

Volunteer Newsletter

Holding Out Hope



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Newsletter for Volunteers

Hope House Mission has celebrated its 30th year of community impact here in Middletown, OH this year. As a new change and way to communicate with our volunteers, we have started a monthly volunteer newsletter.

This publication “Holding Out Hope” will be emailed to all volunteers in our volunteer management system. You will be able to see volunteer stories, volunteer opportunities, and announcements about new things coming up with our shelters!

Holding Out Hope is designed to empower and inform volunteers at Hope House Mission to be servant learners.

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The Heart behind Giving

We are so grateful for those of you who have reached out to give and to pray for us at Hope House during this year. We continue to see God's blessings each and every day. We ask for your continued support through prayer, staying connected, sharing about Hope House to others, volunteering, donations, and financial support. Because of volunteers and donors like you, we are able to help break the cycle of poverty and despair one life at a time here in Middletown.

Check out this video where Seth and Mary share their hearts and what motivates them to give to others. We'd love to hear from you too! Share your story on why you give to others on social media tagging Hope House Mission or you can email your story to hhamlin@hhmission.org.

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow"-- when you now have it with you.”

Proverbs 3:27-28

Click the picture below to see a video from our volunteers/donors Seth and Mary!



Updated Policies

Thank you for being flexible with us as we work through proper guidelines for the virus. We know this is a difficult time for all and are so grateful for those who have continued to lean in and serve others. Please be mindful to sign in at the front desk whenever volunteering and get a volunteer badge to wear throughout the building. This helps us to know who is in the building at all times and helps residents know who you are!



Volunteer Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight this month is Doug Parrot! We are so thankful to have Doug partnering with us in our mission! Doug has been volunteering with us for seven years. He tagged along with a friend who was already volunteering and decided as a retired teacher, he could use his talents for others and help share the good news of Jesus with the men.

Doug teaches a weekly class called Man Code. Doing this has allowed him to make deep relationships with the men and get to build trust with them. Doug says, “To see men who have been through so much pain and adversity realize that God has always loved them and that God will never give up on them brings me great joy. It is through the relationships the shelter guests develop with the staff and volunteers at Hope House along with the message of the Gospel that often starts a man on the road to a great comeback. There is nothing more gratifying than to be a small part of that.”

Each month we will highlight a volunteer at Hope House who is embodying a servant learner attitude and empowering others to do so as well! Volunteer Spotlights are to encourage and celebrate our volunteers, and to give others a chance to know who is on our volunteer team!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



Doug (far left) with some shelter guys at an event.



- Your family or group can get on a monthly rotation for providing meals to the men or women and children. Email hhamlin@hhmission.org
- Parenting Class instructor needed for Women's Center class schedule. We are looking for a volunteer or community partner with skills to teach a parenting class. Email hhamlin@hhmission.org for details.
- Yardwork volunteers needed at the women's center. Weekly mowers are needed! Mowers provided.



School is Back!

School is starting up again this fall. Please pray with us for our children in shelter as they navigate going back to school. This year our Middletown children will be starting school online remotely. We are grateful for the support we have gotten from the community including Middletown City Schools and area churches.

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