

# 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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## *Breaking the Cycle*

Hope House Mission's mission statement is "Breaking the cycle of poverty and despair one life at a time." This comes from City Gospel Mission and is what we both strive to do with our organizations. It can become so easy to identify cycles once you know what you are looking for. Patterns pop up in people's lives even in small ways. Some of the people we serve are stuck in generational poverty or generational addiction. Their parents struggled with the same things they are struggling with. The difficult thing is breaking the negative cycles.

One small way we try to help our residents break the cycle is with daily chores. By helping provide tools and skills for household chores, our residents can learn responsibility and positive habits that can be taken with them once they leave the shelter. Even this small aspect of their lives in shelter is helping them form sustainability for the future and for their children's future. We love when others partner with us in our mission to break the cycles!

**“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, knowing that in the LORD your labor is not in vain.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**



## *Updated Policies*

We are continuing to allow volunteers into the buildings. Masks, temperature checks, and hand sanitizing are still required after signing in at the front desk. Each new resident takes a test and will be able to participate in activities once they have a negative result back. We have also installed sneeze guards and provide gloves for those who are serving meals. We understand some may want to wait a little longer to come in the building and that is totally fine!



## Volunteer Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight this month is Tawana Myers! We are so thankful to have Tawana partnering with us in our mission! Tawana has been volunteering with us for four years. Tawana got involved with the Aveda fundraiser and with her non-profit The King's Table to serve food at the shelters.

Tawana has such a servant's heart and feels led to make a difference in her community. Among her many efforts is Hope House Mission and we are blessed to have her supporting us and partnering with us to break the cycle of poverty and despair. Tawana also feels blessed to be able to serve and give back to her community.

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!

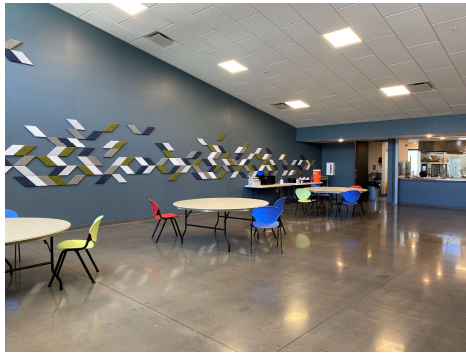
Tawana and her daughter Majesty pictured at the Aveda event.



## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



- 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.
- Yardwork volunteers needed at the women's center. Weekly mowers are needed! Mowers provided.



## Meal Ideas

We are so grateful for our new building and the space and opportunities it provides. We would love to have groups do special meals for all our residents utilizing the space! Contact [hhamlin@hhmission.org](mailto:hhamlin@hhmission.org) if your group is interested in preparing/serving a meal to the men, women, and children all in our new facility!

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