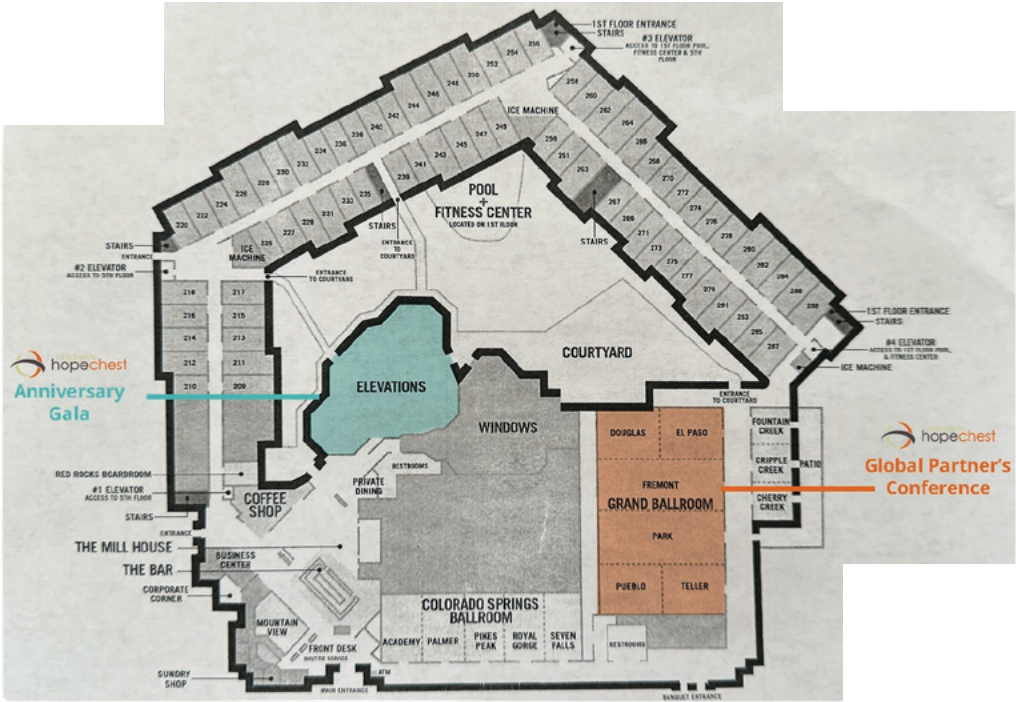


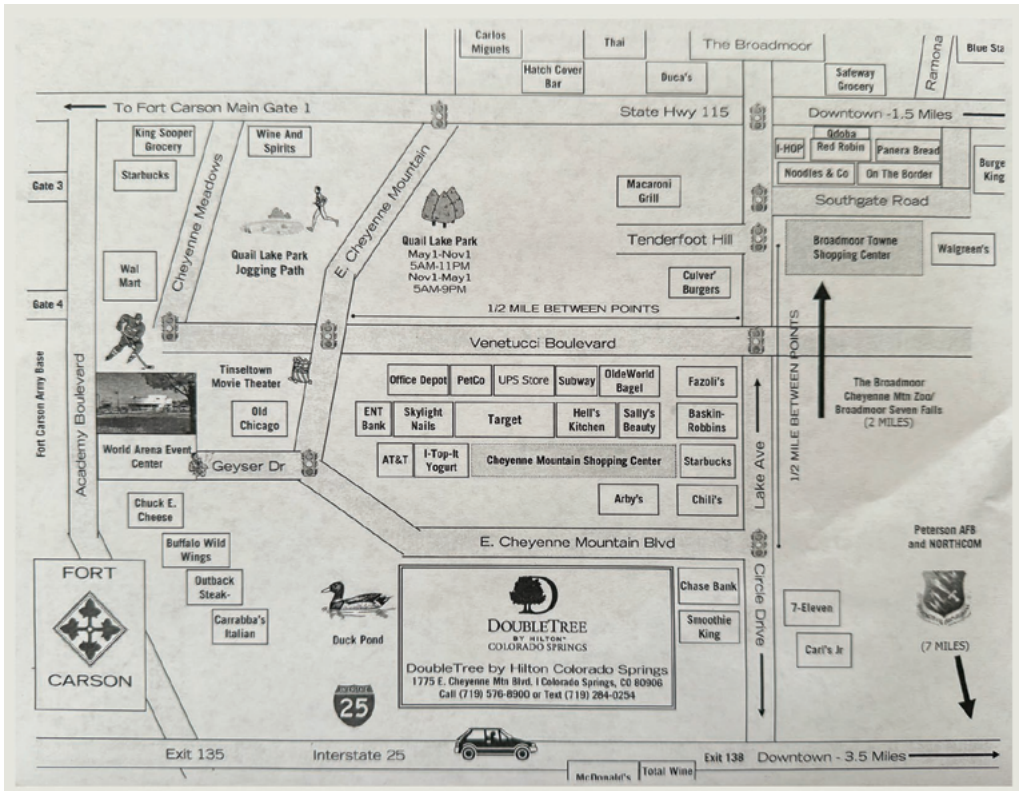
CONFERENCE VENUE

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WORSHIP & GENERAL SESSIONS: FREMONT/PARK GRAND BALLROOM
BREAKOUT SESSIONS: TELLER, EL PASO, DOUGLAS

CONFERENCE VENUE SURROUNDINGS



CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

Buffet Breakfast in Ballroom	7:30 ^{am}
Doors Open.....	8:45 ^{am}
Welcome, Worship, Icebreaker	9:00 ^{am}
General Session 1	9:40 ^{am}
Snack Break	10:00 ^{am}
Breakout Session 1	10:10 ^{am}
Reconvene in Ballroom	11:50 ^{am}
Lunch	12:00 ^{pm}
General Session 2.....	1:30 ^{pm}
General Session 3.....	2:30 ^{pm}
Break, Snack, Networking.....	3:00 ^{pm}
Breakout Session 2.....	3:30 ^{pm}
Breakout Session 3.....	4:25 ^{pm}
Close the Day; Head to Dinner.....	5:00 ^{pm}

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

Buffet Breakfast in Ballroom	7:30 ^{am}
Doors Open.....	8:45 ^{am}
Welcome and Worship.....	9:00 ^{am}
General Session 4.....	9:30 ^{am}
Snack Break	10:00 ^{am}
Breakout Session 4.....	10:10 ^{am}
General Session 5	11:20 ^{am}
Closing Words	11:45 ^{am}

On your own - Explore Colorado Springs! 12:00^{pm}

Doors and Bar Open for Anniversary Gala	6:00 ^{pm}
30th Anniversary Gala begins.....	6:30 ^{pm}

OPENING SESSION

FRIDAY | 9:00^{AM}

FREMONT/PARK GRAND BALLROOM

Welcome! We're thrilled to have you here as we kick off the conference with our theme of *Flourishing*. In this session, you'll meet your host, Adam Yenser, and hear from Ken Sparks, CEO and President of Children's HopeChest. Ken will reflect on the past 30 years of impact, provide a current update of the organization, and cast an exciting vision for how we will *flourish* over the next five years. This session will set the tone for an inspiring and forward-focused conference!



Ken Sparks
Children's HopeChest
CEO and President



Adam Yenser
Comedian, Writer,
& GPC Host



BREAKOUT SESSION 1

FRIDAY | 10:10^{AM}

ROOMS DEPENDENT

Country Updates!

Get into the details of the state of your partnered country and learn straight from your Country Representatives what challenges and opportunities are affecting current HopeChest programs. Your Country Director, Program Director, and Community Relationship Managers will also cast a vision for the future and paint a picture of what we can achieve together through partnership.

ETHIOPIA: Teller Room

GUATEMALA: El Paso Room

UGANDA: Douglas Room

KEY IDEAS



THE COST OF POVERTY

In this session, we will honor the memory of the children and youth we have lost since 2018, whose stories continue to inspire our work and shape our legacy.



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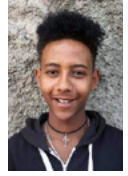
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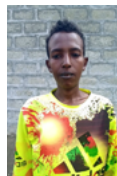
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GENERAL SESSION 2

FRIDAY | 1:30^{PM}

FREMONT/PARK GRAND BALLROOM

Panel CarePoint Independence: Paving the Path

This session will be a panel discussion led by Ken Sparks and Rachel Andrews. They will be joined by the Country Directors from Ethiopia, Guatemala, and Uganda! Together, they will explore strategies for community empowerment and the impact of sustainable change initiatives. Join us for insights and success stories that highlight the transformative work happening in these regions!



Rachel Andrews
*VP of International
Operations*



Carolina Cardona
*Country Director,
Guatemala*



Joseph Elotu
*Country Director,
Uganda*



Ken Sparks
CEO & President



Milkias (Mickey) Taye
*Country Director,
Ethiopia*



GENERAL SESSION 3

FRIDAY | 2:30^{PM}

FREMONT/PARK GRAND BALLROOM

Panel **Multiplying Impact Through Leadership Development**

This session will be another panel discussion! Rachel Andrews, Vice President of International Operations, will guide the conversation with Country Directors Joseph, Mickey, and Carolina.

They will discuss the goals of HopeChest's leadership programs and the positive impact these initiatives are having in each country. Join us to discover how leadership development is multiplying our impact around the world!

THOUGHTS

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

FRIDAY | 3:30^{PM}

ROOM DEPENDENT

CarePoint Independence - Your Country

During this session, you will have the opportunity to engage with leaders from the country you partner with!

Learn about the current state of CarePoint Graduation efforts and what's being done to prepare for successful graduations. This is a great opportunity to connect with Country Directors and Program Directors and learn directly from those on the ground.

ETHIOPIA: TELLER ROOM

GUATEMALA: EL PASO ROOM

UGANDA: DOUGLAS ROOM

MUSINGS



BREAKOUT SESSION 3

FRIDAY | 4:25^{PM}

ROOM DEPENDENT

Choose a Session!

During this breakout time, you have a choice to attend one of three sessions.

These same three sessions will also be offered twice—once on Friday afternoon, and once on Saturday morning.

- Passion to Purpose: Leveraging Your Story for Change** – Explore peer-to-peer fundraising & learn about the HopeChest Ambassador Program.
Location: El Paso Room.
- World Class Travel** - Prioritize healthy and sustainable global engagement through relationships. **Location: Douglas Room.**
- Let's Talk Sponsorship** – Learn the importance of sponsoring young adults and the best ways to increase sponsor engagement in your community.
Location: Teller Room.

JOT IT DOWN

GENERAL SESSION 4

SATURDAY | 9:00^{AM}

FREMONT/PARK GRAND BALLROOM

Stories of U.S. Impact

In this session, our host, Wil Crooks, will introduce three remarkable partners who will share their personal testimonies from the stage.

Get ready to be encouraged! These stories will showcase the meaningful contributions being made in communities, illustrating how collaboration and partnership can truly drive change.



Wil Crooks
Vice President of Strategic Partnerships

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CLOSING SESSION

SATURDAY | 11:20^{AM}

FREMONT/PARK GRAND BALLROOM

Thank You, HopeChest Partners!

In this final session, we will honor *you*, our incredible partners, in a special ceremony recognizing your dedication. We are grateful for the commitment you bring to transforming lives and empowering communities around the world.

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EXPLORE COLORADO SPRINGS

Breathe in that crisp mountain air and relax — you're in Colorado! We are thrilled that you decided to visit us for GPC and we want you to have a great time. Our local staff has plenty of recommendations for local restaurants, coffee, and shops.

ON FRIDAY EVENING, we invite you to join us for dinner! Groups will be departing from the hotel to dine at a variety of restaurants, including:

Bonny & Read Fresh Seafood and Steaks
Buffalo Wild Wings
Carrabba's Italian Grill
Chili's
Jack Quinn's Irish & Pub & Restaurant
Jax Fish House & Oyster Bar
Old Chicago
& More!

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, embark on an adventure in the Colorado Springs area! If you haven't already signed up for one of our planned excursion options, we encourage you to check out our staff's picks for activities in the Colorado Springs area below.

ACTIVITIES IN THE COLORADO SPRINGS AREA:

Garden of the Gods
Academy Riding Stables
Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site
Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
Air Force Academy Walking Tour
Olympic Training Center
US Olympic & Paralympic Museum

MORE ACTIVITIES IN THE COLORADO SPRINGS AREA:

National Museum of WWII
Aviation
Stroll Around Downtown
Colorado Springs (Tejon Street)
Stroll Around Manitou Springs
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

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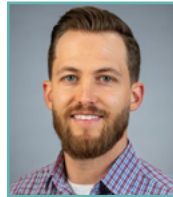
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HOPECHEST COMPASS AND VITALS

Vision

To ignite hope in the world

Mission

Inspired by Christ's love, Children's HopeChest releases the potential existing within vulnerable communities, starting with the children.

Theory of Impact

We come alongside local leaders to cultivate holistic community development through two-way transformational relationships.

We believe that...

Every person has inherent value, abilities, and assets. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and grace.

Through partnership we can improve the lives of individuals and their community and in turn make the world a better place.

Transformation is not a quick fix or transactional. It must be long-term and self-sustaining.

Through building relationships, discipleship and education, the communities we serve realize their God-given potential, overcome generational poverty, and can rise to meet their potential.

We glorify God by coming alongside and loving the vulnerable.

Faith Driven

Our faith in the redemptive work of Christ drives our work and our decisions.

Integrity in All Things

We fulfill our commitments. We do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

Values

Dignity

We treat everyone with respect, empathy, and grace.

Learner Mindset

We are driven by continuous improvement, innovation, and curiosity.

Relationships Matter

Our approach is relational rather than transactional. We are created for relationship.

VITALS

Community Impact

CarePoints Graduated

Donor Engagement

Partnership Vitality

Employee Engagement

Financial Stewardship

Transformative Storytelling



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