



# Mission: Hope House

## 2026 Trip Recap

June 6-12, a team of 21 volunteers returned to Hope House for their 20th year of service. Over the years, God has revealed that our role is much more than a mission team we are the “aunts and uncles” who come home each summer for a family reunion, bringing encouragement, support, and practical help to the Hope House family.

This year, our primary project was renovating a kitchen that will be used to teach life skills such as meal planning, cooking, and hospitality. The team repainted the kitchen, dining room, and family room, installed new appliances, added a large storage island for learning resources, and stocked the space with essential kitchen supplies. A mural of the Rocky Mountains now welcomes students into what has been named the “Colorado Kitchen.”

Alongside the renovation, the team hosted a week of Vacation Bible School centered on the theme of food. Through Bible stories, worship, crafts, and games, the children explored God’s provision and love. Favorite activities included a food fight, watermelon bowling, and dinner-roll dodgeball. The week concluded with a Hawaiian Luau honoring longtime staff member Toni Middlebrook, whose life and legacy continue to impact Hope House.

Our young adults also led daily devotionals and sports camps, creating opportunities for fun, fellowship, and mentorship. One special highlight was taking the children and special-needs adults on an outing to Boise for go-karts, mini golf, rides, and games. This was an evening filled with joy and lasting memories.

Each year, our goal is simple: to leave the staff and children of Hope House feeling deeply loved and supported. Through summer visits, Christmas stockings, and ongoing relationships, we hope every child remembers that they are valued, cared for, and deeply loved by God.