

35 years ago something important happened...



While the nation was divided over civil rights...



courageous people stood up for what was right.



Fr. William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis,
Co-Founders of Focus: HOPE

Father William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis and a small band of determined people started a movement. They pledged intelligent and practical action to fight racism, poverty and injustice – and Focus: HOPE was born.



Over 35 years, Focus: HOPE has:

- **Started a food program that gives infants a nutritious start in life and helps senior citizens survive.**

Each month, more than 43,000 mothers, children under age six, and senior citizens living on meager incomes get help through the Focus: HOPE Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

- **Established education and training programs that give people access to the financial mainstream.**

More than 3,000 individuals have graduated from Focus: HOPE's Centers of Opportunity, obtaining jobs in the manufacturing, engineering, and information technology fields.

- **Fostered understanding of different cultures through community arts projects.**

Through art exhibits, music, dance, photography, and pen pal activities, more than 11,000 people have gained new insight into different cultures.



Our mission is as critical today as ever. One thing we've learned is that education and training are the keys to ending racism and poverty. When people have good jobs, they have opportunities. They are able to live where they want and provide for their families.

It's intelligent. It's practical. It works.

Won't you join us?

**With passion, persistence – and you as a partner,
we will continue our work.**



Focus: HOPE Mission Statement

Recognizing the dignity and beauty of every person,
we pledge intelligent and practical action
to overcome racism, poverty and injustice.

And to build a metropolitan community where all people
may live in freedom, harmony, trust and affection.

Black and white, yellow, brown and red
from Detroit and its suburbs
of every economic status,
national origin and religious persuasion
we join in this covenant.

Adopted March 8, 1968

**Together, we will make
his work live on.**

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