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## Press Kit

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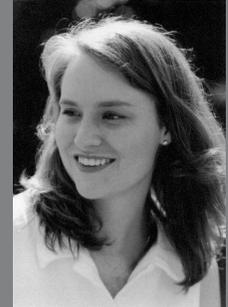
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*"I have discovered that my cancer is a blessing, allowing me the time and opportunity not only to strengthen my faith and my relationship with my family, but also to use my experiences to help other families with children learn to cope with the challenges of a terminal illness."*

-Kristen Milligan, Co-Founder



**MISSION** | To inspire hope in young families facing the loss of a parent.

**HISTORY** | Following a rare terminal liver cancer diagnosis in 2003, Kristen Milligan searched for resources to help her three children, Ashlea (then 4), Luke (2), and Rebecca (7 months), better comprehend the situation.

Six surgeries, two radiation treatments, two rounds of chemotherapy, and three books later, Kristen and her husband Deric expanded the concept by co-founding Inheritance of Hope, a 501(c)(3) charity.

Kristen lost her courageous bout with cancer in 2012, but her passion

remains as Inheritance of Hope continues to inspire hope in hundreds of families much like her own.

**WHAT WE DO** | Inheritance of Hope serves families in 3 life-changing ways:

**ON-SITE:** Legacy Retreats® destination experience where families create lifelong memories and receive the tools to navigate the challenges of terminal illness

**ONLINE:** Hope@Home™ memory-making weekend where your family can connect with other families who "get it" -- all from the comfort of home

**ON-GOING:** Hope@Home™ Groups monthly groups for all ages to gain resources and connect in community with people who understand their situation



Kristen Milligan with her children

The Inheritance of Hope story began with one young family facing a parent's terminal illness – a mom and dad with young children looking for resources for their entire family as they all navigated the mom's illness. Surprisingly, there were none. They decided to create resources for their family and share them with others. In 2007, Deric and Kristen Milligan launched IoH with the mission to inspire hope in young families facing the loss of a parent, and the brand has grown to serve families throughout the U.S.



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## Fact Sheet

### WHAT WE DO

inspirehope in young families facing the loss of a parent

# ONE IN 20



**Unique Mission**  
Inheritance of Hope is the only charity that serves these families in this way.

1 in 20 children will suffer the loss of a parent before age 16. The need is great, and Inheritance of Hope is a hope-filled community of care that uniquely serves these children and their families.

### WHERE WE ARE

Inheritance of Hope serves families from all over the United States. Families from 48 states have been impacted by Inheritance of Hope programming.

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### LEADERSHIP

Inheritance of Hope is led by a volunteer Board of Directors and paid Leadership Team.

- Deric Milligan | Co-Founder & Executive Chairman
- Dan Barcus | Senior Vice President, Marketing at Coventry
- Richard Birney | Senior Advisor, Spurrier Capital Partners & Genesis Venture Capital
- Kim Bohannon | Chief Innovation Officer, Tennessee Credit Union League
- Dr. O.P. Cooper | Assistant Professor of Media and Technology, University of W. Georgia
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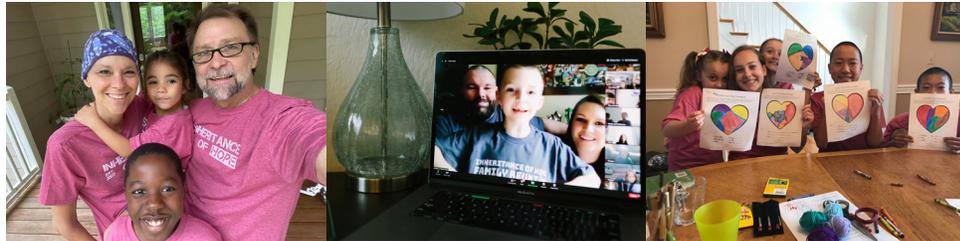
# Programming

## SERVING FAMILIES IN 3 LIFE-CHANGING WAYS:

ONLINE

### Hope@Home™

memory-making weekend where families can connect with other families who "get it" -- all from the comfort of home



ON-SITE

### Legacy Retreats®

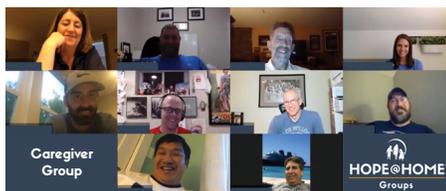
destination experience where families create lifelong memories and receive the tools to navigate the challenges of terminal illness



ON-GOING

### Hope@Home™ Groups and more

monthly groups for all ages to gain resources and connect in community with people who understand their situation



Inheritance of Hope

Available in App Stores



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## Noteworthy

1 in 20 children will suffer the loss of a parent before age 16. Inheritance of Hope uniquely serves these children and their families.

Since August 2008, families from 44 states have experienced a life-changing Legacy Retreat®, a destination experience where families create lifelong memories and receive the tools to navigate the challenges of terminal illness. Past retreat locations include Florida, New York, California, Colorado, and North Carolina.

In 2020, Inheritance of Hope hosted its first Hope@Home™, a memory-making weekend where families facing terminal illness can connect with other families who "get it" -- all from the comfort of home. The same year, Hope@Home™ Groups were developed, monthly groups for all ages to gain resources and connect in community with people who understand their situation.

Since 2018, Inheritance of Hope has partnered with international fashion designer and philanthropist Kendra Scott to present a Legacy Retreat® exclusively for families affected by metastatic breast cancer. Since 2020, department store Dillard's has partnered to impact Inheritance of Hope families, including the presenting sponsor of a Hope@Home™ in February 2021.

Inheritance of Hope has been recognized as a "Top-Rated Nonprofit" by GreatNonprofits.org since 2011.

Inheritance of Hope has been recognized as "Top 10 Children's Charity in North America" by Theravive, a network of licensed therapists and psychologists.

In 2015, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) presented the 29th annual Ellis Island Medals of Honor ceremony on Ellis Island in New York City. Inheritance of Hope Co-Founder Deric Milligan, was honored as a 2015 recipient for his Inheritance of Hope vision.

In 2016, Co-Founder Deric Milligan, was recognized by "the one hundred," an organization by the Mass General Cancer Center that recognizes 100 everyday amazing groups and individuals who are changing how cancer is fought.

Team IoH has offered hundreds of individuals the opportunity to raise awareness of Inheritance of Hope's unique mission to inspire hope in young families facing the loss of a parent. Team IoH runners have participated in many events, including the NYC Marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon, Volley for the Cure, Big Sur Marathon, NYC Half Marathon, and Chicago Marathon.

Inheritance of Hope welcomes families of all faiths and backgrounds while serving under the core beliefs of the Christian faith.



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All for families facing by terminal illness.





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## In Their Own Words...

"Inheritance of Hope provides expert love and care for families battling a parent's life-threatening  
- Gary Chapman, Ph.D., Author of The Five Love Languages



"This was one of the best weeks of our life! We will be forever grateful for the memories created. My three children will forever have the keepsakes of this retreat and know that no matter what happens with their dad's health, they are loved by so many people and are a part of a legacy bigger than themselves!"

"What an experience!!! Honestly, hands down, the BEST experience of my life...I feel so much more at peace than I was before. IoH gave us so incredibly much more than a "vacation." They gave us connections to others...They gave us tools and ideas for things we can do now to keep us connected to our families long after we're gone."



"There are no words to describe it [the Legacy Retreat@]! It still feels like it was all a dream!"

"One of the best experiences in my life!"

"Hope@Home™ Group is awesome. This is an amazing product offering. I didn't realize how badly I needed that connection to others that are struggling with the same thing. Thank you!"



"It was so sad to leave our new Inheritance of Hope family... No-where else will there be that level of understanding and care that we received on this retreat. My family truly was SERVED. I don't think I really knew what that word meant before...I cannot thank you all enough."



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## Boilerplate

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Seneca, SC - Inheritance of Hope was founded by Kristen and Deric Milligan following several years of coping with the challenges of raising three young children while battling a terminal illness. The concept was born in 2003 after Kristen, then 30, was diagnosed with a rare terminal liver cancer and had difficulty finding literature to help her three young children (ages 4, 2, and 7 months) through this challenging time. She decided to remedy the problem and wrote her first book, *A Train's Rust, A Toy Maker's Love*, to help her children better understand what was happening in their family.

Six surgeries, two radiation treatments, two rounds of chemotherapy, and three books later, Kristen and her husband Deric expanded the concept by co-founding Inheritance of Hope, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity devoted to inspiring hope in young families facing the loss of a parent. Sadly, Kristen lost her courageous bout with cancer in 2012, but her passion remains as the organization hosts Legacy Retreats,<sup>®</sup> all-expenses-paid experiences to help families create memories and build a community of support.

Inheritance of Hope provides an opportunity for distressed families to learn about shaping their legacy and offers tools to help each member of the family successfully navigate this difficult period in their lives. Inheritance of Hope believes that "Every Family Deserves a Legacy."<sup>®</sup>

"Our goal is to provide families with an experience that they will remember forever," said Deric Milligan, Co-Founder of Inheritance of Hope. "Seeing the direct impact of Inheritance of Hope on me and my children in the wake of losing Kristen has been very affirming. I can clearly see the importance of the work we're doing on a daily basis."

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