

HOPE HOUSE HAPPENINGS

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PEACE, COMFORT AND LOVE: A HOPE HOUSE STORY



Often, when a family gets the news that a loved one is in need of intensive medical care, life can feel as if it has been turned upside down. The family begins to put a plan in action to ensure this person has the best care with the best support system, and that means many concerns come to mind. This is especially true if the necessary care is away from home. Hope House has served as a refuge for many families, including a recent guest who shared her experience staying at Hope House while her brother was hospitalized.

This guest described Hope House as a lifesaver. When she walked into the house for the first time, she felt a sense of calm and peace. Instantly, the stress and anxiety of figuring out where they would stay and how they would manage this abrupt change in their daily life, lifted away. This guest attributed these feelings to the helpful volunteers who were so accommodating, as well as the resources available to them at Hope House. The safety and comfort of Hope House allowed the family a place to rest and regroup after difficult days, which helped strengthen them while they cared for their loved one. Having a warm meal to eat, a comfortable bed to sleep in, and a beautiful home to come back to each night eased the stress and strain of a very difficult situation.

Hope House also served as a place for connection during this stay. This guest built a friendship with one of the other guests staying at Hope House and served as a listening ear and a source of comfort for that person. While she was seeking her own comfort and respite, she in turn was able to provide a little comfort to someone else in need. It was a blessing for both guests.

Peace, comfort and love truly are the foundations of the Hope House Ministry. Please continue to pray for our guests, their families, and this ministry.

Words of Hope

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." —
Romans 12:12

"Where flowers bloom, so does hope."
Lady Bird Johnson

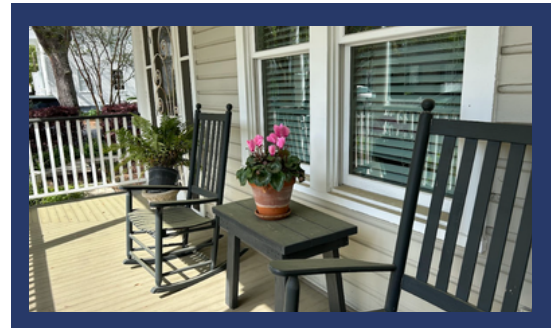
FROM OUR GUEST BOOK:

"I really appreciate everything over the past few weeks. I'm so grateful for this ministry and especially for all the volunteers who make it possible."



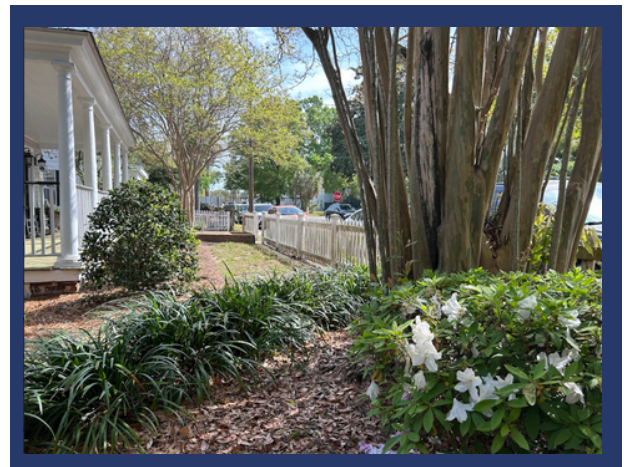
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"Of all the places I've stayed away from home, the Hope House will always be the most special. We are so grateful for this ministry."

-Hope House Guest



CARING FOR HOPE HOUSE

- The ramp from the parking lot to the side of Hope House needed a few small repairs, which turned into a larger unexpected repair. Plans are in place to replace additional support boards underneath to ensure the ramp is safe and secure.
- Two long time members of MPPC, Howard Michaels and Al Jenkins, are removing the exterior siding from the cottage to be repurposed. This will help with the cost of much needed siding repair on Hope House.
- Many hands and many resources go into keeping Hope House maintained and repaired. Monetary donations are crucial to help manage the cost of continuous maintenance and repairs.



SUPPORTERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

The support of donors makes all the difference for the Hope House Ministry. Monetary donations, the volunteers who donate their time to serve guests, your prayers, and thoughtful donations, such as these beautiful flowers donated anonymously, help make this ministry possible.

Another way to help Hope House is to donate supplies when needed. Emails are sent out with a list of what's needed to include meals, coffee, cleaning supplies, etc... We ask that you drop what's needed by Hope House and the ministry team will take it from there. If you are interested in contributing to this aspect of our ministry, please contact Sara Stewart (tigerrunner86@gmail.com) for more information.



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.

"Adopt a Day"; Change a life!

Another great way to support Hope House ministry, is consider an Adopt A Day. This is possible to honor someone, celebrate a special occasion, or donate as a memorial. All proceeds go to Hope House to help those in need that stay.

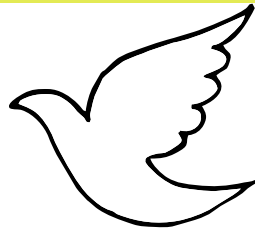
Operating expenses are approximately \$50 per day, but any gift is welcome, and your gifts are tax deductible. Hope House expresses its heartfelt thanks to all those who have so generously participated. For more information or to make a donation, contact Miff Cone (843) 822-0141 or email: miff2130@gmail.com.

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@mpcc.net.



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