

# Volunteer Newsletter

# Holding Out Hope



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## *Newsletter for Volunteers*

Together we can break the cycle of poverty and despair one life at a time. We are Hope House Mission, a faith-based emergency homeless shelter serving men, women, and children. Hope House is a place to find relief, but even greater than that we get to share that Hope is a person. It is Jesus Christ. While the people we serve have great earthly suffering, it is the greater desire and task to relieve the far weightier eternal suffering through the proclamation of the gospel. Our zeal for helping the poor must be founded in love for God, which will indeed combat any compassion fatigue. Our goal is to serve others and build relationships for the glory of God so that the good news of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed, and people may be reconciled to him!

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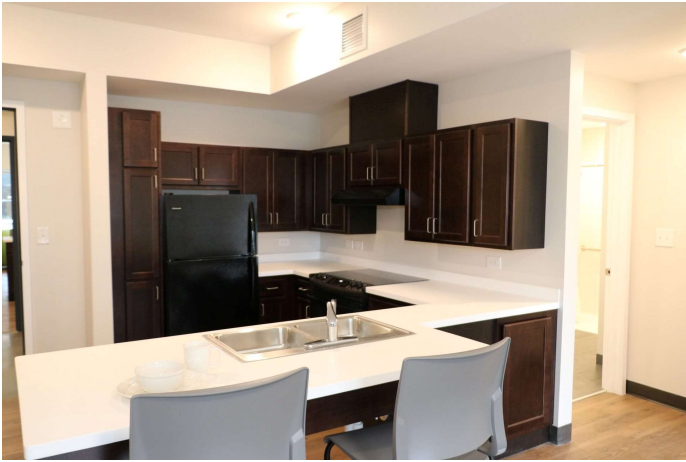
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## Hope House in 2020

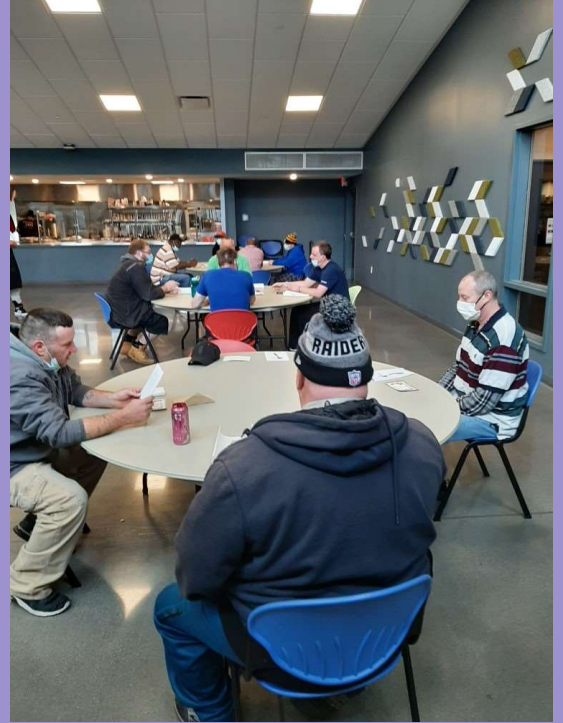
We are grateful for so many things that have happened in 2020 for Hope House Mission and the people we serve. Despite an unusual and eventful year, we have been truly blessed. One of the biggest blessings was the opening of our new facility and starting a new permanent supportive housing program.



“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...”

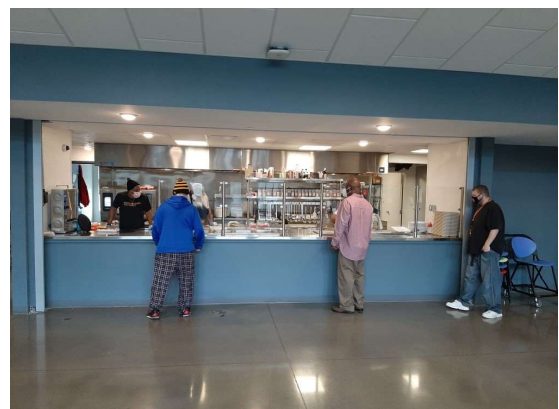
Matthew 25:35

PSH Men gathering for a Thanksgiving meal.



## Updated Policies

Thank you for the continued support and flexibility during this pandemic season. While we are taking as many steps as possible to have a healthy space for residents, staff, and volunteers, we know there is no space that is risk free. We are continuing masks, hand sanitizing, daily temperature checks, COVID testing for residents, but we also have a volunteer waiver to be signed once by each volunteer. You can find copies at each front desk. If you would like a digital copy, please email [hhamlin@hhmission.org](mailto:hhamlin@hhmission.org). Thanks!



## Volunteer Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight this month is the Creech family! We are blessed to have them on our volunteer team. The Creech family has gotten involved in several different ways over the last few years including making and serving meals for the women and children, helping make connections at JobsPlus, and sorting and organizing donations. Most recently, Meghan, Lauren, and Morgan organized a food drive for Hope House. They rented a box truck and spread the word to family and friends! They had a great turn out and are already looking forward to their next drive!

We are thankful for our many students and families who have jumped into volunteering with Hope House this season in spite of it looking a little bit different.

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



- Sign up to share a meal with the women and children at Hope House [here](#).
- Sign up to share a meal with the men at Hope House [here](#).
- See other holiday volunteering opportunities [here](#) and sign up! All questions can be directed to [hhamlin@hhmission.org](mailto:hhamlin@hhmission.org).



## *Donation Resource List*

Thank you so much for thinking of Hope House Mission for your donations! We are so happy to help the community and those who are struggling with poverty and homelessness. Our main mission is to break the cycle of poverty and despair, and we love to partner with these other community organizations to do so. We do not take clothing, furniture, or used toy donations, but [here](#) is a PDF with some organizations that do, that also assist our residents. We are stronger together!

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