

HOPE HOUSE HAPPENINGS

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LOVE ABOUNDS AT HOPE HOUSE

Hope House has felt the LOVE throughout the holiday season and beyond! Thank you for the many prayers and for the endless support. God has been with us and we feel His guidance as we continue this ministry.

Once again, during the Christmas season, the Laye family volunteered their time and talents to decorate! The home was beautiful and the decorations surrounded our guests some comforts of the Christmas season.

Donors continue to help stock our freezer and pantry, and some repair projects have been completed. Hope House has received financial support through a Rotary Grant, a generous anonymous donation, and the Local Missions team. Several area churches have supported us through donations and work days. Along with an updated drainage system to help with flooding issues, a new crawlspace encapsulation is in progress to keep our Hope House clean and dry. Inside, improvement and repairs are taking shape, including the repurposing of the office in order to make additional space for guests.

Each and every one of these projects are truly a blessing to this ministry.

A note from a recent guest:

"I cannot thank you enough for the love and generosity shown to me at this time. May God continue to bless each of you and this ministry!"

Gingerbread Houses for Hope House



In early December, families from MPPC gathered after church to build gingerbread houses in support of Hope House. Everyone brought their creativity, their sweet tooth, and lots of love for Hope House!

Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfil the law of
Christ.

Galatians 6.2



The Hope House Ministry Team
would like to express our
appreciation and gratitude to:

- All Pro Crawlspace Solutions
- Southpaw Roofing Company
- John Griffith Hardwood Flooring
- Jim & Fran Blakeney
- Jeff & Avis Griffith
- John & Julia Royal
- The Fix-It Team



Occupancy Rates

November: 90 %

December: 77%

January: 62%

ADOPT A DAY AT HOPE HOUSE

November:

- In Memory of Doug Duncan; given by Jayne and Jim Ellicott.
- In Gratitude to Hope House for our stay; given by Peter and Francisca Clements.
- In Honor of Chandler's 11th birthday, 10.24.25; given by Katie Edwards.
- In Gratitude to the kind and generous volunteers and supporters of Hope House; given by Beth Moore.
- In Loving Memory of Virginia Gilliam on her 30th birthday; given by Mike and Julie Stephenson.
- In Honor of all Military Veterans; given by Bill and Pamela Marsh.
- In Honor of Hope House; given by Becky Reynolds.
- In Honor of Hope House; given by Circle of Sisters #4.
- In Loving Memory of B. Owen Ravenel, III; given by Shannon Ravenel.
- In Memory of Claudia Royall, 1st Kindergarten Teacher; given by John and Julia Royall.
- In Honor of Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour; given by Carrie Mattox and Weldon Porcher.
- In loving support of Hope House's physical needs; given by Al and Alice Jenkins.
- In honor of my wonderful wife, Linda Schreck, on her 80th birthday; given by her lucky husband, Dal Schreck.

December:

- In loving Memory of B. Owen Ravenel, III; given by Shannon Ravenel.
- In Memory of Bob King on his birthday; given by his wife, Linda and daughters Kristin and Ashley.
- In Honor of Hope House; given by Katherine Vincent.
- In Honor of our son's John, Edward, Robert and William; given by John and Julia Royall.
- In Memory of Shelley Ivey Williams; given by Blair and David Brown.
- In Honor of my sister, Dean Rowell who celebrated her birthday 11.11.25; given by her brother, John Ingram.
- In Honor and support of Hope House; given by The Charleston Rotary Fund.
- In Memory and Honor of our Veterans that served in WWII; given by Bill and Pamela Marsh.
- In Honor and Support of Hope House; given by Jim and Paula Custer.
- In Honor of MPPC choirs; given by Bill and Pamela Marsh.
- In Memory of Doug and Kathryn Duncan; given by Linda King.
- In Honor and support of Hope House; given by Mt Pleasant Presbyterian Women.
- In Honor of Elton and Kathy Carrier; given by Lynn and Stephanie McCants.
- In Honor of Harry and Allyson Smith; given by Lynn and Stephanie McCants.
- In Memory of Doris Benke; given by Lynn and Stephanie McCants.
- In Memory of Grace Crawford; given by Lynn and Stephanie McCants.
- In Memory of Sharon A McCullough; given by Lynn and Stephanie McCants.
- In appreciation of the support from MPPC Local Missions Team; given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Honor of our son, Dr. Doug Feller, we wish you a Merry Christmas; given by Emory and Wendy Johnson
- In Honor of Betsy and Sam Clawson; given by Ann and Rob Crowder.

January:

- Thank you for helping us while my Mother was receiving her liver transplant. I will forever hold you near my heart; given by guest at Hope House, Joseph and Crystal.
- In Honor of the dedicated Volunteers and supporters of Hope House; given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Honor of MPPC member, Louis Howell, his employer, James White Construction Company and all who worked so diligently to make much needed improvements to the Hope House Property; given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Honor of an anonymous donor; given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Honor of Carolyn Hash for her support of Hope House; given by The Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Honor of Edward Wile on his 75th birthday; given by Karl and Miff Cone.
- In Honor of Local Missions for the support of Hope House; given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Honor of the Fix-it Team; given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Memory of Jim Linus, loving Father to Addie Jo Gwin; given by Karl and Miff Cone.
- In Honor of Suzy Edwards and Nicole Abdnour, for their support of Hope House; given by The Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Honor of Beth Moore; given by Linda Parker.
- In Memory of Suzanne Protz, sister of Mary Helen Heaner; given by Karl and Miff Cone.
- In Honor of Hope House; given by Patricia Daoud.
- In Loving Memory of Richard (Dick) Pate; given by Kathleen Pate.
- In Loving Memory of our Grandson, Addison Anders Johnson, Jr.; given by Marshall and Lisa Hay
- In Honor of Harry and Ann Douty for their years of service preparing the bread and wine for our communion observances; given by Dick and Susanne Query.
- In Honor of Hope House Ministry; given by Charleston AMG Specialty Hospital
- In Honor of Dal and Linda Schreck and the many ways they have served our church; given by Dick and Susanne Query.
- In Honor of Tony Sane for the magnificent music he brings to our services and the Village Concerts for the community; given by Dick and Susanne Query.
- In Honor of Joan Brown and Frances Horton for hosting receptions for the guest performers after each village concert; given by Dick and Susanne Query.
- In Honor of Ellen Creed Branham for her tireless dedication and skill in finding meaningful materials for the Adult Christian Education Classes and Groups; given by Dick and Susanne Query.
- In Honor of Kelly and Nelson Taylor; given by Rob and Ann Crowder.
- In Honor of James C Ackerman for his support of Hope House; given by The Hope House Ministry Team.
- In Honor of Harry and Allyson Smith for their support of Hope House; given by The Hope House Ministry Team.

What is Adopt A Day?

This is an opportunity to honor someone for their birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or the memory of someone. For a \$50 donation, you will help us help those in need at Hope House.

Hope House offers a place of refuge to families during a stressful time with loved ones in the hospital. When they stay with us we offer a bed, bath, laundry, food as well as a person for our guests to talk and receive support. 100% of the proceeds we receive go to keep the Hope in Hope House.

Please consider us with your blessings.

If you have any questions, or to make a contribution, please feel free to contact Miff Cone.
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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.

HOPE HOUSE NEEDS YOU!

Hope House is in need of additional volunteers to work alongside our ministry team. If you would like to support the Hope House with your time and talents, please contact Beth Moore (843-532-4892 or bmoore@mppc.net) or any other members of the ministry team for more information.

Areas of need include:

- **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
- **Food and Supplies**- Monitor and restock food and supplies as needed
- **Grant Writing**- Work with 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.

HOPE HOUSE MINISTRY TEAM

Director: Beth Moore

Adopt-A-Day: Miff Cone

E-Newsletter: Christine Betchman

Community Outreach: Avis and Jeff Griffith

Correspondence: Lisa Hay

Food and Supplies: Sara Stewart

Statistics: Beth Moore

Treasurer: Glenn Hair

Gardens and Grounds: Jayne Ellicott and Sara Riley

Historian and Recorder: Becky Neuhaus

Hospital Liaisons: Sheryl Crosland and Lindsey Demos

Policies and Procedures: Beth Moore

Safety and Door Codes: Mike Walsh

Scheduling Caretakers and Team Leaders: Becky Neuhaus

