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Thank you so very much for giving me a place to stay while my sister-in-law had her liver transplant. Hope House has been a blessing. God bless this organization.

-T.W., Saint Mary's, PA

Hope House has been a blessing to my sister and me, as we go back and forth to the hospital for my mother. Thank you for being the hands and feet of God.

-P.L., West Columbia, 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.



Hope House Guest a Blessing to All

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

– Romans 8:28

Hope House has been blessed with a guest who has truly put all his faith in God. He has been by his wife's side through a series of health crises, brought on by a serious bone infection, resulting from spinal surgery a few years ago.

Following surgery, she had back pain, as well as knee pain, which caused her to fall multiple times. She had to stop working and go on disability. The second time EMS responded to a fall, they told the couple they needed to transport her to the local hospital.

At the time, COVID was rampant and she contracted the virus at the hospital. Thankfully, she was symptomless, but her husband was not allowed to visit for 15 days. Her pain persisted. Then, they found out her hospital time had exceeded what insurance would cover. The hospital sent her to a rehab facility.

While in rehab, she started to feel better. She was able to walk 56 steps and dress herself. A few days before she was to be released, however, a nurse called her husband to notify him that her potassium level was high and they would be sending her back to the hospital. He called the hospital and learned they would have to admit her, because she now also had pneumonia and a urinary tract infection (UTI).

When he arrived, he had to answer any questions the doctor had because she was too ill to do so. After their conversation, the doctor told him that his wife was very sick. He told the doctor to do whatever needed to be done. He believed God would guide them.

She was admitted to ICU and put on an IV. She was stable, but unable to communicate or eat. She was put on a feeding tube that had to be administered

nasally, which she was not able to tolerate. He told the doctor to leave the tube out, because he believed, despite everything, God would make it all OK. His prayers were answered when a woman from the hospital presented his wife with a “care bear” stuffed animal from her church. He held his wife’s hand while the woman spoke, and his wife started talking to the woman. After the woman left, his wife didn’t speak again. Even so, he asked God to just keep doing what He was doing. His wife began eating and was moved to a regular room. She was also able to nod her head “yes” or “no” to communicate.

Again, insurance dictated that she leave the hospital and go to rehab. Shortly after, he received a phone call that his wife was being sent back to the ER, because her potassium levels were high and her pneumonia and UTI were back. After treatment, the hospital recommended that she be sent to a nursing home. Instead, she was admitted to a different rehab facility. Again, she slipped back to her previous state and her blood pressure was high. She was sent back to the hospital.

The doctor put her on oxygen and contacted an infectious disease specialist. This doctor pinpointed a serious infection in the bones of her spine, which was causing all the other infections. He arranged for her to go to a long-term care facility in the Charleston area, where she was put on three-times-daily infusions of antibiotics. After three days, she told her husband she actually “felt good” and cried happy tears.

It was there, after days of travelling back and forth from home, that her husband learned about Hope House. After his first night at the house, he said, “I had the best sleep I’ve had since January 27, when my wife was first rushed to the ER.” He also became close to other guests going through similar difficult times, and all found healing with their sharing. He even bought food and other items - in addition to what he had used - so that other guests could enjoy them.



Our guest and his wife celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary at the long-term care facility. He bought a special cake which read, “I love you with all my heart.” He even brought her a dress, (his favorite!), to wear. It’s amazing what we can learn from our guests and their faith. We pray for her continued recovery.

“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 Miff Cone at (843) 822-0141 or miff2130@gmail.com.



Prayer of Hope

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Heavenly father, I am your humble servant. I come before you today in need of hope. There are times when I feel helpless. There are times when I feel weak. I pray for hope. I need hope for a better future. I need hope for a better life. I need hope for love and kindness.

Some say that the sky is darkest just before the light. I pray that this is true, for right now all seems dark. I need your light, Lord, in every way.

I pray to be filled with your light from head to toe. To bask in your glory. To know that all is right in the world, as you have planned, and as you want it to be.

Help me to walk in your light and live my life in faith and glory.

In your name I pray, Amen.

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.
- **Gardens/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** – Maintain petty cash, record guest donations.
- **Statistics** – 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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