

Launched into Hope

Submission Guidelines

Launch Ministry provides struggling young adults 18 to 29 years old in Carver and Scott Counties with a safe and stable space, as well as mentoring, housing case management, free meals and personal supplies, and connects them with resources within their community. www.launchministry.org

Launched into Hope will be a book of authentic stories, poems, prayers and images demonstrating or speaking to hope in the lives of people. This is not a self-help book with instructions on how to become more hopeful or to overcome adversity. This is a book to demonstrate the power of hope...where the author/artist has found hope and/or reflection on how hope has changed lives. The word “hope” itself does not need to be included in the submission, but a feeling of hope must be present.

Submissions will be considered based on their relevancy for providing inspiration and hope to those struggling with various issues, as well as those who support them. Issues addressed can include, but not limited to: homelessness, joblessness, mental health, family conflict, self-harm, addiction, poverty, shame, and spirituality. All pieces must lead the reader/viewer to be inspired to a better life – physically, spiritually, or mentally.

Submissions are donated for use by Launch Ministry for the purposes of the book as a fundraiser and a free resource to Launch Ministry clients.

All submissions must be original material, but may have been previously published (as long as author/artist retains all rights). Rights to the work are retained by the author, except for publication in this book.

Submissions can contain sensitive material; however, it is requested that explicit details be avoided.

Individuals associated with Launch Ministry (clients, former clients, volunteers, donors and staff) have preference for publication, however are not guaranteed to be included.

Written materials:

- 1) Poems, prayers, and nonfiction stories may be submitted.
- 2) Please note that edits may be requested for inclusion in the book.
- 3) Please provide a digital version in Word or on googleDocs.

Images:

- 1) Photos or drawings may be submitted.
- 2) Provide a copy or electronic version of the image to be considered.

Remuneration: As this is a fundraiser for Launch Ministry, individuals who have work included in the book will be eligible to purchase one copy for the cost of publishing. Current clients of Launch Ministry who have work included in the book will receive one free copy.

Submission deadline: Our first submission deadline is December 1, 2016. We may extend the submission date in order to create a wonderful book.

E-mail submissions to [stephanie @ launchministry .org](mailto:stephanie@launchministry.org)