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2023

BUDGET GOAL OF \$300,000

### \$40K - Discipleship

**Podcast** - We have already seen an incredible response from this weekly resource that aims to bring hope to the widow and her fatherless children.

"I just wanted to tell you that your podcast is EXCELLENT. God is going to use this greatly in the lives of those who are walking this path."

-Joi

"I have been enjoying the 'Help, I'm Raising Fatherless Kids' podcast. I look forward to the practical and godly advice given each week. Thank you for all you do."

-Tracy

**Special Events** - Gathering to recognize God's goodness offers widows a source of joy and connection in the midst of grief.

"Perspective Ministries has been a constant blessing and encouragement that not only shares God's Word but is the embodiment of LIVING God's Word!"

-Marie

## \$40k - Evangelism

We intend to use every ministry resource at our disposal to share the good news of the Gospel with as many widows and their families as possible in 2023!

"The magazines are such a wonderful vehicle for the gospel. I gave them to a doctor friend who is taking them to her office to give to her patients who are widows."

-Helen

# \$75k - Encouragement

**Widowlife Magazine** - Personal stories and words of wisdom in our themed magazines let widows relate to those who have walked a similar path. They feel understood and encouraged through both spiritual and practical guidance.

"The articles in the WidowLife Magazines are gold... they immediately helped me to take a deep breath and know that what I'm feeling is normal."

-Michelle

**Comfort and Care Boxes** - We continue to touch widows with expressions of love and care at tender times in their grief journey.

"The widow's box arrived yesterday, and I was so blessed by the contents! God continues to bless me over and over again and your box literally brought me to tears!"

-Pat

**Seasonal Remembrances** - Your faithful giving allows us to share extra blessings with widows and their families during the holidays. Just last month, you helped us raise \$39,000 to shine added joy into the lives of fatherless children for Christmas.

"The generous gift from your ministry brought a smile to my face and took some stress off my shoulders this Christmas season. I am so grateful for this sweet gift."

-Nicole

#### \$145k - Growth

Our faith remains steadfast in the Lord! He continues to expand our capacity for ministry in remarkable ways. We are trusting Him to provide the means to meet the growing needs of the ministry.

"Perspective Ministries has been a constant encouragement to my grieving heart. Thank you so much for the time, energy, and resources that have been poured into this ministry. It truly is a blessing."

-Jennifer



# 2022 Ministry Impact

- The "Help, I'm Raising Fatherless Kids" podcast launched in April, offering 40 episodes of practical insight and encouragement for moms raising children without an earthly dad.
- Three new resources in 2022 have opened avenues to encourage widows including WidowLife Magazine (5 issues), Boxes of Comfort and Care (4 varieties), and the booklet: Solace for Suicide.
- Our new website features a straightforward Widow Care sign-up process, making it easy for widows to receive expressions of love and connection throughout the year. Check it out! www.perspectiveministries.org
- 124 widow-moms were given checks in December that blessed 315 fatherless children during Christmas.
- 47 new donors chose to partner with Perspective Ministries this year in support of our mission to care for the widow and fatherless.

329

3,090
Emotional Needs Met

4,662
Total Needs Met

924
Widows Served

11 Practical Needs Met

1,561

# Dear friends.

My phone rings almost daily with news of another family experiencing the new journey of widowhood and fatherlessness. My response to each call is four-fold: deep sorrow for the pain of unimaginable loss, prayer that the hurting widow will find comfort in knowing that Jesus is a Man of Sorrows acquainted with grief, choosing to rest in the sovereignty of God, and finding hope in the knowledge that God promises to be a Defender of the widow and Father to the fatherless (Psalm 68:5).

Perspective Ministries operates out of an abiding trust that God will never leave or forsake us, and that He will keep every single one of His promises. We have been able to share that message of hope with many more widows this year because of God's favor expressed through your faithful investment in this ministry. When I look back on our growth since 2020, the numbers are staggering:

- During my first year of grief,
  Perspective Ministries has
  been... a shoulder to cry on, an
  understanding friend, a light in
  the darkness, a wise counselor,
  a warm blanket, a place to feel
  known, a glimmer of hope, a
  new friend to laugh and cry with,
  a safe place to emote, a guide
  pointing back to our Father,
  Savior, and Holy Spirit, and the
  hands and feet of Jesus to a
  broken heart.
- Nearly a threefold increase in widows served
- 5 times the number of fatherless children encouraged
- More than a 200% increase in the number of needs met

I love encouraging widows, but I also have seasons where I need to be encouraged. When I start to question whether producing podcast episode #37 is really going to make a difference, I look back on notes of gratitude that I collect from widows throughout the year. One such note from a new widow this past year has really blessed me. As you read it, know that you have also encouraged my heart and have played a significant role in blessing every widow connected with Perspective Ministries.



Thank you for continuing to stand with us as we uplift the hearts of the widow and fatherless!

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Lori Apon | Founder and Executive Director Perspective Ministries