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God bless you for such a wonderful ministry. There is really no way to ever express my gratitude for the privilege to be able to stay here. The staff was awesome. AND I made three lifelong friendships with the angels that were staying here with me. God truly puts you in the right places at the right time. I am so thankful!

– K.B., Southport, NC

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.



Boy Scouts Meet Hope House Repair Challenges

Over the past years, Hope House has taken a beating and weathered many storms. Now it is starting to show. The bridge to Hope House, which is the first thing our guests see, needs to be replaced. There is also wood rot outside the House and Hope Cottage that needs to be addressed. Due to heavy rains and flooding, we must also replace all the siding on the Cottage, add gutters, install an airtight exterior door, repair or replace warped baseboards and crown molding, *then* prime and paint it all.

The Ministry Team is working to secure funding for these renovations, *and* we received a *God wink* through a local Boy Scout troop who will be performing some of the much-needed repairs while earning their Eagle Scout badges! Their tasks will include replacing the rotted wood, then sanding and painting the Hope House bridge. They will also remove the rotted boards and all the shrubbery surrounding the Cottage so necessary repairs can be made.

We are so grateful to the Boy Scouts, the Grounds Committee, and the Fix-It Team who are making it possible for the Hope House Ministry to continue!



February Marked a Hope House Milestone

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

– Acts 20:35

February marked the official twelve-year anniversary of Hope House first opening its doors to people far from their homes who are caring for loved ones in nearby hospitals. During that time over 1,800 guests have graced these walls, finding comfort and peace, making lasting friendships and inspiring us with their faith, strength, and generosity.

Hundreds of MPPC members have volunteered as Care Takers and Team Leaders, making sure our guests have everything they need. Others have donated food, furnishings, and various supplies. Prayer shawls have been made and donated and the grounds have been carefully tended.

Many volunteers have provided comfort to guests during their darkest hours. In turn, many guests have enriched the lives of volunteers and other guests. In many ways, those who have been part of Hope House have experienced not only a home-away-from-home, but also a “family”-away-from-home. Many of these bonds will last a lifetime.

Our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and the guests who have made this such a special ministry!



“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, memorial gift, or give a general donation. 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 email miff2130@gmail.com.



Gospels of Hope

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: “Rejoice!” Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, with prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

* Photo from praywithme.com

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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