access the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

## Youth Works program sends teens to serve Project HOPE...



Huffman United Methodist Church hosted a Summer Mission Training Program titled "Youth Works" where youth serve all over the United States in various mission projects. Youth groups from Iowa, Wisconsin, and Maryland learned about homeless and runaway youth from Project HOPE staff and donated 100 hygiene/survival packets. Thank you to "Youth Works" for making a difference!



## Safe Place cards provided for Calera schools by QuikTrip...

Informing students about Safe Place and how we can help is a top priority for Family Connection. QuikTrip, a Safe Place site located in Calera, provided informational Safe Place cards to pass out to every student at both Calera High School and Calera Middle School. 2000 cards were split between the schools and delivered to their respective guidance counselors. Thank you, QuikTrip, for helping us reach these students!

The cards distributed to all Calera Middle and High school students.



Jessica Gandy, Calera High School Counselor (left) and Lindsey Barnett, Calera Middle School Counselor (right) holding the Safe Place cards donated by QuikTrip

## A WINNING TEAM!

Family Connection Board Members met on September 19<sup>th</sup> for their quarterly meeting. Thank you for all that you do!



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