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5th Annual Harvest Fest brings free fun to Ravena

"Minions" and balloon twisting sure to entertain kids

Ravena, N.Y. – Free family fun will be available on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 at the fifth annual Harvest Fest hosted by Hope Full Life Center, Inc. and Abounding Love Christian Fellowship. The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine in Faith Plaza (where Shop n Save and CVS are located).

Perennial favorites including bounce houses, a hayride, caramel apple making and a box maze will be back for kids to enjoy. Concessions will be available with proceeds benefiting the Ravena Fire Department and Helping Harvest, Hope Full Life Center's food assistance program for the needy located in the plaza.

Everyone's favorite yellow pill-shaped, overall-clad helpers will make a special appearance at this year's event. Magic Mike, a local magician and entertainer, will teach kids how to create balloon dogs. Dean Davis, Ravena's reptile expert, will bring some of his reptile and amphibian friends for a show and tell.

Harvest Fest is free, but attendees are encouraged to participate in a \$1 raffle to win gift certificates and merchandise from local businesses. The raffle proceeds will also benefit Helping Harvest.

The festival is generously supported by the <u>Bank of Greene County</u>, <u>Boehm Farm</u>, <u>Connelly's Diamond Gallery</u>, <u>Crossroads Ford</u>, <u>Crystal Clear Finances</u>, <u>Empire Alliance Auto & Detailing</u>, <u>The Mac-Haydn Theatre</u>, <u>National Bank of Coxsackie</u>, Persico Oil Co., <u>Shop n Save</u>, Southtown's Optical, <u>Greene County YMCA</u>, Universal Car Wash and many other local businesses. More information and directions can be found at <u>HopeFullLifeCenter.org</u> or <u>aboundinglove.net</u>. Updates will be available on Facebook.

About Hope Full Life Center, Inc.

A not-for-profit corporation, Hope Full Life Center helps the needy in our community and around the world through Helping Harvest, a food assistance program; Gracefully Chic Boutique, a gently used clothing shop; Peace of Home, which sells affordable furniture and home décor; and Cross Culture Market, an international program that fights poverty around the world (crossculturemarket.org). Learn more about Hope Full Life Center and its programs at HopeFullLifeCenter.org.

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About Abounding Love Christian Fellowship

A church located in Faith Plaza, Abounding Love Christian Fellowship loves God and wants to serve Him. The parent organization of Hope Full Life Center, Abounding Love is an active part of Ravena's community. The church hosts worship Sundays (10 a.m.), Tuesday night life studies (7 p.m.) and Thursday night prayer (7 p.m.). Abounding Love Christian Fellowship also provides a Healing Center, a place for prayer and healing for the community. Learn more at aboundinglove.net.

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