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# Hope House Happenings



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## From Our Guestbook

*A home away from home! A blessing to us from God's chosen people to be a blessing to families in need. Thank you!*

*S.B.; Cedar Point, NC*

*Thank God for the people at Hope House. They really know how to take care of people during tough times.*

*B.C.; Sumter, 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.



## 11 Years of Hope, and Counting!

*Lord I maintain my hope in You and I hold onto the assurance that what I am praying for is already accomplished in Your name. – Psalm 84:11*

In February Hope House marked its 11<sup>th</sup> year as a hospital hospitality house. As the fight against COVID slowly improves, we hope that the day we can once again open our doors will be here soon as we enter our 12<sup>th</sup> year. When that go-ahead is given, you can be sure we will be ready to reach out to those in need of a safe, temporary place to call home as they care for loved ones in area hospitals.

Even during our closure, we at Hope House are encouraged by the many acts of grace and generosity left at our doorstep. During MPPC's Wise Giving campaign at Christmastime 2020, more than \$4,000 was donated to our Adopt-A-Day program. Every donation goes toward Hope House and Hope Cottage operating costs, which average \$50 a day, even during times like these when we're not able to have guests.

Many Adopt-A-Day donations continue to come in every month, mainly from church members. This program is a way you can acknowledge a family member or a friend with an honorary, congratulatory, or memorial gift. *And* its tax deductible! See the next page for more information.

Other donations have been used for necessary renovations and improvements, such as a drainage issue between Hope House and Hope Cottage. When guests are able to return, they will be blessed by several changes - both noticeable and not so obvious - all of which will make their stay safe and comfortable.

From all of us at Hope House, our heartfelt thanks go out to those of you who have given so generously of your donations and your time.



# Prayer for Hope After a Difficult Year

*May this prayer bring comfort and gratitude for another year on earth and fill your heart with hope for the coming year.*



Dear God,

Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in your care.

We choose to press in close to you today and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without You, we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Debbie McDaniel  
- *Christianity.com*

## *"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](mailto:elizabethforexchange@gmail.com).



## Gospel Lesson of Hope

*Philippians 4: 4~7*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.*

*Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.*

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*And the peace of god, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

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## 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](mailto:bmoore@mppc.net).

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