



# 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**

## A Reason for Hope . . .



Imagine for a moment what being homeless would be like, to come to the realization that you have no other option but to seek refuge at an emergency shelter. This means that none of your family or friends can help you. Perhaps they are struggling themselves to make ends meet. In today's economy, this is understandable and happening more and more.

And with more individuals out of work, the greater the need becomes.

As you can imagine, the number of families seeking shelter is growing. At Hope House Rescue Mission, we keep track of how many individuals are sleeping in the shelter each night. This is referred to as a "shelter night." For several years, Hope House has averaged approximately 45 shelter nights on a daily basis. In April 2009, that number changed to 50. And if we had more space available, the number would continue to grow.

At Hope House Rescue Mission, our desire is to ease the burden of the individuals and families that have recently become homeless. Whatever the circumstances, we are here to help. For many people, it takes courage to walk into an emergency shelter. This is especially difficult for women with children. Our goal is to provide these individuals and families with safe, temporary shelter in a clean environment, three meals each day, clothing and personal care items. In addition, we continue to offer case management to assist residents in finding the help they need to resolve their situation.

If you are able, please help Hope House meet the needs of the homeless population in the community. With your financial gift, you are giving these individuals and families in need a reason for hope.



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).



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[hopehouserescuemission.com](http://hopehouserescuemission.com)**

## Increased Domestic Violence Due to the Decline in the Economy

We all know that our nation is facing one of the most serious economic challenges it has seen in decades. We also know that this economic crisis has caused the unemployment rate to be the worst it has been in years; this has caused a financial strain on everyone.

What many people do not realize is that during these bad economic times, a batterer's level of violence towards his victims escalates and becomes more deadly.

While the economy does not create or cause domestic violence, research indicates that unemployment puts domestic violence victims at an even higher rate of increased lethality. Women are increasingly reporting higher rates of physical threatening or injury by their abuser, who is using weapons such as a gun or knife. Some are being choked and left for dead. Others endure increased threats of harm or abduction of their children.

When batterers are laid off from work, there is more time to be at home, increasing the opportunities to control and abuse their victim. Economic insecurity makes it harder for a woman to move away from an abusive situation. Layoffs and lost jobs contribute to her belief that if she leaves, she might not find a means of support, and family and friends are less able to help her.

As a community, we need to continue to make batterers accountable for their actions. Domestic violence is a crime and should be prosecuted as any other violent crime. The message must be that there is zero tolerance for abuse.

As an individual, if you know of someone or think you know victims who are in a domestic violence relationship, ask, listen, and let them know that it is not their fault. Immediately call the police if you hear or see someone being battered.

By: Pastor Mitchell Foster

Pastor Mitchell Foster, Ph.D. has served as an advisor to the Board of Directors of Hope House since June 2008.

There is still time to make a difference by contributing to the Hope House Rescue Mission Family Center. Please prayerfully consider the impact of this Family Center to the long-term viability of Middletown's growing population of homeless and working poor.

Payment of commitment is due June 30, 2009. Make checks payable to: Hope House Family Center and mail to Hope House Rescue Mission. For credit card donations, please contact Donna at 424-4673 or visit our website at [hopehouserescuemission.com](http://hopehouserescuemission.com).

Thank you for your generosity in making this Family Center for women and children a reality. You are helping to change someone's world.



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Sowing Seeds . . .



**Thanks to volunteer Steve Elkins, Hope House Rescue Mission is back on the World Wide Web at [www.hopehouserescuemission.com](http://www.hopehouserescuemission.com)**

As the leaders and chapel speakers bring the Word of God to the men and women in the 12-Step Transformation Program and to the residents of Hope House, seeds of change are being planted in people's hearts. Once that seed of the Word has been planted, a person who has "ears to hear" will never be the same. Just as soil needs a cultivated weed-free ground for planting, the person receiving the Word needs a receptive, repentant heart. That person must also apply the principles of the Word to his or her addiction or homeless condition. Each one is responsible for his or her own garden plot.

Just as we sowers plant into souls and pray for a well-watered garden and a harvest to come, you donors who sow into this ministry trust that God will use your finances and donations to accomplish His will and to bring increase into the kingdom. Be assured that what you donate will "not return void;" you will reap a harvest in someone's life. Thank you for your cheerful, unselfish sowing of finances, clothing, food and time. Lives are being cultivated and watered by God's Word.

Kathy Baysore, Family Center Director

## Many Blessings . . .

Blessings come to the residents of Hope House in many different forms. Recently several single mothers were given scholarships for their children to attend Middletown Christian School. These mothers are very excited that their children will reap the benefits of attending a Christian school through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

As a volunteer, Dr. Lester Dornon continues to faithfully provide a free health care clinic for the residents of Hope House on a weekly basis. Other volunteers assist residents with classes on anger management, abstinence, the power of words, balancing home, work and family, emotional healing, cooking and nutrition.

Case managers Brenda Lowery and Steve Sparks work closely with Hope House residents, assisting with their individual needs. Many men and women are obtaining their diplomas or GEDs, and some residents have enrolled in college courses. The groundwork is being laid to empower these individuals to reach their goals. Our hope is that they will be ready to go back into the workforce confident, strong and productive in our community.

**This Season, Cultivate the "Fruit of the Spirit"  
... Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,  
Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control  
Galatians 5:22-23**

## Extreme Hope Makeover

Employee Barbara Reeves, Outreach Services Coordinator, was the blessed recipient of an "Extreme Home Makeover" provided by the members of Berachah Baptist Church and local community businesses. Barb's residence was transformed over a four-day period into a lovely, cozy home.

Barb reflects, "The reality of God's unchanging love and faithfulness cannot be denied. I'm in the position of seeing it every day, from the time I wake up in the morning until I go to bed at night. There is a significant difference between a house and home. The word "house" can be defined as a dwelling or building made for people to live in. A "home" is a place where a person can find refuge and safety to live in security or an establishment where somebody who is in need of care, rest, or medical attention can stay or find help."

That is the goal of Hope House Rescue Mission: to supply a safe place of rest and a secure refuge for many individuals and families until they are able to live on their own. Our hope is to give them a firm foundation to build upon when they move from the shelter, based on the reality of God's unchanging love and faithfulness.

**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**

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

**Volunteers Needed**

- Receptionists
- Office Workers
- Grant Writing
- Cooks

**Special thanks  
to all of our  
donors and  
volunteers for  
your faithful  
support. God  
bless you.**