

# Volunteer Newsletter

# Holding Out Hope



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## *Newsletter for Volunteers*

Hope House Mission has celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> 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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## *Hope House for the Holidays*

The holiday season is coming up quickly and we have a plan set out for this year that we'd love for you to be apart of. We have had to be flexible this year with what volunteer opportunities are available and will have to continue to be flexible. But our goal is still the same to show the true Hope to our residents.

Click on the video to the right to see what ways you and your group can get involved. Sign up online at [www.hhmission.org](http://www.hhmission.org). Please know that holiday opportunities fill up faster than usual and once you sign up, you must get a confirmation email from the volunteer coordinator to confirm the opportunity and officially be put on the calendar. All volunteers/donors must be on the calendar to ensure safety and that needs are being met.



**“The harvest is plentiful  
but the workers are  
few. Ask the Lord of the  
harvest, therefore, to  
send out workers into his  
harvest field.”**

**Matthew 9:37-38**

## *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

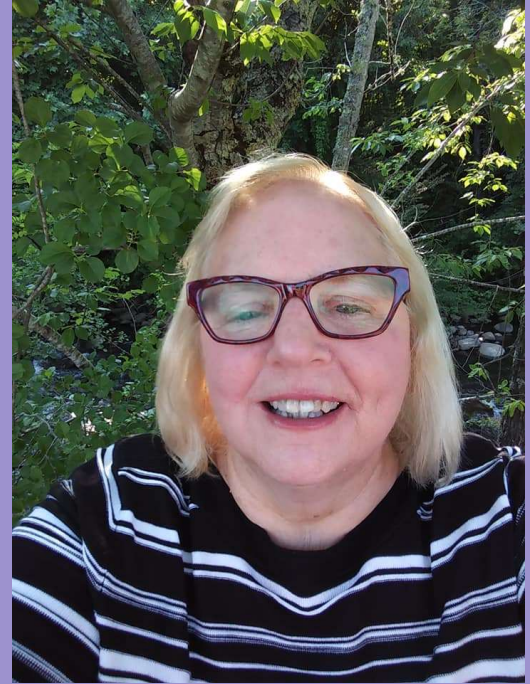
The Volunteer Spotlight this month is Drusilla Yutsy! We are grateful to have Dru partnering with us in our mission. Dru had been praying for a ministry to serve in back around 2014. She saw a woman carrying all her possessions in a cart walking across the street as she was stopped at a light. She knew then that she was called to reach out to those who were struggling with poverty. Through some God-ordained steps Dru was led to Hope House Mission.

She started out volunteering as a monthly devotional time with the ladies to encourage them. Through continued commitment to the ladies and the organization even when it felt like things weren't working the way Dru wanted them to, she leaned in and listened to what God had for her. Dru found out about the JobsPlus class that the ladies were attending. She met with Carol and began to help in the class and be involved with mentoring. She had found her place. Dru says, **"My heart overflows with joy to be a little part of what HE is continually doing to grow HIS church through Hope House and City Gospel Mission"**

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



Thank you Dru for your partnership in our mission!



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!

- Your family or group can get on a monthly rotation for providing meals to the men or women and children. Email [hhamlin@hhmission.org](mailto: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](mailto:hhamlin@hhmission.org) for details.
- Front Desk Volunteers are needed during staff meetings and other times. Training is required for this position. Please email [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.

## *Follow us on Social Media*



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[www.hhmission.org](http://www.hhmission.org)

## *Support Hope House Mission*

Amazon Smile – You shop. Amazon gives.

- Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) on your computer or mobile device. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations.
- Use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other settings are also the same.
- On your first visit select Hope House Rescue Mission Inc. (Middletown) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. It will remember your organization each time you sign in.

You can access our Amazon Wish List to donate items [here](#).

Kroger Plus Card – Help the Hungry for Free!

Each time you use your registered Kroger Plus Card when you purchase groceries, Kroger donates to Hope House Mission to help feed the hungry in our community. It's easy and free!

- Go to [Kroger.com/communityrewards](http://Kroger.com/communityrewards)
- Sign into your online Kroger account (or create an account if you don't have one.)
- Click Kroger Community Rewards, search for "Hope House" and select it from the list.

Use your registered Kroger Plus Card every time you shop at Kroger. Your purchases will earn cash for the mission.