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**RESCUE MISSION**

Serving the Community for 20 Years

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Welcome to Hope House Rescue Mission's first E-Newsletter. Please forward it to all of your friends and family and thanks for your interest in Hope House Rescue Mission.



## It's Official !

Hope House Rescue Mission Inc. closed on the building located at 1300 Girard Avenue and now owns what will soon become a transitional living space for women and children.

The purchase wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of Mr. David Jacobs, the seller. We're grateful and blessed by his support.

As we reshape the property and begin construction on the renovation, our volunteer needs will be growing. Many of our supporters have extended offers to help and, as we uncover and organize our needs, we can't wait to engage our faithful volunteers. Stay tuned!

Whether you've supported the mission through financial contributions, hands-on service or faithful prayer we are blessed to share the fruits of your investments in this newsletter.

The stories of changed lives are powerful reminders of what a little hope can bring to a person.



### Mission Statement

The purpose of Hope House Rescue Mission is to serve those less fortunate who come to us for help with compassion and love. We, at the mission, help provide for their needs; whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual, regardless of their race, color, creed or social status

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On September 8, 2009, Hope House conducted its second graduation ceremony for three individuals who have completed Phase 2 of the 12-Step Transformation Program by remaining in the program for one year. We'd like to share two of their stories with you.

# TIM

Tim claims that he served the devil through his drug abuse for over twenty years. It became so oppressive that he lost all hope in life. Two years ago, Tim stayed at Hope House Rescue Mission during the Christmas holiday. A preacher at one of the chapel services told him that if he gave his life to God, he would become a new person.

## Life Is...

- Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
- Life is a beauty, admire it.
- Life is bliss, taste it.
- Life is a dream, realize it.
- Life is a challenge, meet it.
- Life is a duty, complete it.
- Life is a game, play it.
- Life is costly, care for it.
- Life is wealth, keep it.
- Life is love, enjoy it.
- Life is mystery, know it.
- Life is a promise, fulfill it.
- Life is sorrow, overcome it.
- Life is a song, sing it.
- Life is a struggle, accept it.
- Life is a tragedy, confront it.
- Life is an adventure, dare it.
- Life is luck, make it.
- Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
- Life is life, fight for it.

## Mother Teresa

# Denise



Denise joined the 12-Step Transformation Program on June 13, 2008. She had lived in a trailer in Waynesville, but had spent the last 8 years as an alcoholic. Her addiction caused her to continually lose jobs. She had tried to join other re-hab programs through the county, but was unsuccessful. A friend of her dad told her about Hope House, and that was the reason she came.

Denise said that when her dad dropped her off at Hope House's front door, she was really scared. Those fears soon subsided, and she immersed herself in the activities required by the program. During her time at Hope House, Denise has grown closer to God. She believes that she is calmer and more rational. Her family finds her easier to get along with, and she has grown closer to them as well.

Denise is now an employee of Hope House Rescue Mission. She believes that the 12-Step Transformation Program is a life-changing experience, but a person has to be ready to commit and cooperate with all aspects of the program. One of her main objectives when new people come to the shelter is to ease their fears and make them feel welcome. That is what life-change is all about.

# Volunteer Spotlight . . .

Jeff Caldwell is one of Hope House Rescue Mission's faithful volunteers. In the midst of his busy schedule, he faithfully serves the residents at Hope House by conducting Chapel services and being a Men's 12-Step Transformation Program leader.

Jeff is a lifelong resident of Middletown and a veteran volunteer at Hope House. In 1999, he was employed at the mission as a direct care staff member with duties including answering the telephone, preparing meals, mopping, washing dishes, doing laundry, performing background, police and security checks and conducting devotions when time permitted.

Jeff is confident that he is making a difference in the residents' lives by virtue of their testimonies. There are men and women in the 12-Step Transformation Program who have over six months clean and sober. There are some that have graduated to the one year mark.

Jeff states, "I would encourage everyone to volunteer, as once you get involved you will be driven deep inside your soul to stay involved. When I'm pressed for time, I still go, and every single time I am blessed for doing it. I never regret any minute I spend at the shelter. One of the best memories I have is this past year on Christmas Day, I had the opportunity to speak at the Christmas Day service. I talked with my family, and we decided to abandon the home Christmas and spend it together at the shelter with the residents. This was truly a Christmas I will never ever forget." Jeff believes volunteering together with his family at Hope House has made them stronger. He finds purpose and value in the midst of shared life experiences.

In this time of economic turmoil, Jeff considers reaching out to those with needs greater than our own is important. The Caldwell's make volunteering a family affair, as Jeff states, "I cannot think of a better place to invest my energy, time and soul than the Hope House Rescue Mission."

## Jeff & Family



### Current Needs List

- 45 - 55 Gallon Trash Bags
- Men's Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Deodorant
- Men's T-Shirts & Underwear-Sizes M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Women's Underwear-Sizes 6, 7, 8, 9
- Hairspray
- Canned Tomatoes
- Milk
- Orange Juice
- Sugar & Creamer
- Veggies for Salad
- Fresh Fruit
- Commercial Dryer

## Thank You Volunteers and Donors - We appreciate YOU!

### A Special Thanks to:

- Chip's Dry Cleaners & Laundry for generously donating two commercial washers to Hope House
- The Dupps Company in Germantown for 325 pounds of beef and pork
- Manor House in Mason for continuously donating prepared food
- Lloyd Guild Charitable Foundation for their faithful support for 7 years
- Building Fund Donors Tom & Wendy Knox for their abundant generosity
- Miriam G Knoll Charitable Foundation
- Middletown Community Foundation
- All Churches, Businesses, Individuals, Groups and Foundations that support Hope House even in these difficult economic times