CHRONIC JOY®
Chronic Illness, Mental Illness, Chronic Pain & Disability

# CULTIVATING EVERYDAY HOPE
## 2027 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Chronic Joy remains committed to making hope accessible, personal, and readily available to those affected by chronic illness, mental illness, chronic pain, and disability. Our mission remains steadfast even as the ways we live it out continue to grow and adapt—responding to the needs before us and faithfully stewarding the time, talents, and treasure God entrusts to us. *Together, we're making a difference, one precious life at a time.*

### 2027 FOCUS

Tending what we've planted. Harvesting what we've grown. Planting for the next generation.

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.* (1 Corinthians 3:6–7)

- **Tending what we've planted,** revisiting, refreshing, and adding depth to trusted resources as a decade of listening, learning, and serving continues to shape our understanding.
- **Harvesting what we've grown,** making it easy to explore our treasure trove of free online resources (to read, bookmark, download, and share) while 20+ *Envelopes of Hope* remain available upon request.
- **Planting for the next generation,** expanding our *Sonshine Squad* resources with character-specific devotionals and activities while, laying the groundwork for a future children's *Chronic Joy Legacy* book.

### EXPLORING PRAYER • CHART YOUR PRAYER JOURNEY

Prayer can be simpler and richer than we might imagine.

- **Inspiring a lifetime of exploration** through our new prayer book, helping readers discover varied and meaningful ways to linger longer with Jesus.
- **Discovering the wonder of prayer** through 18 digital prayer pages and dozens of free printable guides—ready for exploration.
- **Praying it forward:** an invitation to share requests and praises on our prayer wall, pray for others, and click *I PRAYED FOR THIS* as a tangible reminder that no one prays alone.



### ACCESSIBLE HOPE • GATHER WHAT YOU NEED

Hope is already here—ready to discover, explore, and share.

- **Filling your cornupocia** from hundreds of free resources— pages, posts, printable guides, and more—regardless of the season.
- **Gathering hope for the week** ahead with *Infusion of Hope* emails (carefully chosen resources from across Chronic Joy), inviting you to discover something new, revisit something meaningful, and perhaps find something you didn't know you needed.
- **Gathering for today:** 20+ *Envelopes of Hope*, available by request and chock-full of meaningful resources—meeting today's need.

### RADICAL CONNECTION • PASSING THE PEN

Hope travels farther when we pass it along.

- **Passing the pen:** keep the #PenToPaper legacy moving forward by noticing, picking up a pen, and putting encouragement into the mail.
- **Delivering an occasional mailing** filled with the familiar resources, encouragement, and surprises our readers have come to love.
- **Sending *Sonshine Squad* mail** to our children most months.

### EDUCATION • TENDING THE LIBRARY

Some resources bloom, others fully blossom with time.

- **Tending to what we've learned,** revisiting and refreshing existing content as the roots of our understanding deepen.
- **Leaving room for the new** creating practical tools when inspiration —or an unmet need—invites us to dig deeper.

### COMMITTED TO PACE AND PRESENCE • MAKING ROOM FOR WHAT MATTERS

Cultivating everyday hope should leave room for joy. In 2027, we will loosen our grip on packed calendars and carefully scripted plans, allowing more space to notice, respond, create, and simply enjoy the work God has given us. We will embrace a gentler, more organic rhythm—trusting God's leading over our striving and leaving room for the unexpected.

### OUR PRAYER

Lord, grant us peace to trust the pace You set and wisdom to know what to tend, what to release, and where to plant something new. May the hope You have allowed us to cultivate travel far beyond us as others pick it up, share it freely, and carry it into the lives around them. Keep our hands open, our hearts joyful, and our eyes fixed on You as we faithfully tend what You have entrusted to us—*one precious life at a time.* Amen.