



# Jessica McCLELLAN

*Giving Hope & Help*

free laptops, a mentoring program throughout college and bed 'n bags – new sheets to make them feel special and comfortable in their new environment.

She has also shipped sanitary napkins and tampons globally to natural disaster victims. Those are the least donated item and her organization has been able to effectively and passionately address this issue.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing from Southern University and A & M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She received a Master's of Science in Business Management, from Baker University-Baldwin City, Kansas.

McClellan is a member of Harvest Church International Outreach and has always had a heart to help others through her community outreach.

"This whole experience has been a God thing," said McClellan, a motivational speaker who travels throughout the Midwest bringing a message of hope to residents of women's shelters, children and teen homes and church events.

"I wanted to help, so I called Hope House, a local home for battered women, and the first place I called, I got a recording. So I pulled over to the side of the road in Lee's Summit, and made another call. This time, I got an answer, a human voice. I asked for directions and the woman asked where I was.

"You won't believe this – but I was right across the street from the house! Right across the street. If that's not a God thing, I don't know what is."

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That was five years ago. She launched Giving Hope & Help on her birthday back in November of 2013. She hosted The Thanksgiving Birthday Give - Feminine Hygiene Product Drive in honor of her birthday to collect feminine hygiene products. Over 5,000 products were donated by friends, family, businesses and the community to support survivors of domestic violence at Hope House. The drive is now an annual event. Its ultimate goal is to supply feminine hygiene products across the globe to deliver to survivors of natural disasters, while continuing to support domestic violence shelters.

She has also sent more than 15 low-income students to college with laptop computers and provided cancer patients throughout the metro with LOVE Bags 4 Cancer bags that include toiletries and inspirational items.

To find out more, go to [giving-hopeandhelp.org](http://giving-hopeandhelp.org).

Jessica McClellan is a difference maker. The founder and president of Giving Hope & Help is a tireless worker who founded a charitable organization that provides feminine hygiene products to domestic violence survivors in shelters, gives hope to cancer patients through her LOVE Bags 4 Cancer program and sends low-income students off to college with