Volunteer Newsletter

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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.

Inside This Issue

Thank You Volunteers!

Volunteers at Hope House are servant learners who empower residents to take the next step in restoration by being compassionate and relational. We are so thankful to our volunteers who give of their time and resources to love on the people we serve in our community.

We celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week two weeks ago from a virtual distance, but hopefully soon we will be able to thank you in person! To the right you can view our celebration slideshow.

Click on the picture below to start the video slideshow of some volunteers at Hope House within the last year.

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"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

Isaiah 58:10

COVID-19 and Volunteer Roles

Please abide by our volunteer guidelines set in place by our partner City Gospel Mission. You can find those updated guidelines here.

You can volunteer by providing meals for the shelter residents and dropping them off. For more information and a drop off date and time, email hhamlin@hhmission.org.

You can donate hygiene and cleaning supply items for our shelter residents such as body wash, wash cloths, lysol spray, bleach, paper towel, etc. To schedule a drop off date and time, email hhamlin@hhmission.org.

Volunteer Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight this month is Nikki Allen. She volunteered at Hope House as a teen 20 years ago, and now after moving back to the community wanted to get involved with Hope House again! Nikki teaches a creative writing class to the women on Friday nights.

Our priorities for volunteers are that they make a connection with the people we serve, and that they do what they already do, just do it for other people. Nikki accomplishes both things. She uses her talents of writing to help the ladies have an outlet for things going on in their lives. Nikki definitely makes a connection with the ladies as she says, "I love coming early so that I can introduce myself to new residents, and I love staying after just to talk. These women are brave enough to be vulnerable--with me, with each other, with themselves. Every Friday evening, I look forward to seeing them. I wish I had the words to express how much this experience has filled my heart and helped me grow as a person."

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

Thank you to the Rodger's and Aponte Group for your many years of service!

- Volunteer for Whole Foods produce pick up. Pick up from Whole Foods Mason weekly on Sunday mornings between 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. and drop off at shelter.

- Your family or group can get on a monthly rotation for providing meals to the men or women and children. Click here for details on meals. *Drop off for meals only at this time.

Above: Intake Specialist showing intake hygiene bag for ladies.

Intake Process

Do you know about our intake process? When people come to our shelters, they must go through an intake process including filling out paperwork, getting a hot shower, laundering their cloths, and getting a hygiene bag. These items are to help provide relief to each resident to allow them to have some time to plan their next step toward restoration. If you'd like to help with hygiene bags that bless our residents, email hhamlin@hhmission.org

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