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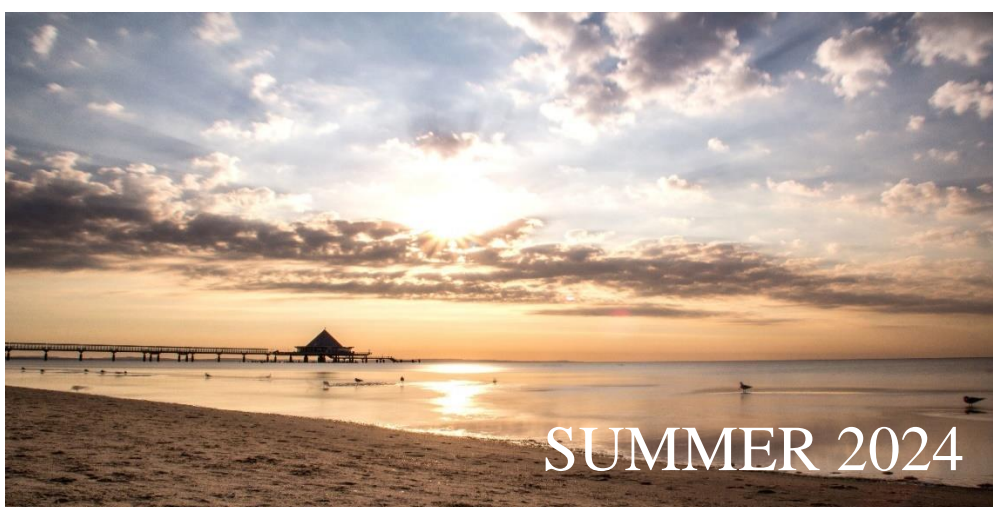
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We enjoyed being in such a beautiful house. You all do such a great service to ones like us who need help. I know God will bless you greatly for your devotion to helping others. We are looking forward to being with you again and we bless you for helping us. P. and B.C., Manning, SC

God led me to this peaceful home and healed my fears. Thank all of you and this ministry. N.D., Lady’s Island, 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.



Sunday “Drop-in” Event Finds New Hope House Volunteers

On a Sunday in late April, Hope House volunteers held a “drop-in” for MPPC members following each church service. Many of the congregation had not yet seen Hope House first hand and were not familiar with the ministry. Volunteers were on hand to explain how the ministry provides shelter to people in need of a safe place to stay while a loved one is in an area hospital. They gave tours of the house and explained what the ministry needs from the community to keep it running. All food and refreshments were also provided by the volunteers.

Attendees were able to tour one of three available bedrooms, a shared bathroom, the pantry, and the kitchen equipped with a washer/dryer, refrigerator/freezer, microwave oven and dishwasher. Volunteers explained that all furniture and bedding, as well as bathroom, pantry and kitchen supplies – including precooked meals in the freezer – were all donated by church and community members. Several people joined the ministry as a result of the event.

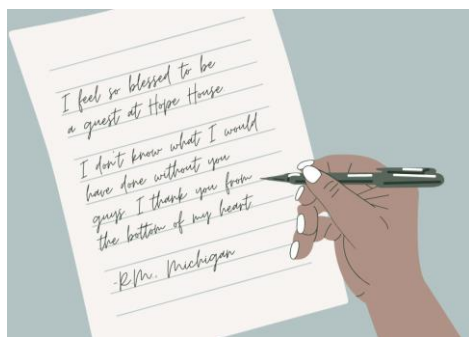
The family of our beloved volunteer, Angi Case, who passed away last summer, also attended. They had donated Angi’s bedroom furniture to Hope House and were happy to see a part of Angi was living on with the ministry she so loved.



Thank you to all the Hope House volunteers, the MPPC members who attended the event and the community members who have donated their time and resources to Hope House. It is your generosity that keeps this ministry going! May God bless you all!

Hope House Guest Pays It Forward!

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



Hope House recently received this heartfelt letter from a guest:

"Your church family extended their welcome to my family in our darkest moments. We were met with encouraging words from all. As my father's health declined, we were thankful to have a safe place to lay our heads when the day ended.

It was truly a God send. We left donations in the metal box and believe in paying it forward. The donations were small in comparison to the services you gave us. I plan on making donations in the future, because it is important to me and my family to fill a need for the blessings. They are moving my father to a hospice in Lexington, SC. Please extend my thanks to your congregation and to all help given in our time of need. S.W." Thank you so much for your kind note and generosity!

A Gentle Reminder on How to Adopt-A-Day

From its beginning, Hope House has functioned solely on the generosity of others. Community and MPPC members have donated in various ways, giving furniture, rugs, food, supplies, washers, dryers, refrigerators, paper products, volunteer time, effort and money through the Adopt-A-Day program. Operating costs are about \$50 per day and there are continuous maintenance and repair costs on the 150-year-old house.

When giving through this program, donations can be made online, through the mppc.net website, or checks can be dropped off or mailed to the church at 302 Hibben St., Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. Donations must be submitted **at least two weeks in advance** of the day you would like to adopt.

Every effort is made to have your donation published in the church bulletin on the special date you choose to honor or memorialize a family member or friend. Those who adopt an entire month will be listed for the whole month as long as space is available. Church bulletin space is limited so there are months when the list is divided by the week.

Thank you to all the generous givers to this 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

Romans 8:24-25

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Joshua 1:9

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

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.

* Above picture taken from Crosswalk.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 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 bmoore@mppc.net.

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