



# CHRONICLES OF HOPE

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## 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.**

**Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.**

Psalm 82:3

## The Board Welcomes . . .



Shirley Seifert brings to the Hope House Board a background in real estate and a network of resources throughout the region. As Director of Business Development for HUFF Realty Relocation, Shirley is actively involved with several professional, civic and nonprofit organizations.

She is very committed to helping Hope House complete the renovation of the Center of Hope for Women and Children which will enable our organization to serve even more of those in need.



Jennifer Edwards is involved in both outreach and prison ministries. She has a heart and a compassion for people, and her goal is to bring restoration and hope. Her passion is to let people know that there is always a way to start over.

In her life, she experienced abandonment and understands the need for women to be taught mothering skills and self-esteem. Jennifer also ministers to hurting women on a daily basis.



Bonnie Newell has taught in four elementary schools serving students in low socio-economic situations in the Middletown City School district for ten years. She has a heart for the less fortunate in our community and has practiced reaching out to those in need in her adult life.

As a parent, children's pastor at Breiel Blvd. Church of God, and a girls' Bible study group leader, she stresses the importance of being sensitized to community outreach and giving.



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## A Memorial Tribute . . .

The impact one life can have on a community can be incredible. In 2009, two supporters of Hope House Rescue Mission died. We'd like to honor their memory by sharing our version of their stories with you.

In 2002, when the doors of Hope House were doomed to close, **Dr. Lloyd Guild** began supporting the mission. His faithful donations gave the financial stability the shelter needed to keep them open. At first, the funds were used to pay the salary of the interim executive director. After the interim executive director left, and over the course of the last seven years, Dr. Guild's Foundation continued to contribute to Hope House's general fund.

Dr. Lloyd Guild died on October 23, 2009, at the age of 89 years. The following information was included in his obituary. Dr. Guild made a career out of developing devices capable of detecting dangerous chemicals, such as anthrax. He founded SKC Inc., an international manufacturer of instruments that sample and sniff out contaminants and hazardous materials. He started the company out of his home basement in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. SKC now has six offices worldwide, and their products were used at ground zero in New York City to measure hazardous chemicals after the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Products he designed have also been sent into space by the European Space agency.

According to his family, Dr. Guild was a devout Christian and helped finance numerous schools and seminaries. Words are inadequate to express the gratitude of Hope House Rescue Mission to the Lloyd Guild Charitable Foundation for its generosity and all that it has enabled us to accomplish over the last nine years.

**Ed Gaker** spent many hours volunteering at Hope House Rescue Mission. According to employee Steve Sparks, he started coming to serve at the shelter with his church youth group, but continued to volunteer on his own for many years. Ed didn't just come to help in the kitchen; he enjoyed getting to know the people staying here. Steve said that Ed never accepted the "status quo." He wanted to discover things for himself and was always an active participant. Ed gave 100% of himself to whatever he was doing at Hope House and continued to stop in even after he went away to college.

Ed Gaker died on June 5, 2009, at the age of 23, in an accident on a river in Hinsdale County, Colorado, while pursuing his passion for kayaking. The Gaker Family used the tragic circumstance of his death to bless the people at Hope House Rescue Mission.

Although these men were in different seasons of their lives, their passionate hearts were connected in the way that they cared for people. Hope House was privileged to have known them and grateful for the countless lives that were changed because of their contributions.

**Hope House administrative staff and board of directors are available for presentations to talk with your church or organization about the work God is doing at the Mission and how you can help.**

**For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact Outreach Services Director Barbara Reeves at 513-424-4673 or via [outreachservices@fuse.net](mailto:outreachservices@fuse.net).**

## 2009 State of the Mission Report

**17,229** Nights of  
Shelter Provided

Average Stay  
**39 Days**

### Race:

- 285 White
- 86 Black / AA
- 5 Native Americans
- 1 Asian
- 12 Multi Racial
- 4 Hispanic

### Counties Served:

- 271 Butler
- 43 Warren
- 20 Hamilton
- 14 Montgomery
- 10 Other Ohio
- 28 Other States
- 3 Unknown

### Residents Included:

- 284 Single Individuals  
(190 Men 94 Women)
- 27 Female Single Parents
- 5 Two-Parent Families
- 7 Couples, No Children
- 54 Children
- 36 Veterans

### Meals Served - 40,120

- Breakfast 9,159
- Lunches 13,037
- Dinners 17,924

**48,100** pounds  
of food collected

**51,567** pounds  
of non-food  
items collected

**1,250** Volunteer  
**24,500** Hours  
Logged

**Volunteers**  
Average hours per  
person - **19**

**7,746** Attended  
Voluntary Chapel  
Services

The number of individuals served by Hope House Rescue Mission, Inc. in 2009 was reduced by more than 100 people for the following reason. We have discovered that breaking the cycle of homelessness takes time. Hope House has emerged as a true rescue mission, providing not only emergency shelter, but striving to empower homeless individuals who struggle with addiction and mental illness to regain control of their lives and to reintegrate into society. Since homelessness is the result of a combination of circumstances or decisions made over a long period of time, a more comprehensive, strategic plan of action is needed to move these families and individuals forward into self-sufficiency. This process begins with an assessment and is only achieved over time through comprehensive case management, addiction recovery, primary and mental health treatment, and facilitation of other social services.

In August 2009, Hope House Rescue Mission began offering classes entitled Life Management, Employment Skills/Computer Skills, Self-Worth, Coping Skills, Feelings, Anger and Spirituality. These informative classes are helping residents recognize problem areas in their lives and empowering them with the tools to move forward, becoming whole in every aspect of their lives: emotionally, mentally, physically, financially and spiritually.

In 2010, Hope House will expand its ministry by opening the Center of Hope for Women and Children. Hopefully the number of individuals and families housed by the mission will increase, but the most important factor remains to be the depth of assistance; which will be the solution to permanent and positive life changes.

**Please Help With Our Needs As You Are Able**

- **Men's T-Shirts – Sizes XL, 2X, 3X**
- **Baby Wipes, Diapers, Size 5 & 6**
- **Women's Underwear – Sizes S, M**
- **Fresh Green Salad Material**
- **Salad Dressings**
- **Milk, Juice, Creamer & Sugar**

**Center of Hope for Women & Children**

- **Twin-Sized Sheet Sets & Blankets**
- **Towels & Washcloths**
- **Microwaves**

The Board and Staff of Hope House Rescue Mission would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support in 2009.

There are too many businesses, churches, families, former residents, foundations, groups, schools and individuals to acknowledge, but please understand that we appreciate each and every one of you.

**May you and your family experience God's many blessings in 2010!**