



A note from our President



2017 was a year of transition and transformative advancement for Operation HOPE. I am excited about the work we have ahead of us as we expand our HOPE Inside model and the Silver Rights Movement—ensuring rights to financial literacy, access to capital, and equity of opportunity, for all.

The mission of HOPE is grounded in a difficult to digest truth: the “invisible class” has been excluded from participating in the economic system because they don’t have the context; they don’t speak the language of money and don’t possess the trust in the system necessary to gain access to the resources and capital necessary to change the trajectory of their lives. The system has excluded them.

We continue to serve as the leading global authority for financial dignity and empowerment. The solutions and advocacy we provide through the growing HOPE Inside network helped uplift more than 100,000 individuals in more than 500 communities across the nation and around the world last year alone. Through our HOPE team, and commitment of our dedicated partners, members, and donors, we achieved unprecedented goals.

Real financial inclusion looks like individuals vested with financial knowledge; self-sufficient with the fundamentals to build their own businesses, raise their credit scores, buy homes, or simply make better decisions with the money they have. A truly inclusive economy needs all the players on the field—including those traditionally left to wait it out indefinitely on the sidelines: women, low and moderate-income communities, immigrants, young people, minorities, etc.

I appreciate your support of the work of HOPE. Our extraordinary growth and community impact is because of your valued partnership.

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