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# Hope House Happenings



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## From Our Guestbook

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

*This Hope House has been a godsend.*

*Thank you to the guardian angel caretaker for being there for me and my family.*

*C.M., St. Clair, MI*

*Staying at Hope House has been a blessing to me and my husband. God bless you and your ministry for providing a nice clean place to stay while here with our daughter.*

*K. & V. W., Lake City, 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.

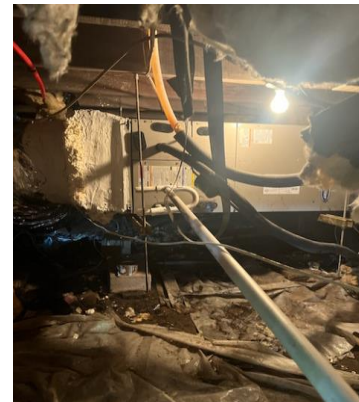


## Hope House Ministry Keeps Moving Mountains!

*“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20*

At Hope House, we are currently faced with the cost of demolition of the Cottage, due to repeated flooding issues and mold (see photo at left below), along with other maintenance and repair issues in other areas of the house due to its age. We are getting these needed repairs completed as we are able. The most recent was to raise and strap the air handler and duct work under the house off the ground (see photo at right below).

We believe God put this ministry in this house for a reason! Thanks to all the generous donations from guests, MPPC members, volunteers and the community, we have kept our doors open and the ministry thriving. We have faith that it will continue to thrive, because our guests now need us more than ever in this age of Climate Change with its unpredictable storms and devastation.



# New MPPC Staff Introduced to Hope House at Luncheon

*“Share your food and shelter with the hungry and homeless.” Isaiah 58:7*



Hope House volunteers hosted a luncheon to introduce MPPC's new pastor and staff to the Hope House mission. The event happened in late September and guests were treated to delicious food provided by a local caterer, as well as delicious goodies provided by the volunteers! Hope House Director, Beth Moore, gave guests a heartfelt overview of what the Hope House is, how it came about, how it functions and what the mission needs to keep running. Guests then had the opportunity to tour the house and see just how much the volunteers do, from providing home-

cooked meals in the freezer to stocking the pantry and bathrooms, providing the furniture and bedding, caretaking, managing the work flow, coordinating with hospital case workers and more! Thanks to our volunteers, the church's senior staff now know just how important this mission is to the community *and* the church!

## Want to Adopt-A-Day? Here's How!

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](http://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](mailto:miff2130@gmail.com).



## Gospels of Hope

### *Psalms 121:7-8*

*The Lord will keep you from all harm  
– He will watch over your life; the  
Lord will watch over your coming  
and going both now and forever.*

### *Nahum 1:7*

*The Lord is good, a refuge in times of  
trouble. He cares for those who trust  
in Him.*

### *Ephesians 4:2*

*Be completely humble and gentle; be  
patient, bearing with one another in  
love.*

### *Psalms 42:11*

*Why art thou cast down, oh my soul?  
Why art thou disquieted within me?  
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet  
praise Him, who is the wealth of my  
countenance, and my God.*

\* Above picture taken from [Crosswalk.com](http://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](mailto:bmoore@mppc.net).

## Hope House Ministry Team

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Beth Moore

### **Adopt-A-Day**

Miff Cone

### **Communications**

Beth Moore

Kathy Poff

### **Community Outreach**

Avis and Jeff Griffith

### **Correspondence**

Lisa Hay

### **Food and Supplies**

Sara Stewart

### **Gardens and Grounds**

Jayne Ellicott

### **Historian and Recorder**

Becky Neuhaus

### **Hospital Liaisons**

Sheryl Crosland

Lindsey Demos

### **Policies and Procedures**

Beth Moore

### **Safety and Door Codes**

Mike Walsh

### **Scheduling Caretakers and Team Leaders**

Becky Neuhaus

### **Statistics**

Beth Moore

### **Treasurer**

Glenn Hair