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I wanted to tell you how great and special this place is to me now. God bless you for all you do. I will keep praying for the Hope House. – C. & B. S., Garden City, SC

I just want to express my family's wonderment at God's grace. This liver transplant means "new life" for my sister-in-law. It is truly a miracle and you are a great part of it! – B.B., Milton, FL

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 Celebrates the Life of a Cherished Volunteer

If you have been a Hope House guest or volunteer, you have probably had the blessed pleasure of meeting Angi Case. Over the years Angi played so many key roles in this ministry, from Caretaking, to Team Leader, to Managing Communications, Policies and Procedures for guests, the church and the community. She was a key member of the Hope House Ministry Team. She participated in nearly all Hope House functions. *And* she was always the first one to offer her time and service.

Yet God had even bigger plans for Angi when He called her home on June 25th after a brief illness. Though so many of us are grieving for the loss of a dear friend and colleague, we have faith that God and Angi are now working on great things together.

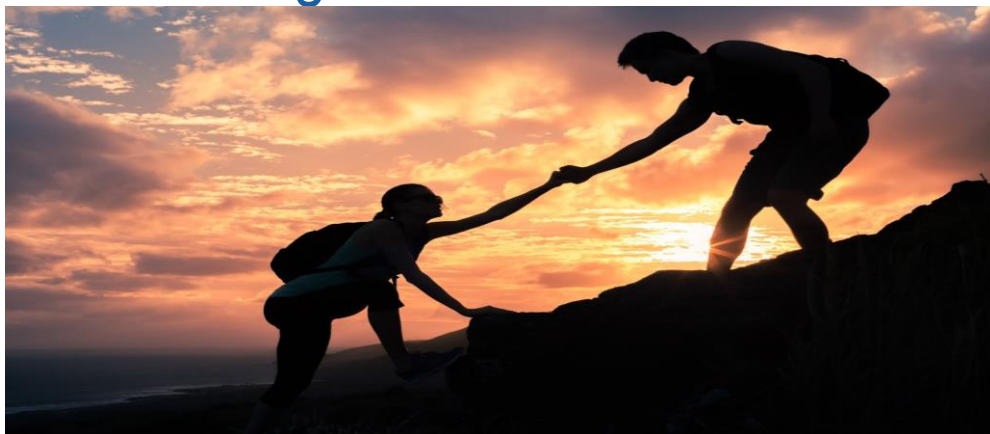
Her funeral was held on June 29th at MPPC. Though many of us entered with tears, we left with joy, because that is what Angi wanted. She had instructed that anyone who spoke must keep it short, sweet and FUNNY! With that, every memory shared brought smiles and laughter.

Angi's personal mantra said it best:
*Love always wins.
Kindness always prevails.
And smiles always disarm.*

Thank you, dear Angi, for being a part of our lives and a key part of the Hope House ministry. You have truly been a blessing to all. May you rest in peace with the Lord.



The Healing Power of Faith



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Every Hope House guest has a story to tell. Some are heartbreaking, yet others are uplifting and even inspiring. This is the story of two recent guests – sisters from New Jersey and a brother, a drifter, they had not seen in 20 years.

On March 1st, the sisters were notified that their brother was in a hospital in Columbia, SC, on life support. Doctors said they needed to come and “make a decision.” The next day the sisters and a few cousins arrived to meet with the team caring for their brother. They were told there was “no life left in him.” One sister declared they could not decide yet – “they needed more time.”

She bent down and told her brother that the family had forgiven him and so had the Lord. Then, they all prayed and sang over him.

Each day doctors asked if they had made a decision, saying their brother was “clinically dead.” The same sister insisted she would not give up, and kept urging her brother to come back to them.

On March 4th, their brother opened his eyes. Again, the sister spoke and said, “Show me some movement.” ... and he moved his arms. Five days later, he was off life support. His sister professed, “Miraculous things happen when you believe in God’s healing power.” Their brother is now in the Charleston area for rehabilitation and he can talk. “In fact,” says his sister, “he has a lot to say!”

“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

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose.

Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

* 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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