

HOPE



... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, 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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Generations of Generosity

Hope Clinic is blessed in many ways by many different people. Each gift of time, funds, and goods is a reminder of the love of God and the generosity of those who support us. But it's not often that this generosity comes from two elementary school students, nor is it often that a family shows that same generosity for three generations.

When the Silva family decided to have a garage sale, Jenny Silva asked her sons if they would like to give part of their money to charity. Encouraged by their mother, Luke, age 10, and Josh, age 7, agreed that 15% of what they made should be donated to help sick people in need. The boys were trying to decide where to donate when their mother reminded them of Hope Clinic where their grandfather volunteered.

Their grandfather, Dr. Harry Huff, specializes in internal medicine and had been a volunteer at the Wednesday evening clinic at Hope from 1999 until very recently. In addition to his years of medical service, his family has been long-time supporters of Hope. They have even forgone gifts or Christmas presents, choosing instead to donate in the recipient's name. Luke and Josh were delighted to give to the same place their grandfather had supported for so long and agreed to send their donation to Hope Clinic.

Luke and Josh worked tirelessly selling old toys, demonstrating their items for customers, and helping shoppers carry their purchases to their cars. In addition to the yard sale, the boys also sold lemonade and original artwork drawn by them and their friends from the neighborhood. All told, the brothers raised \$150 for Hope Clinic.

Together the boys mailed their donation to Hope. Luke wrote a letter telling about their garage sale and saying that they "hope this



Luke (age 10) and Josh (age 7) with their grandfather, Dr. Harry Huff, and their mom, Jenny Silva

money will help people." Josh drew a picture of Hope Clinic for the staff. Moved by the generosity of these two young donors and their family, Hope invited them, along with their mother and grandfather, to come down to the clinic. Dr. Huff showed them where he had volunteered for so many years, the same place they now supported with their funds.

The generosity of this family is deeply moving and humbling. We are grateful to all of them--the grandfather who donated his time and talent to our clinic, the mother who encouraged her children to think of others, and the boys who worked so hard and so diligently to support us. Three generations supporting Hope for over twenty years.



Josh's picture of Hope Clinic



Executive Director's Corner

Our lead story about little Luke and Josh is a beautiful testament of the love of Christ passing from generation to generation! Though societal selfishness and greed

certainly exist in abundance, these days perhaps more than most, the witness provided by Dr. Huff to his children, and by both he and his children to the third generation, Luke and Josh, are encouraging and inspiring. Living in an ocean of generosity and care toward others, those precious children are clearly off to a great start in life. Virtue is contagious!

The experience Hope Clinic has had through the years has demonstrated that our great community cares deeply for those less fortunate. Thankfully, hundreds of volunteers open their hearts and provide that helping hand so gratefully accepted by individuals and families desperately in need of a lift. Hundreds more provide much needed financial support to keep our lights on, our facility

heated, and our doors wide open to welcome God's especially beloved. We invite you to share in our ministry, in any way that you feel called, to ensure that 2017 is an exceptional year of love and generosity towards the distressed and dispossessed in our midst.

For those who have given so generously to our mission of service, please remember to lift the bushel basket and let your light shine! Please witness to your children and grandchildren, parents and grandparents, and friends and neighbors. I get the sense Luke and Josh will continue to do likewise.

And, please, remember those we serve in your prayers.

Blessings to you all!

Jim Gajewski

Save the Date! Hope Clinic's **Celebration of Hope** is coming up **Thursday, June 8th,** at Concordia College.

CPR Training at Hope Clinic



Left to right: Robert Neumar, MD, PhD; Theresa Shields, RN, BSN; Stephen Dowker; and Nick Kleiner during a live demonstration. Not pictured: Jason Trojan, EMT

This January, Hope Clinic hosted CPR and First Aid training available to all of our clients, staff, and volunteers. Every Thursday of the month, people of all ages were invited to learn hands only CPR, as well as how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED),

and how to react in medical emergencies. Demonstrators even staged a medical emergency in the lobby on Thursday, January 12, showing and explaining to their audience what needed to be done in such a situation.

The demonstration was attended by Theresa Shields RN, BSN, Clinical Info Analyst for Sr. CARES Emergency Medicine and Jason Trojan, EMT, Community Relations Coordinator for Emergent Health Partners, both of whom were instrumental in planning the project. We were also honored by the presence of Robert Neumar MD, PhD, Chair of the University of Michigan Department of Emergency Medicine, as well as Stephen Dowker and Nick Kleiner, representatives from

the University of Michigan American Red Cross Club. The CPR training was additionally sponsored by the American Heart Association and SaveMiHeart. The training is part of a larger project to focus on a different family health topic every month of the year as part of a grant from the GCH Heritage Foundation.

Wish List

- Laptops. Specs: 2.5 Ghz processor, 4 GB RAM or better. Win 10 PRO operating system preferred, though Win 7 Pro, or WIN 10 Home would be appreciated
- 2 small desktop printers
- Stethoscopes
- Blood pressure cuffs
- Wireless computer mice

Our Many Thanks to You

Thank you to the following organizations for their grant support:

- **Bank of America Charitable Foundation** for a grant to support the weekend meals program
- **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan** for a grant to provide digital radiography capability for the dental clinic
- **GCH Heritage Foundation** for a grant to support a year-long program designed to provide families with education and services to promote a safe and healthy lifestyle
- **The Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation** for the first installment of a five-year grant to support the work of Hope's dental clinic program

Many thanks to the following churches and organizations for their volunteer support and/or financial or in-kind donations since our last Hope Newsletter:

Ann Arbor Assembly of God
Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting
Ann Arbor Oncology Nursing Society
Ann Arbor SPARK
Betty Green Organic Beauty
The Bible Church
Calvary Presbyterian Church
The Charles Reinhart Co.
Christian Faith Church
Christian Love Fellowship
Christ the King Catholic Church
Christ the King Life Teen
Community Free Will Baptist Church
Covenant Community Church
Covington Insurance Agency
Cross & Resurrection Lutheran Church
Crossroads Community Church
Dexter United Methodist Church
EMU Student Government
First Assembly of God, Saline
First Baptist Church of Ypsilanti
First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor
First Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti
First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor
First United Methodist Church, Ypsilanti
Fortis Academy Staff
Free and Accepted Masons
Gap, Inc.
Graceway Baptist Church
Home Depot Store #2721
House on the Rock
Huron Valley Catholic School
Huron Valley Consultation Center

IHA Pediatric Healthcare
Immanuel Baptist Church
Iron Saints
Knox Presbyterian Church
Lincoln Community United Methodist Church
Living Water Church
Livonia Church of Christ
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Navitas Systems
Neighborhood Bible Study, Ypsilanti
New Life Church
Old Dominion Freight Line
Pineview Church
Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti
RepairClinic.com
Sam's Club #6667
Sanctuary at St. Joseph's Village
Scio Community Alliance Church
Second Baptist Church, Ypsilanti
SELF Project at EMU
Spiritus Sanctus Academy
Standard Printing
St. Andrew Catholic Church, Saline
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
St. Joseph Catholic Church
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor
St. Mark Lutheran Church
St. Mary Student Parish
St. Michael Lutheran Church
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church--Blanket Ladies
Stony Creek United Methodist Church
Thrift Shop of Ypsilanti
Thrivent Financial, Ann Arbor Group
TOPS 1560
Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
Unity Church of Ann Arbor
U-M Pharmacy Innovations & Partnerships
U-M Ross School of Business
WCC Health & Fitness Center
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Word Of God
Word of Life Community
Ypsilanti Assembly of God
Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Women
Zion Lutheran Church

Special thanks to:

- Children from **Christ the King Catholic Church** for their Christmas collection and donation of baby items.
- **Harvest Moon Café** for their Thanksgiving fundraiser for Hope's dental clinic.
- All of the generous donors who donated turkeys for our **Thanksgiving Baskets**.



- **St. Mary Mercy Livonia** for their generous donation of 12 last-minute turkeys for our Thanksgiving distribution and 10 Christmas baskets as well as additional bags of food for those in need.
- **Michelle Block Garr** for her annual "Slippers for Mom" donation. This year Michelle provided 5 shopping bags full of slippers to both Hope Medical Clinic locations.
- **Delta Tau Delta of University of Michigan** for their donation of gift Visa cards.

Volunteer Opportunities

Hope Clinic is looking for dedicated volunteers to join us in our mission. For most of the positions listed below, we are looking for at least a 6-month commitment.

Prayer Ministers: Hope Clinic Ypsilanti is looking for volunteers to greet patients and clients and be willing to offer prayer to those who request prayer when receiving services.

On-Call Volunteers: For individuals or families with flexible availability, we can always use "on-call" help with mailings, cleaning, running errands, or helping out with special events.

Yard Work, and Facility Cleaning: Groups are needed for yard work and facility cleaning throughout the year at our Ypsilanti and Wayne Clinic locations on a regular basis. Weekend and evening scheduling is available.

Front Desk Receptionist: The Wayne Clinic is in need of an administrative volunteer to manage front desk duties. This position will eventually run one Saturday Clinic a month.

Nurses: The Wayne Clinic is in need of nurses, particularly for the fourth Saturday clinic and rotating for Thursday morning clinics.

If you are interested in volunteering in one of these capacities or would like to know about other volunteer opportunities at Hope, please contact Connie Hallom at 734-484-2989 ext. 203 or challom@thehopeclinic.org.



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Hope for the Holidays

Hope Clinic was proud to reach out through three programs this holiday season with the Thanksgiving Baskets, the Christmas Adoption Program, and the Christmas Store.

The **Thanksgiving Baskets** provided a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner to families who otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford it. Each basket contained a turkey along with fixings. Through the support of our generous donors, Hope was able to distribute over 300 baskets to families, allowing them the opportunity to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal.



In celebration of Christ's birth, Hope once again sponsored the **Christmas Adoption Program**. The program connects underprivileged families with willing donors, who then buy items from the family's wish list as gifts for Christmas. This year, Hope was able to distribute 2,025 gifts to 203 households. We were continually amazed and humbled

by the generosity of our donors, many of whom went above and beyond to provide quality gifts to their families. The blessings these families received were deep reminders of the love of Christ and the spirit of Christmas.

Hope also hosted a free **Christmas Store**, welcoming both Hope clients and non-Hope clients to shop for presents for their families from a selection of gifts donated by our sponsors. All together, the Christmas Store was able to provide 206 families with gifts, allowing them to share in the joy of Christmas.

HOPE **ANN ARBOR AREA**
Who says **FUN**draising can't be **FUN**????
PRESENTED BY **VALEO**
**We are participating in the Ann Arbor Area's
Brackets for Good Fundraising Competition
February 24th — April 1st!**
We'll be competing against other local nonprofits dollar for dollar over
5 weeks with a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000!
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Facebook to follow our progress. Join in the madness and support Hope!