

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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COVID-19 and Volunteer Roles

Thank you so much to those who have worked with us in providing meals and volunteering as we phase volunteers back into the shelters. At this time we have phased in many volunteer roles already with the proper processes and guidelines to keep residents, staff, and volunteers safe while in the building. If you are volunteering during the month of July, please keep in mind these guidelines:

- Volunteers must wear a mask when inside the buildings.
- Temperature check at the front desk.
- Only core group members are permitted to serve food no more than 3-5 people.
- Volunteers should not come in if they are feeling ill or have been around someone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Volunteers should wash hands upon entering building and throughout time inside.
- Social distancing is requested as best as possible.

Please be mindful that all volunteers in the building must sign in at the front desk. Volunteers/donors should not come inside unless they are on the schedule. If you do not feel comfortable with returning to volunteer or with the guidelines, we understand and will see you when the restrictions lift!

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”

Colossians 3:23

You can't miss us now; we have a sign out front at 1001 Grove Street! Drive by and see the new facility!



Pictured below are 3 recent JobsPlus graduates, Malia, Audrey, and Pamela. JobsPlus is the employment class available for our residents to take. Did you know volunteers can help with the class?



Volunteer Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight this month is Roger Harter! We are so thankful to have Roger volunteering with us on a regular basis. Roger comes to help cook in the kitchen at the men's center. Roger first heard about Hope House because he had gotten a flyer in the mail. Roger has had a heart for the homeless for many years. He has donated to the homeless and to shelters in the past, but he felt like he wanted to do more. He attended volunteer orientation and decided he would start helping wherever he was needed. And that's how he ended up helping in the kitchen.

Roger likes to hear the men's individual stories. He understands there are themes that can cause homelessness, but also that everyone has their own story to tell. Volunteering at the shelter has taught him more about the grace of God in his own life.

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



Pictured above is the men's center kitchen serve line. We would love for groups to utilize this facility to prep and serve a meal to both shelters!

Thank you, Roger for serving our men at Hope House!



- Volunteer for Whole Foods produce pick up. Pick up from Whole Foods Mason weekly on Sunday mornings any time between 6:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. and drop off at shelter. Available for once a month opportunities.
- Your family or group can get on a monthly rotation for providing meals to the men or women and children.
- Childcare / Child Enrichment Activities are needed at various times throughout the week for mothers to attend classes and case management. hhamlin@hhmission.org for details.
- Yardwork volunteers needed at the women's center. Weekly mowers are needed! Mowers provided.



Thank You!

Thanks to Montgomery Community Church for coming out and fixing our hillside at the women's center! The women feel extra special to have their yard looking so much better! A thank you to Quality Gold as well for donating money toward this project and getting some plants installed as well.

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