

# Volunteer Newsletter

# Holding Out Hope



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## *Newsletter for Volunteers*

Together we can break the cycle of poverty and despair one life at a time. We are Hope House Mission, a faith-based emergency homeless shelter serving men, women, and children. Hope House is a place to find relief, but even greater than that we get to share that Hope is a person. It is Jesus Christ. While the people we serve have great earthly suffering, it is the greater desire and task to relieve the far weightier eternal suffering through the proclamation of the gospel. Our zeal for helping the poor must be founded in love for God, which will indeed combat any compassion fatigue. Our goal is to serve others and build relationships for the glory of God so that the good news of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed, and people may be reconciled to him!

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## Hope House for the Holidays

We still have some volunteer opportunities open at Hope House for the holidays! We are looking to get some help winterizing windows at the women's center, kid's Christmas activities, and donation drives – hygiene items, food, or cleaning supplies to name a few. 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.

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.

**“You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.”**

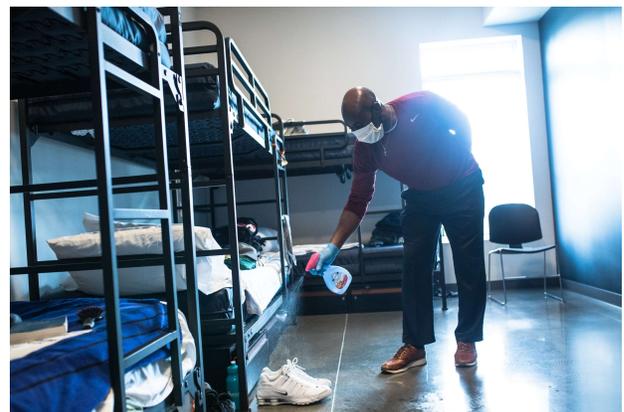
**2 Corinthians 8:9**



Thank you to those who have donated and sent in Thanksgiving cards for our residents to be used for the Thanksgiving Day Celebration!

## 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 Dick and Janie Giffen! We are grateful to have them partnering with us in our mission. Janie was first introduced to Hope House by serving with a couple of different groups about 13 years ago. She was brought along with her church group and a friend. When the women and children's shelter opened, Janie and her husband Dick decided they would do a monthly dinner for them.

Janie already feels comfortable cooking food, so she decided to do what she loves for other people. She says, "We volunteer because Jesus calls us to serve others. Food seems to stir up sweet memories, and it is so sweet when one of the ladies asks how to make a dish because their mom or grandmother made it. I make the same meal every month, so they know what I am serving." She also adds it is a pleasure to serve and visit with the women, and they always seem very grateful.

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, Dick and Janie, for your partnership in our mission!



- Sign up to share a meal with the women and children at Hope House [here](#).
- Sign up to share a meal with the men at Hope House [here](#).
- See other holiday volunteering opportunities [here](#) and sign up! All questions can be directed to [hhamlin@hhmission.org](mailto:hhamlin@hhmission.org).
- **Christmas Décor donations** – We are looking for two full sized artificial trees, lights, and non-breakable ornaments to help decorate our shelters. Please email [hhamlin@hhmission.org](mailto:hhamlin@hhmission.org) to set up a drop off time.



Thank you to  
Butler County  
United Way for  
“Socktober”  
donations!

## 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. We are stronger together!

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- 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.