



ANTI-DRUG COALITION

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Tuscarawas County ADC to Hold Fourth Annual HOPE Sunday Event

(New Philadelphia, Ohio) – The Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition is once again partnering with local churches across denominations in a collaborative effort to bring hope to communities impacted by challenges related to mental health and drug addiction.

On Sunday, August 29th, 2021, every church in Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties is encouraged to participate in Hope Sunday. The event creates a unique opportunity to come together as one in a common goal of being a beacon of hope in our county. The event is an opportunity to generate more awareness for areas of concern in our local communities. It also acknowledges the critical role that local churches and community members play in bringing hope and light to those hurting and struggling.

The Ezekiel Project has created a short film called In One A-Chord as part of the countywide event. The film encourages church congregations across communities to work together to meet the needs of our communities. It offers guidance on how we can all reach out to those individuals as a beacon of hope and light.

Participating churches will receive all of the resources needed to share the information with their communities. Resources include a short video that they are asked to share it with their congregations, a brief script that can be used before or after the video, bulletin inserts that include prayer requests related to addiction and a list of local resources available.

100 churches across Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties participated in HOPE Sunday in 2020. This year, we hope to mobilize even more to join the effort. *“We want to share a resonating message with the community that acknowledges that, while life can be hard, each and every person has extreme, unwavering value and purpose,”* explained Jodi Salvo, Coordinator of the Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition. *“We want each and every person in our county to know that there is help and hope when facing substance use addiction and that our community churches are places where they can go to find love and support.”*

Churches interested in participating are asked to contact Jodi Salvo at (330) 440-7320 to receive more information and materials.

For more information on local prevention efforts and resources visit adctusc.org, and if you or someone you know is in need of substance use addiction help, call the Hope hotline at 330-663-6812.