

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

We are working on a plan to phase volunteers back into our buildings. We are excited to do this but also want to continue safe practices. Volunteers will be required to wear face masks in the building. We will start with opening up yard work volunteer opportunities. Meals will still be drop off only until contacted by the volunteer coordinator.

As we take steps toward further integration with our partner City Gospel Mission, we will be implementing changes with classes and programs at the shelters. We are excited for these updates and will continue to reach out and share more later in the month. 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.

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.

Thank you to all those who have donated cleaning/hygiene supplies during this time! We are grateful for partners such as Matthew 25 Ministries for aiding us.



“Finally, all of you, have
unity of mind, sympathy,
brotherly love, a tender
heart, and a humble
mind.”

1 Peter 3:8

Volunteer Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight this month is a lunch group lead by David and Gail Rodgers. The Rodgers along with many others have been serving as a group for over a decade at Hope House! They provide and serve lunch to the men's shelter the 3rd Saturday of each month. More recently, during the virus season, they ordered up a BBQ food truck to come to the parking lot and provide food for the men. It was such a unique way to support a local business and the men felt so special getting to have their very own food truck!

The group started off serving Hope House as a church and over the years continued out of their love of serving others and providing hope. Amongst the group are Ann Nightingale and Al and Anne Aponte. They all shared the same heart of wanting to be a blessing and serve others by being the hands and feet of Jesus to others. We are so grateful for their consistency and generosity in serving others where they are at.

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



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 Soroptimist Club with the apartment kits donated to the women's center.

- 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.



Chick-fil-A 5k/Fun Run Postponed

Due to current conditions, Chick-fil-A has decided to postpone the Let's Get MOOvin' 5k and Fun Run until next year 2021. The event was originally scheduled for August 8th. They do plan on having recognition and promotion of Hope House in their restaurants instead. Please stay tuned for more information.

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