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# Hope House Happenings



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## From Our Guestbook

God definitely always provides. What an awesome ministry the Hope House is doing. Thanks, from the bottom of our hearts!

—S. and C. W., Greenwood, SC

Thanks a million. God knows when rest is needed! Hope House is truly a blessing to our family.

—M.L. and T.C., Chernaw, 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.



## God's Hand of Hope

*Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God to him.*  
— Proverbs 3:27

Sadly, Hope House had to close its doors a second time due to COVID. But there is a glimmer of hope in a special guest who is staying in the cottage during this time. A man – whose wife had been in a burn center in Augusta, Georgia and is now being cared for by a local hospital – is legally blind and completely alone in their difficult, now 9-month journey. To make matters worse, the medical facility where his wife stays stopped allowing visitors – *even spouses* – because of the COVID spike. Currently, he is only able to talk to her over the phone.



Despite our guest's circumstances, he remains positive and resilient and is surprisingly independent – *within limits*. He is able to use the Hope House microwave and toaster ovens to reheat meals. He also makes soup and sandwiches, does his own wash, and keeps his living areas neat and tidy. What he is not able to do is drive to buy food and supplies, or go to necessary appointments. So Hope House and church volunteers have stepped in to help.

A Hope House volunteer asked our guest when he had last had a home-cooked meal. He couldn't recall. After cooking several meals for him herself, she got her bible study group involved to provide food and pantry supplies, and to keep the Hope House freezer full ... *with home-cooked meals whenever possible!* She also works with other Hope House volunteers and our guest to monitor supplies, and advises her group when items need replenishing. Still other volunteers have taken him to the grocery store and other errands and appointments. Even clothing has been donated. In addition to making sure his personal needs are taken care of, each of these volunteers has provided much-needed companionship, as he has no one else to turn to. We give a heartfelt **Thank You** to every one of you who have touched this man's life and acted as "*a hand of God*" in his incredible time of need.

# A Prayer for Strength and Wisdom

*A timely prayer for all of us*



Thank you, Lord, for being there for me and allowing me to cry out to you in my times of need.

It is amazing to me that the Lord of the Universe would take time to listen to me and to care about what I say.

God, there are things happening around me right now that I do not understand. Some of these things make me feel weak, helpless, and afraid.

Even in the midst of this, I know that you are the Lord.

I know that the situation is in Your hand, and I trust You.

I beseech You for strength and for wisdom that I would be unable to endure the situation and be able to handle it in a way that would bring glory to Your name.

In Jesus name, Amen.

*-Praywithme.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*

*Psalm 31:1~5*

*In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me into thy righteousness.*

*Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, For a house of defense to save me.*

*For thou art my rock and fortress; therefore, for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.*

*Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.*

*Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.*

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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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