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| *To provide a respite weekend in the Colorado Rockies for married couples that have experienced the death of a child.*  ***VISION***  *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”*  *2 Corinthians 1:3-4* *contact information* Kelly Packard  Executive Director  *PHONE: 765-717-3892*  *WEBSITE:*  [*www.livinghopemountainrespite.com*](http://www.livinghopemountainrespite.com)  *EMAIL:*  [*info@livinghopemountainrespite.com*](mailto:info@livinghopemountainrespite.com) *FACEBOOK: @livinghopemountainrespite*  *ADDRESS:**471 Ute Peak Drive*  *Livermore, Colorado 80536*  *A close up of a rock mountain  Description automatically generated* |  | *fall 2021 ministry update* The Lord sure had a sense of humor when He called us to launch a nonprofit ministry just as a worldwide pandemic was unfolding. However, we’ve come to the point where we don’t discount His tendency to use the unlikely for His Glory. We felt called in May of 2020 to bring forth Living Hope Mountain Respite and live out the ministry’s Vision Statement: to comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. Our story involves the loss of our son, Derek, and our mission is to come alongside other marriages on their grief journey. Our biggest challenge in the last 18 months has been creating awareness of the ministry. In short, the challenge is to help grieving marriages find LHMR. Even with this ongoing challenge, we remain confident in both the vision and mission of Living Hope Mountain Respite.  *Affirmed by Isaiah 61:1. “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and commissioned me to bring good news to the humble and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up [the wounds of] the brokenhearted....”*  *As our Ministry Highlights below reveal, we have been blessed and strengthened as we continue stepping in obedience.* *ministry Highlights* **Exciting News!**  \*We were boldly challenged to use Google Ads to create awareness about LHMR. Rich personally used Google to search for resources with answers to questions that were weighing heavily on him in his grief. Hesitantly, we accepted the challenge to purse this visibility platform. We were also made aware that Google provides Google Ad grants to nonprofits. As rookies on the topic of grants, we began the process and submitted the application. We then waited. A blessing was revealed.  LHMR received a substantial grant to be used solely for advertisements with Google Ads. We are thrilled and pray it elevates the ministry’s visibility. We celebrate receiving our first nonprofit grant!  \*We have been committed to developing relationships with organizations with a presence in our communities on both a regional and national level.  **Regional:** Guest speakers at an FCA marriage retreat in the Great Lakes Region (OH, IN, MI, WV). We also presented LHMR to the FCA Rockies Region (CO, AZ, MT, WY), and FCA in the state of Mississippi. **National:** Presented to Athletes in Action and The Navigators. We continue the relationship building process with these organizations so they can comfortably recommend LHMR as a resource. Stay tuned! *Giving Tuesday is November 30, 2021* Giving Tuesday is quickly approaching! This is Facebook’s annual fundraising event specifically for nonprofit organizations. Giving Tuesday is a significant annual financial provision for LHMR. We invite you to participate in this opportunity, and, if comfortable, consider reposting LHMR’s Giving Tuesday social media posts on your personal social media platforms. *Family news* Our son, Evan, married Gabby Kramer on June 11th! It was a weekend full of pure joy as we celebrated their special day. We are delighted to finally have a daughter and to be interwoven into the Kramer family.  Shortly thereafter, the new Mr. and Mrs. Packard blessed us with a grand pup. He’s a beautiful Alaskan Malamute named Mowgli. Mowgli Moon Packard to be exact! Such blessed days for us. So grateful.   *end of year giving* Keep Living Hope Mountain Respite in mind as you consider making end-of-year financial gifts. LHMR is a tax-exempt nonprofit ministry under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3). Our website provides various giving options. *prayer requests* We appreciate your specific prayers:   * That the Google Ads grant reaches marriages in deep grief * Opportunities to further develop relationships with organizations and ministries that have a broad presence and reach into communities across the nation. * That God increases our patience and trust as we allow Him to reveal His desire for this ministry. Protection from discouragement. * Prayers for us individually, our marriage, and our courage to step directly into the pain of grieving marriages. |