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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**

Passing the Torch . . .



Emily Harris

It seems impossible that three years have passed since I stepped into the position of president for the board of directors for Hope House Rescue Mission. The time has gone so quickly, but we have accomplished many things in those three years.

In that time frame we have established a successful 12-Step Transformation Program for both men and women. Graduates from this program are such a blessing for both the board and the staff as we see families reunited and lives rebuilt.

Hope House is in the process of opening a Family Center for Women and Children. It should be open by the fall so we will not have to turn away more than 300 women and children this year.

If you haven't been to our new website, www.hopehouserescuemission.com, please do so. We are thankful to Steve Elkins for his talented skills as a web designer.

The number of volunteers coming to Hope House is growing, with help from our great outreach service coordinator. Our approach in the last three years has been to let volunteers do as much as possible. In 2007, we had 447 volunteers providing 11,950 hours. In 2008, the number of volunteers rose to 906 individuals providing 15,355 hours of service.

New volunteers mean many churches, businesses, and families are sharing in the meaningful work at Hope House. We love having the communities join with us in our mission to serve the homeless.

There is still much to accomplish. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you Carla R. Messer, the newly elected president for the board of directors. Carla joined the board in 2008 and brings a wealth of talent and experience to this new position. I am excited to have the privilege of working with Carla as she takes on the leadership of Hope House. God's best is yet to come!



Carla R. Messer



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What is Hope?

Hope is defined as . . .

- . . . a wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment
- . . . looking forward to with confidence or expectation
- . . . having confidence, trust, optimism
- . . . a wish or desire accompanied by confident expectation of its fulfillment
- . . . something that is hoped for or desired
- . . . One that is a source of or reason for hope
- . . . the theological virtue defined as the desire and search for a future good, difficult but not impossible to attain with God's help

The last definition above is the hope that you will find at Hope House Rescue Mission. The hope that . . .

- ...God has a plan and a purpose for your life
- ...you can overcome your addiction to crack cocaine
- ...you can finish your education
- ...you can straighten out the mess that you have made of your life
- ...you can get back custody of your children
- ...you can find and afford housing
- ...you can make a difference

The Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11 that God knows the plans He has for you and they are "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Never give up hope. It is an essential ingredient for a life of purpose. Hope can change everything.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

We have extended the opportunity for you to make a difference and give hope to women and children by contributing to the Hope House Rescue Mission Family Center. This family center will allow us to increase the number of women and children that we are able serve.

We recently struggled with the issue of what to do about a young mother with three little children who needed a safe, confidential place to stay while getting her life back together. Do we have them bunk in our playroom since the women's wing is full? Or do we just say we have no more room? Your gift to the family center will help make a place for these fragile families.

Please prayerfully consider the impact this Family Center will make in the lives of women and children. You will be helping to change someone's world.

Make checks payable to: Hope House Family Center and mail to the mission. Credit card donations can be made by visiting our website at hopehouserescuemission.com. Thank you for your support.



Yes, I would like to participate in this wonderful opportunity for women and children. My funding commitment to the Family Center is:

- One time donation to our capital campaign for the Family Center \$ _____
- Naming rights to one or more of 23 bedrooms (\$10,000 each)

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Company / Organization: _____

A Note from Outreach Services . . .

To Serve in Love . . .

The word "serve" is taken to heart by the *Xtreme Youth Ministry* at Breiel Boulevard Church of God. Instead of going out of town to serve in another city on a mission's trip, they decided to "serve" their own community. The week of June 14th-19th, 2009, this phenomenal group of young people served the Middletown community by partnering with Hope House Rescue Mission.

Hope House Rescue Mission has what we call, "The Third Floor Free Store", in which we sort donations given to us by our donors to be distributed to any person in the community who may have a need. This group built and installed shelving units, sorted items according to size, placed them in labeled tubs and distributed them to the proper rooms. They provided, prepared, and served lunches on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. They did the same for Wednesday's dinner. Hair cuts were provided by several Breiel Boulevard ladies as well.

The Xtreme Youth Ministries' gesture of love has touched the hearts of all at Hope House Rescue mission. Their efforts will allow us to meet the specific needs of the homeless and less fortunate in this community in a timely and more effective manner.

We would like to thank all the youth, leaders and all who contributed to this transforming event. We are eternally grateful.



Article by Barbara Reeves

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

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 Coordinator Barbara Reeves at 513-424-4673 or via outreachservices@fuse.net.

Please Help With Our Needs As You Are Able

Kitchen Items Needed

- Milk
- Sugar
- Creamer
- Orange Juice
- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetables
- Cheese
- Butter
- Eggs
- Plastic Silverware
- Paper Plates
- Paper Cups – All Sizes
- Dish Soap
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Grocery Store Gift Cards

Other Items Needed

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Laundry Detergent
- 45 - 55 Gallon Trash Bags
- Large Plastic Storage Tubs
- Large & Assorted Gift Bags
- Men's White T-Shirts – L, XL, 2XL
- Men's Underwear – S, M, L
- Women's Underwear – S, M
- Women's White Socks
- Hairspray
- Umbrellas
- Window & Box Fans

Special Items Needed

- Commercial Dryer – 50 to 75 pound capacity
- Lawn Mower

Special thanks to Faith Christian Fellowship of Trenton, senior and band director, Sam Day, and seniors Joe Marlowe and Andrew Gantt for supporting Hope House Rescue Mission by holding a benefit concert at Edgewood High School in April as part of their capstone project.

Thanks to all our faithful volunteers and donors. We need your support.