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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 . . .

Join us in welcoming Carla R. Messer to the board of directors at the Hope House Rescue Mission. Carla is founder and Chief Results Officer of BestWork, a management consulting firm. She brings more than 15 years experience coaching, mentoring and training top performers and has presented performance improvement techniques to Fortune 500 and 1000 companies throughout the US and Latin America.



Carla Messer

Messer serves on the board of the Leadership Cincinnati Alumni Association as chair of its diversity committee. She's a YWCA Rising Star and a graduate of its Board Leadership program. She has a Master of Arts specializing in training and development from Western Michigan University and an MBA from The Ohio State University. She's an adjunct professor for Indiana University where she teaches Advertising and International Marketing.

Messer spent three years managing a 50-person church volunteer organization, leads small group Bible studies, and attends mission trips and events to provide assistance to people in need locally and nationally. "I feel a strong and constant urging to use my gifts to help others. I find moments in every day to give back," says Messer.

Messer plans to leverage her experience to support the Mission of HHRM. She states "I'm passionate about creating workable strategies that net big outcomes. We're heading into the winter months amidst an economic crisis. There's no question that we'll be working to do more with less as the needs of residents rise and donations decline. I'm excited about the commitment to women and children and the expansion of programs designed to provide a holistic approach to sustainable success."

Emily Harris and the Board of Directors

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 househope@fuse.net.

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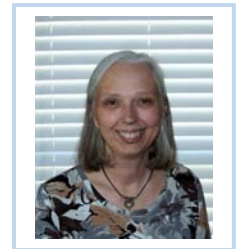
Thanksgiving is a perfect time to reflect on the many blessings that we experience in our lives each day. We may sometimes take our blessings for granted, such as mental alertness, strength in our limbs, a functional memory, home, employment, family and friends. At Hope House Rescue Mission, we are especially grateful for our faithful donors and volunteers. Seventy percent of Hope House Rescue Mission’s funding is provided by community businesses, churches, groups and individuals. It is because of the blessings that we receive from them that we are able to bless the people that we serve.

From January through September, because of your continued support, we have been able to accomplish the following:

- Serve 31,765 meals
- Provide 12,275 nights of shelter
- Collect almost 30,000 pounds of food and 35,000 pounds of clothing and household items
- Distribute more than 10,000 pounds of clothing, house and baby items to needy members of the community
- Furnish numerous homes and apartments for residents moving out of Hope House

We appreciate each and every donor and volunteer; and although we are unable to recognize them all, we would like to acknowledge the following businesses, churches, foundations, groups and individuals for their generosity this year:

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Donna Nunke

As you count your blessings this month, please think about the ways that you can be a blessing to others, because that is what makes life worth living.

Donna Nunke, Administrative Assistant

Thank You Donors & Volunteers . . .



Ministries

Church Groups



Individuals



Schools

Businesses



Families

What is Transformation?

Not only is Hope House a rescue mission for homeless men, women and children, but we offer a 12-Step Transformation Program for recovering addicts of drugs and alcohol. According to Webster's dictionary, "transformation" is defined as follows: to be changed in nature, disposition, heart, or the like; convert.

When the apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" he was speaking of the transformational process a man, woman or child experiences when that person totally surrenders to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The new creature now has "the mind of Christ," and no longer thinks about life the way he or she did before. Instead of being drawn away by his or her own lusts, this person serves the living God. Instead of being filled with the works of the flesh, these transformed men and women are filled with the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

How did Tonda, the first woman to go through this program a year ago become transformed? After hearing a voice that said, "Jump from your third story apartment and end it all," she returned to Hope House Rescue Mission again. The love of God she received before drew her back so she enrolled in the newly begun 12-Step Program, and will soon graduate from it. In the meantime, she is employed by Hope House, has moved into an apartment, is receiving custody of her children again, and is continuing to live by faith.

Another program woman has rededicated her life to the Lord. She cooks daytime and evening meals for Hope House. She recently attended a women's conference with her church, where she gave her testimony of the Lord's overcoming victory. She has even been invited to Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York to give her testimony as an outreach to others with addictions.

One program woman is quieter with her faith. The fruit of the Spirit is evident in her life by her thoughtfulness on the weekends to care for her father who recently broke his hip. She also encourages others with her words and with her deeds like helping another resident with the care of her twins.

Three other resident women recently rededicated their lives to the Lord. By God's grace working through His Spirit and His Word, women and men are being transformed and made new in Christ

Kathy Baysore, Family Center Director

A Note from Outreach Services . . .

With the Lords provision, we are creating opportunities, connecting and net-working to bring many of the resources this community and surrounding communities have to offer to Hope House Rescue Mission. Miami University (Middletown, Hamilton, and Oxford Campuses), Middletown Area Senior Citizens, Girl Scout groups, churches and individual volunteers are working together to meet the needs of the Mission.

These are just a few examples of recent connections to Hope House:

A volunteer was unable to provide lunch one day. Within minutes of receiving that call, a gentleman from Dad's Family Restaurant called to see if we could use close to 500 pounds of food. There was enough prepared food to meet the lunch need for that day as well as to provide meals for other days.

Camp Chautauqua, Dorothy Lane Market, Kroger Marketplace, Middletown Fitness & Prep Academy and Mt. Ida C.S.I. Outreach have donated thousands of pounds of bread, milk, meat and more.

Girl Scout Troop # 6230 delivered tote bags they had filled with personal care items.

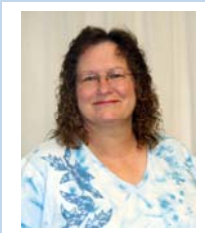
Big Lots in Middletown and Dollar General on Cincinnati Dayton Road have donated hundreds of pounds of food and miscellaneous items over the past several months.

Miami University Students volunteer their time to help wherever they are needed. They serve lunches, dinners, do office work and other duties. We are working toward providing internship programs for students.

Bishop Fenwick High School students have been bringing food up from the basement and rearranging the kitchen so it will be more user friendly. This chore has lasted for many weeks.

Hope House Rescue Mission Board members, staff, volunteers and donors have the vision of giving quality assistance to all of the people that flow through the shelter doors. We are excited to see the needs being met and truly grateful to all the volunteers and donors that cause this mission to be successful.

Barbara Reeves, Outreach Services Coordinator



Barbara Reeves

Please Help With Our Needs As You Are Able

**Non-Perishable
Food Items Needed**

- Canned Fruit**
- Canned Tuna**
- Canned Soup**
- Fresh Fruit**
- Fresh Vegetables**
- Orange Juice**
- Grape Juice**
- Spaghetti Sauce**
- Sugar**
- Creamer**
- Garlic Powder**
- Hot Sauce**
- Mayonnaise**

Perishable Food Items Needed

- Milk**
- Cheese**
- Butter**
- Chicken**
- Turkey**
- Pork**
- Beef**

- Paper Plates and Cups**
- Napkins**
- Dish & Dishwasher Soap**
- Laundry Detergent**
- 55 Gallon Trash Bags**

- Clothing Racks for Free Store**
- Shelving Units for Kitchen and Free Store**
- Large Plastic Storage Tubs**

Volunteers Needed

- Computer Tech**
- Receptionists**
- Office Workers**
- Web Design**
- Grant Writing**

- Diapers –
Size 3, 4 & 5**
- Baby Wipes**
- Desitin
Diaper
Cream**

Happy Thanksgiving !!!