



Community Involvement – Sadie Broekemeier, President

Since opening our doors in 2016, Recovering Hope Treatment Center is often challenged by the misconceptions and the stigma surrounding substance use treatment and mental health challenges. Four years ago, Recovering Hope Treatment Center began building our Outpatient Clinic, an expansion that had our parking lot full of construction vehicles for most of the spring and summer. An idea was brewing when I met with the Kanabec County Better Together Coalition Coordinator (formerly known as SACK) and the concept of a community event for families, with construction vehicles, candy, music, activities, and more was born – Trick ‘r Truck!

The intent was to raise awareness of the services Recovering Hope provides and invite community partners to share their resources and utilize our construction partners, offer fun activities for families, and ultimately work to break down the stigma associated with substance use disorders and mental health challenges.

Trick ‘r Truck has doubled in size since its debut in 2018. This year the weather was spectacular, our community partners were more eager than ever to join us, and to top it off we received a surprise visit from the Minnesota State Patrol Helicopter – flying in and out just for our event!

Recovering Hope is committed to breaking down the stigma surrounding substance use and mental health issues, providing resources, and supporting positive events and activities in our community. We are not sure how to top this year’s event, but we have a few months to come up with a game plan.

The huge success of this event was made possible by our partners: Manes For Change, Where Moms Connect, ECFE, Head Start, Love the Journey, Crisis Text Line, Better Together Coalition, East Central Regional Library/Friends of the Library, Kanabec County Family Health, Minnesota State Patrol, Quality Disposal, City of Mora, Mora Area Fire Department, Bassets Green House, Oslin Lumber, Paradise Theater, East Central Electric, A1 Rescue and Towing, Kanabec County Sheriff’s Office, Stafford Trucking, and Sparks Racing Team.