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#### From Our Guestbook

There is no way to describe the peace that this home has provided for my family and me. This home has been such a blessing. Thank you so much for welcoming me here during these difficult times. Our loved one now rests in peace. His fight is over. K. Y., Murrell's Inlet, SC

Our Heavenly Father has surely smiled down on this home and the caregivers. I love U all!!

S. J. and S. M., Clayton, GA

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 Mission Strengthened with 10 New Volunteers!

Luke 6:38 Give and it will be given unto you.

In mid-November, Hope House Director, Beth Moore, gave a brief "Minute for Missions" review of Hope House to the MPPC congregation. She emphasized that, since COVID, the need for new volunteers had become dire. After her talk, 5 people signed up to volunteer!

Two weeks later, Hope House opened its doors to MPPC members to hear more about the mission, tour the house to see what this amazing ministry has accomplished, and learn why more volunteers are urgently needed to keep the ministry going. The turnout was great and an array of refreshments were enjoyed by all. That day 5 more people signed up to volunteer! Between both events, ten new volunteers were recruited. This will have a huge positive impact on the mission and Hope House guests. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make the event a success and to the newly-recruited volunteers who offered their service! If you are interested in becoming a Hope House volunteer, please contact Beth Moore at (843)532-4892 or bmoore@mppc.net.



Boy Scouts of America Comes to the Aid of Hope House!



Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

In addition to needing more volunteers, Hope House has been in great need of exterior maintenance. Many prayers for direction and guidance were answered when two Boy Scouts agreed to take care of a large portion of the maintenance as part of their Eagle Scout projects. The scouts are from an oncampus troop at MPPC.

One scout completed repairs to the wooden walkway from the parking lot to the side door of Hope House. He also pressure washed the brick Celebration Garden and repaired and painted the lattice fence around the HVAC systems.

The other scout is working on removing all rotted wood from the cottage and replacing it with very expensive, custom milled German siding to match the existing siding. He will then remove overgrown shrubbery and paint the new siding. Lastly, he will clean out the basement – a much needed job! His goal is to complete everything by his birthday in February!

These repairs were so needed and quite costly. These young men raised the funds, paid for all materials and provided the labor to complete them. We extend a hearty "*Thank You!*" to them both!!

### "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 <a href="mailto:miff2130@gmail.com">miff2130@gmail.com</a>.



#### 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.

#### Isaiah 40:31

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings of eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

#### Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18
Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you through Jesus Christ.

#### 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 to 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 <a href="mailto:bmoore@mppc.net">bmoore@mppc.net</a>.

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