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... whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

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Mission Statement

Hope is an interdenominational Christian medical, dental, and social service agency whose goal is to provide compassionate and practical help to those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect.

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Naomi Williams Retires

Long-time Hope social worker Naomi Williams retired from Hope in December. Miss Naomi is widely loved at Hope and throughout the Ypsilanti community. She shares a few of her thoughts here:

I thank God for the opportunity that I had to minister as a servant of His for the past 18½ years at Hope Clinic. I was allowed to freely operate in the “help ministry” that He bestowed upon me by serving/ministering as a social worker to people who needed assistance in order to reach their optimal level of functioning and quality of life.

While serving/ministering at Hope, I found Hope to be a ministry for all people regardless of their age, color, creed, background, or religious belief. Hope freely accepts everyone and makes them a part of the family. Hope is a safe haven for people needing a place to openly share their deepest hurts and feelings. Hope is also a ministry where people can receive



love and prayer, be encouraged in their walk with the Lord, and be built up in their faith.

During my time here, Hope has been a blessing to countless children who have participated in the annual Easter Egg Program, the Back to School Backpack Giveaway, and our summer Boost and Step program, a literacy program preparing children to return to school in the fall. Hope participated in the Warm the Children Program, which benefits continued on p.2

Smiles at Christmas

One program that Miss Naomi was involved with each year is the Christmas Adoption program. Thanks to the generosity of many donors, Hope coordinates this gift program so that families who would otherwise have to do without instead have presents to open on Christmas morning. Hope social workers match wish lists from clients with donors who shop to the best of their ability.

One of our clients this Christmas shared her story: “Everybody was so happy for their gifts, Hope did a great job! My grandkids (ages 2-7) weren’t expecting any gifts from me because I’m unemployed. The gifts were a great surprise to them and a blessing to me. The kids all got socks and a few outfits, the girls got baby dolls, and the boys got action figures. I just love the things I got--the volunteers asked what color I wanted, and I chose lavender (a robe, slippers, and a nightgown). I just want to say THANK YOU to all who were involved. My family and I had a nice Christmas thanks to Hope.”



Executive Director Transition

In January Matt Hudson, Executive Director of Hope Clinic, submitted his resignation due to personal reasons. The Board of Directors appreciates Matt's heart for the Lord and committed service to Hope. The search for a new Executive Director is in process.

Jean Horak, Hope's Associate Director and long-time employee, is serving as Interim Executive Director. The Board is confident that, under Jean's leadership, Hope will continue to fulfill its mission of providing compassionate and practical help to those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect. Along with her many years of experience, Jean has a passion for Hope, a deep love for the Lord, and unwavering dedication to Hope's mission.



Auf Wiedersehen, Greta!

Long-time Hope volunteer Greta Buck recently moved with her family to Munich, Germany. Greta had served on Hope's Board since 2003, most recently as President, an office now held by Terry Owens. Whether she was chairing special events, doing graphic design, helping out in the food pantry and Farm Stand, or performing any of the other countless volunteer assignments she did for Hope, Greta always had a smile on her face and compassion in her heart. Greta's husband Jeff and daughters Audrey and Margaret were also dedicated Hope volunteers, and we pray for blessings on the whole Buck family as they start the next chapter of their lives in Germany.



2015 Evening of Hope

The November 6, 2015 Evening of Hope was one of our most successful ever! Under the "starry night sky" of The Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport, guests enjoyed tasty "Up North" hors d'oeuvres from the Moveable Feast, bluegrass music from the RFD Boys, and a phenomenal display of auction items.

Auctioneer Steve Gross entertained the crowd again this year, closing the evening with his trademark "Heads or Tails" game and an exciting live auction. Highlights of the auction included tickets to the Michael W. Smith concert in Detroit complete with a meet-and-greet

event and limousine service, a stunning white gold and diamond pendant from Astrein's Jewelers in Birmingham, and a University of Michigan football signed by Coach Jim Harbaugh.

God blessed us with 12 generous sponsors this year. We wish to offer a special thanks to:

Ann Arbor State Bank
Applied Safety & Ergonomics
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Atlas Oil and the Sam & Nada Simon Foundation
Aubree's
The Jeff and Greta Buck Family
Emmaus Health PLLC
Huron Valley Radiology
Membership of Travis Pointe Country Club

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families with children 16 years of age and under, and Hope blessed countless families who participated in the annual Thanksgiving Basket Program and Christmas Adoption Program. Many single mothers were also blessed by participating in quarterly Women's Night Out activities. Hope is a ministry whose mission is to meet the needs of all people who walk through its doors.

There's an adage that has been said countless times, "If I can help somebody, somewhere, then my living will not be in vain." I truly believe that I have helped many persons over the last 18½ years, and one day I will hear my God say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

In closing, I thank God, Hope's Board of Directors, and all the other staff and volunteers for the opportunity to minister along with them. I promise that I will not be a stranger to Hope and will be sure to visit. I will continue to pray for Hope, that God's hand will continue to be upon every aspect of the ministry.

God Bless,
Naomi Williams



University of Michigan Health System
Kathy and Tom Weber
John and Mary Zick of the DeBrincat, Padgett, Kobliska & Zick Law Firm

Planning is already underway for the 2016 Evening of Hope. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact **Ann Marie Peterson** at apeterson@thehopeclinic.org.

Our Many Thanks to You

Thank you to the following organizations for their financial support:

- **Delta Dental Foundation** for a grant to provide equipment for Hope Dental Clinic



- The **J. Ferrantino Charitable Foundation**, the **Molloy Foundation**, the **Morath Foundation**, and the **Redies Foundation** for unrestricted donations
- The **Lloyd and Mabel Johnson Foundation** for a grant to provide general operational support
- **St. Francis of Assisi Church** for a special collection

Many thanks to the following churches, schools, and other organizations that volunteered at Hope and/or made financial or in-kind donations:

Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church
Ann Arbor Church of Christ
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting
Ann Arbor Hope Church
ArborWoman
Bethlehem United Church of Christ
Blue Care Network Behavioral Health
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Christ the King Catholic Church
Community Church of God, Ypsilanti
Covenant Community Church
Cross & Resurrection Lutheran Church
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Scio Community Alliance Church
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St. Andrew Catholic Church, Saline
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WorkForce Software
Work Skills Corp WSC Academy
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Ypsilanti Free Methodist Small Group
Ypsilanti Guild #3
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Women
Zion Lutheran Church

Give, and it will be given to you.

—*Luke 6:38*

Special Thanks To:

All of the **Doctor and Nurses who volunteered at the Hope Wayne Clinic** for their generosity. The Wayne Clinic regularly receives surprises ranging from bags of donated medication to \$1,000 donations to purchase A1C diabetes-testing supplies, allowing us to better meet the needs of our patients.

First Presbyterian Church for their Christmas Eve collection that will provide mental health services for our patients and clients.

Huron Valley Catholic School

for another wildly successful canned food drive for Hope Clinic. They exceeded their goal and delivered 6,725 cans of food to Hope!



Sean Thompson, a McKesson Pharmaceutical employee who has volunteered at Hope Medical Clinic weekly for the last two years. Sean has done a tremendous job scheduling specialty-care clinics hosted by the University of Michigan for Hope patients. Due to a recent promotion Sean is moving to Chicago, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Thrivent Financial for sponsoring a recent men's night and women's night and for a grant to fund building improvements at the Hope Wayne Clinic.

The **Young Couples Lifegroup from Oak Pointe Church** for spending a Saturday clearing leaves and branches from the yard and parking lot and generally sprucing up the grounds of the Hope Wayne Clinic. They were a fun group who did a fabulous job!



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Humanitarian Nominations

We are currently seeking nominations for the **Daniel D. Heffernan Humanitarian of the Year**. This award honors individuals, couples, or families in our community making a difference in the name of Christ and is presented at our annual spring event. The award is specifically for volunteer work to the poor. The volunteer activities should either be performed in Washtenaw or Wayne County or by nominees residing there. We hope you will take a moment to consider who in your church or circle of friends have given unselfishly of themselves and consider honoring them with a nomination for this award.

All nominations must be submitted by **March 31, 2016**. A full list of the nomination criteria and the nomination form is available on the Hope website at www.thehopeclinic.org. More details on the spring event to come!

Please contact **Kathy Neumar** at **734-484-2989, ext. 216** or kneumar@thehopeclinic.org with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to volunteer at Hope but have limited time or an unpredictable schedule? Joining our bulk mailing team might be just the thing for you. We can add your email address to the bulk mailing notification list so that you will receive information about upcoming mailing projects. This opportunity is available to individuals, families, and groups. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to have your email added to the list, please contact **Connie Hallom** at **734-484-2989** or challom@thehopeclinic.org



Wish List

The Ypsilanti Medical Clinic has several items on their wish list. For all but the first item, please call the Medical Clinic (734 481-1111) for more details. Thank you!

- Brass paper fasteners (brads), ½” shank – twenty 100-count boxes
- Laptops - we need up to four more laptops for our volunteer clinicians as they work within our newly-implemented electronic medical records system. Specs: at least a dual core, 2.0 GHz processor, and 3 GB RAM.
- Medical dictation headset and software
- Rolling office chairs without arms
- Washable exam room chairs (plastic or vinyl)