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From Our Guestbook

There are not enough words to tell you how grateful we are having the option of staying in this house! Many, many thanks to everybody. Our thoughts are with every person and family who need your help in crisis situations. Thank you!

F.H.; Germany

We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity in this time of need! God bless you and your mission!

A.G. and E.R.; Lyman, SC

Our guests are the best measure of this ministry and all who participate as volunteers and donors. We pray for the families of all guests at Hope House; that this place may continue as a source of comfort and inspiration for those in need.



Staying Strong Together

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. -Philippians 4:13

We look forward to the day that COVID-19 is a thing of the past and Hope House can open its doors once again. Unfortunately, as the virus spreads, we must remain closed a little longer.

It was heart-wrenching when we first closed our doors - there were guests in every room. These families were offered gift cards, donated by volunteers, to help them find other places to stay. That is when we began to see God's hand at work. Some of our guests asked that their cards be saved for the next guest needing financial help.

Calls continue to come in from those in need of lodging while here taking care of loved ones in area hospitals. Thanks to a generous donation from one of our beloved caretakers, Hope House has been able to offer gift cards to those requiring assistance while staying in area hotels.

During our closure, the interior of Hope Cottage was damaged due to heavy rains. You can see the water damage in the picture below. We have been hard at work dealing with the insurance company and contractors to get the necessary repairs made.

Let us all pray for the day that we may reopen our doors to our wonderful guests and continue this ministry. In the meantime, may God bless you all and keep you healthy.



Prayer to Heal a Divided Nation

Adapted from a Prayer by Reverend Elizabeth Kaeton

Dear God,

A new day has dawned with this country more divided than it has been since the days of the Civil War. Half of your people are rejoicing while the other half are stunned and afraid. What divided us then continues to tear at the seams of the fabric of this nation. We are a United Divided States.

Help us to remember that the experiment called democracy is not over; it is still being tested. After 240 years of existence, the final results are not in. We still have work to do. It stretches out before us, across wheat fields and deserts, from mountains to prairies, from sea to shining sea.

In the midst of our sense of victory, help us to remember your call to love one another as you love us. In the midst of our defeat, help us to remember that you still reign; you alone are worshiped; you alone are God.

Help us to put aside our own feelings – jumbled and confused as they may be – in service of others, our families and friends and neighbors – here and abroad. Help us to remember your high calling to be agents of forgiveness and reconciliation, love and peace, healing and hope in a world made dark by fear, hatred and brokenness.

Help us to rebuild this nation by seeking out your image in the face of others who are the least, the lost and the lonely.

Help us to remember the words of one of your servants of old who reminded us that ‘perfect love casts out fear.’ Help us perfect our love.

For only in you can we live in safety. Only in you will we find justice. Only in you will we know the peace that passes all human understanding.

Amen.

“Adopt-A-Day”; Change a Life!

The “Adopt-A-Day” program is another way to support the ministry of Hope House and Hope Cottage. As a participant, you can acknowledge a family member or a friend through an honorary, congratulatory, or memorial gift. Operating expenses are approximately \$50 per day, but any gift is welcome, and your gifts are tax deductible. Hope House expresses its heartfelt thanks to all those who have so generously participated. For more information, contact Elizabeth Grantham at (843)345-0828 or elizabethforexchange@gmail.com.



Gospel Lesson of Hope

Psalm 40:1, 8 ~ 11

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know.

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness from the great assembly.

Do not hold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

Our Mission

The purpose of Hope House is to function as a hospital hospitality house and provide a Christ-centered, safe, secure, temporary home-away-from-home for individuals and families in need. Hope House serves adults (18 and older) who have a family member or a friend in a Charleston, SC area hospital. Hope House does not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, ethnicity, marital status, or sexual orientation.

We Need Your Help!

If any of these opportunities tap into your talents or call you to a mission, we can use your help:

- **Caretakers** – Check-in guests. Light Household duties. Morning and afternoon shifts available.
- **Team Leaders** – Coordinate guest referrals, caretaker schedules, and train new caretakers.
- **Hospital Liaison** – Maintain relationships with hospital staff.
- **Policies and Procedures** – Create and update written policies and procedures.
- **Food and Supplies** – Prepare and take meals o Hope House freezer.
- **Grant Writing** – Work with Mount Pleasant/Charleston area businesses and community leaders to raise funds.
- **Prayer Garden/Grounds** – Seasonal planting, weeding, and fertilizing.
- **Maintenance** – Complete minor repairs, as needed.
- **Communications** – Write articles for local newspapers and publications. Write thank you notes.
- **Treasurer and Statistics** – Maintain petty cash, record guest donations, and maintain statistics.
- **Historian/Recorder** – Photograph Hope House events and update scrapbook.
- **Technology and Website** – Design of website. Maintenance of computers.

Many other opportunities will arise as this ministry progresses, so keep your eyes, ears, and HEARTS open! If any of these needs or opportunities inspire you to help, please contact Beth Moore at (843)532-4892 or bmoore@mppc.net.

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