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## From Our Guestbook

*There are not enough words –hat we can express for our gratefulness. This has truly been a blessing to abide here and displace our anxiety, exhaustion and utmost sadness at such a critical time in our family’s’ lives. Thank you!*

– I.W. and C.G., Gresham, SC

*Thank you! May God bless you in your service for the Lord! Our son is in heaven where there is no pain.*

R. and K.L., Soddy-Daisy, TN

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.



## Angels Watch Over Hope House Against Idalia’s Wrath

*1 Peter 4:10*

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

Being in the Low Country, the Hope House is no stranger to severe storms and flood damage. In August, when volunteers heard that Idalia would hit the Charleston area as a tropical storm, they rushed to secure outdoor furniture, heavy planters and anything else that could be damaged or become airborne. The cottage required extra care, so they moved the bed mattresses on-end and strategically placed sandbags around the front door.

Once Idalia passed, we saw that God’s mercy, along with the hard work of volunteers preparing for the storm *and* the previously completed water-rerouting excavation by a local contractor, had answered our prayers. Hope House made it through the storm without any major problems!

The morning after the storm, volunteers were again working hard, removing the sandbags from the cottage door and putting the mattresses back on the cottage beds. They even put the planters and *all* the porch furniture – *including the swing* – back in place so Hope House was ready to receive guests that same day!

Each of these “angels” were crucial to protecting Hope House from the storm and getting her back into running order.

We give our thanks for volunteer angels like these who dedicate themselves to keeping Hope House running safely and smoothly. We could not operate without them. If you are interested in becoming a Hope House volunteer, please contact Beth Moore at (843)532-4892 or [bmoore@mppc.net](mailto:bmoore@mppc.net).

# Generous, Heartfelt Guest Donations



*James 2:15 -16*

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.*

Hope House has had so many wonderful guests over the years and many of them have given so generously to this mission. We thank each of them for their gifts, both monetary and through acts of kindness. Here are the notes from two such guests – a stepmother and daughter:

*“I was not expecting to leave this evening, but my sister is being transferred to Florida to be closer to family. I want to express my gratitude for all you have done for us the past few weeks. It was so nice to have a place to come back to without the extra lodging costs. I wanted to say thanks from both my step-mom and I. This is such a special ministry and I pray it continues to bless others for many years to come.*

*I have washed all the sheets and towels we used and left things the way we found them.”*

– C.P.

*“Your church is doing a wonderful ministry to help people who need a home-away-from-home. My daughter has been in your house for a number of nights and you have my heartfelt thanks for making her welcome. My check is just to give a little boost to your ministry.”*

– A.M.

## *“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](mailto:miff2130@gmail.com).



## *Gospels of Hope*

*Romans 15:13*

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

*1 Peter 1:3*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

*Hebrews 11:1*

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

\* Photo from [praywithme.com](http://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](mailto:bmoore@mppc.net).

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