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Filling Christmas Wishes

Each year Hope Clinic partners with local organizations who volunteer to “adopt” families who need help providing Christmas presents. Hope prequalifies and registers families who are in need and gives the information about the types of gifts requested to area churches who have Giving Trees or businesses that hold collection drives. Through the generosity of all of our local partners, nearly 800 people received presents through the Christmas adoption program this year!

We also held open Christmas shopping days at Hope Center for individuals who were not adopted. “Shoppers” could choose from a variety of clothes, shoes, toys, and household items on display at Hope Center free of charge. Donations for shopping days came in from a variety of sources including area churches, Hope staff, and other individuals who heard about Hope’s Christmas programs. About 150 people participated in open Christmas

shopping at Hope.

All of us at Hope were humbled to see the generosity and willingness to help shown by all of the organizations and individuals who supported our



Hope Clinic social worker Naomi Williams with Ken Carlson (left) and Jim Palson (right) from RepairClinic

Christmas programs. Thank you to every one of you for helping bring the joy and peace of Christmas to some of the people who needed it the most.

Thank you to the following churches and organizations for adopting families or donating items for our Christmas programs:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield – Behavioral Health Department
- First Baptist Church, Ypsilanti
- Jeff Buck and staff at Electrical Components International
- Ford Motor Company
- Gordon Food Service
- Harvest Mission Community Church
- Hope Clinic Staff
- Knox Presbyterian Church
- Living Water Community Church
- Navitas
- Omega Psi Fraternity, University of Michigan
- Anna G. Parker Temple #1283
- PineView Church
- RepairClinic.com
- Ruth Chapter #2 Order of the Eastern Star
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- St. Joseph Catholic Church, Dexter
- St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
- St. Thomas Catholic Church
- Second Baptist Church, Ypsilanti
- Kevin Sloan, DDS, and staff at Ann Arbor Dental Care
- Strong Tower Ministries

From the Executive Director's Desk

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith. If it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." — Romans 12:6-8

Looking back on my first year as executive director of Hope Clinic, I am amazed at the generosity of people in giving of their time, talents, and finances to ensure that we can continue the services we provide for our community. Not only has it restored my faith in humanity, but it has increased my faith in God, seeing how He has provided for the clients, volunteers, and staff of Hope on a daily basis. It is truly humbling to witness.

We are so grateful for the dedicated physicians, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, and students who serve in our medical clinic. Each month, the medical clinic averages over 400 volunteers who provide care to those who have nowhere else to go for medical needs. We are blessed to have a burgeoning network of dentists who donate services above and beyond what our clinic can offer, often providing thousands of dollars' worth of services for a patient. We are thankful for the churches, schools, and organizations that donate items to our food pantry and cook and serve meals for our weekend meal program so that hundreds of hungry people can be fed each week. We are humbled by the financial donations of individuals and organizations that support these much needed services.

As Christmas has passed and we look forward to the New Year, we will



continue to be thankful, humbled, and amazed at the charity of our supporters. As you have blessed Hope, may God continue to bless you in 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew L. Hudson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Matthew Hudson
Executive Director

Volunteer Needs

Cleaning: Volunteers are needed to deep clean our commercial kitchen once a month. Schedule is flexible and groups and families are welcome.

Dental Clinic: Hope is seeking volunteers to serve at our Ypsilanti dental clinic. Dentists, dental hygienists, and front desk volunteers are needed for weekday daytime hours.

Medical Clinic: Hope is in need of committed administrative volunteers to serve at our Ypsilanti medical clinic. Numerous positions are available for non-medical professionals to help with records retrieval, donation processing, front desk support, medica-

tion assistance program, and other varied administrative work. Shifts are open for daytime and evening weekday hours.

Shopping: A weekly shopper is needed to support our weekend meal program. The volunteer would inventory the pantry supplies and purchase needed items at GFS. Schedule is very flexible.

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 734-961-0548 or challom@thehopeclinic.org.

New Volunteer Opportunity!



Sometimes we assist Hope patients and clients with transportation needs by finding volunteers who can drive people to Hope or to off-site appointments for specialty medical or dental care. Would you be a person who is interested in serving others this way? We are putting together a list of people we can contact when these needs arise. Rides will be provided for adult clients only, and we will give our volunteer drivers at least 48 hours advance notice whenever possible. Interested volunteers should have their own vehicle and should contact Connie Hallom at 734-961-0548.

2014 Evening of Hope— It's a Wonderful Night

It was indeed a Wonderful Night at the 2014 Evening of Hope, held November 7 at the Michigan Firehouse Museum. Over 180 people came to the gala, including a large number of first-time attendees. Their generosity helped us raise more than \$93,000 in direct support of Hope Clinic services. A highlight of the evening was when we all presented Dr. Dan Hefferman with a shadow box containing his lab coat and other personal items related to his work at Hope. Dr. Dan has shown us how one life well lived can make a significant difference in the lives of so many other people.

We could never have accomplished such a night without our hardworking helpers. We were blessed with countless volunteers, including



the planning committee, the people who set up and staffed the auctions, Laura Kokkales and the EMU hospitality students, the bartenders from ABC Microbrewery, and Bethesda Bible Church (our late night clean-up crew). Thanks also go out to Dan Huntsbarger and the Moveable Feast staff, the Panache Music Group, auctioneer Steve Gross, and Michigan Firehouse Museum manager Steve Wilson and hosts Howard and Norma Weaver. All went above and beyond to make the evening memorable.

We are also very grateful to our sponsors, including Repair-Clinic.com (silver sponsor), Applied Safety and Ergonomics, Anne and Andy Arizala, Aubree's, Huron Valley Radiology, The Membership of Travis Pointe Country Club, and The University of Michigan Health System. Thank you also to our all of our patrons, donors, and attendees. We are continually amazed by your generosity and enthusiasm for this wonderful event.

Planning has already begun for the 2015 Evening of Hope, which will take place November 6. If you are interested in being a part of the Planning Committee, please contact Ann Marie Peterson at 734-710-6688 or apeterson@thehopeclinic.org. Thank you again and may all of you have a blessed new year.



Heads or Tails game finalist Andy Arizala (left) and auctioneer Steve Gross



Guests look over the silent auction items



Duane and Katie Renken and Sharon Hoffman



Chris and Maria Bichakjian and Denise Owens

Thank You To:

Many thanks to the following churches, schools, and other organizations that volunteered at Hope and/or made donations of food and other items:

AAA Michigan Carpenter Rd. branch office	Panera Bread
Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church	Pineview Golf Course
Ann Arbor Hope Church	Ruth Chapter #2 O.E.S. Ypsilanti
ArborVitae Women's Center	Salem Lutheran Church & Sunday School
Bagel Fragel	Saline Swim Group
Canton Fellowship Church	Scio Community Church
Christ Our King Lutheran Church, Saline	Sisters in Christ Women's Group
Covenant Community Church	Slippers for Mom
Crossroads Community Baptist Youth Group	St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Saline
Crosswinds Community Church	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Faith Assembly Church	St. Joseph Academic OB/GYN Clinic
First United Methodist Church, Ypsilanti	St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor
Grace Ann Arbor Church	St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church – Blanket Ladies
Home School Connection	Superior Text
Huron Valley Catholic School	TOPS 1560
Huron Valley District Laymen	Trinity Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor
Immanuel Baptist Church	Washtenaw Mutual Investment Club
Institute of Continuing Legal Education	Westminster Presbyterian Church
Knox Presbyterian Church	Wolverine Freight
Lighthouse Treasures	WorkForce Software
Lincoln Community United Methodist Church	World Medical Relief
Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters	Xi Alpha Omicron
	Zonta Club

Special Thanks To:

Dr. Dalbert Fear and Dr. Paul Lopez of Michigan Oral Surgeons and Dr. Norbert Fernandez of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of Ann Arbor for providing oral surgery for 34 Hope Dental Clinic patients during three oral surgery days held last fall.

Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic for a very generous contribution that will be used to provide dental treatment for children.

Dr. Cheryl Farmer of Scholl, Farmer, and Shore for a very generous donation of medications and medical supplies.

Dr. Allan Clague for a donation of medical supplies.

Hope Wayne Clinic would like to thank **Siemens Healthcare** for their donation of an A1C analyzer machine and Wayne Clinic volunteer **Dr. Julie Kalsi-Beri** for her generous donation to fund kits for the machine. A1C testing is vital for helping diabetic patients manage their condition, and these donations enable the Wayne Clinic to now run A1C tests in house. Thanks also to Wayne's Nurse Practitioner, Gail Bernth, who worked with Siemens Healthcare to acquire the A1C machine.

Thank you to the following organizations for their financial support:



Ann Arbor Area
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- **Alana's Foundation** for a grant to provide flu shots for the Wayne Clinic
- **Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation** for a grant for professional development for Hope's Executive Director
- **Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation's Youth Council** for a grant to support the Kids Can Cook program
- **Ann Arbor Track Club** for a donation from proceeds from the 2014 Dexter-Ann Arbor Run
- **Bethlehem United Church of Christ's youth group** for a gift to provide dental care for children
- **Delta Dental Foundation** for a grant to cover lab fees so that Hope Dental Clinic patients can access dentures and partials
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From My Perspective: You Are All One in Christ Jesus

by Jean Horak, Associate Director

Although I have volunteered or worked at Hope for much of its 33 years of existence, God continues to surprise me with the new ways He asks us to stretch and grow individually and as an organization. This past year has brought one more example of how blessed we can be when we respond to His invitations.

Since Hope began we have considered it our mission to do more than just provide free health care, goods, and services. We also want to make Christ known through our words and actions and be a place of safety and growth for all who come through our doors. Our programs have always included oppor-

er Christian Church. Some people join us when their church family is hosting, some come when facing struggles in their lives, and some of us come as often as we possibly can—but almost all who come do not leave without experiencing God’s grace!

The Hope Fellowship is not and does not intend to be a church. Instead the Fellowship provides a safe place where all can come to worship, receive spiritual “food” through the message, and share in prayer. While we believe that it is most beneficial for every Christian to be part of a church family, we also realize that it can be very difficult for some people to attend a church because of past wounds or misconceptions about who is acceptable at a church service. We wanted to provide another means for people to grow in their walk with the Lord and give them a starting place that might lead to them someday finding their own church home. Even in the short amount of time since the Hope Fellowship began, I have been regularly brought to tears by the ways people have been changed through the services and by the richness of the relationships I have formed there.

It has inspired me and strengthened my faith to see how much God truly wants to be in a relationship with us if we just give Him the chance. Many of us who began the Fellowship assumed that it would mostly benefit the people we serve at Hope, but all of us have been touched in significant ways through our attendance this past year. The myriad worship and preaching styles have enriched us and challenged us to grow. We have come to realize that despite the differences in expression, the same Spirit inhabits our



All are welcome at the Hope Fellowship

praise and the same Word inspires the messages.

I would invite anyone to come attend a Fellowship. We meet every Sunday night at 5:30 in the Hope dining room. There is a meal going on until 5:00, so please do not arrive at the Fellowship until after 5:15. If you and your church would be interested in hosting a service you can contact me (jhorak@thehopeclinic.org), Matt Hudson (mhudson@thehopeclinic.org), or Connie Hallom (challom@thehopeclinic.org) to learn more and schedule a date. My prayer is that Jesus be lifted up in our lives, our churches, our service, and also at Hope Fellowship.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

– Galatians 3:26-29

Bethesda Bible Church of Ypsilanti hosted a recent Hope Fellowship

tunities for prayer among our staff, clients, and volunteers. As we saw more people wanting to find out more about Jesus or seeking a deeper relationship with Him, I and a group of other Hope staff and volunteers began meeting to discuss ways to give expression to that desire. Our discussions led to the first meeting of the “Hope Fellowship” on Sunday, February 23, 2014.

Each week a different church “hosts” the Fellowship in the Hope Center dining room. While the make-up varies from week to week, there is always a mix of Hope staff, volunteers, people who use Hope services, neighbors of Hope Center, and others from the wid-





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On Our Wish List

Clinician Office Upgrades

The clinician office at the Ypsilanti Medical Clinic needs two upgrades to provide adequate, accessible storage for the volunteer clinicians who provide patient care. One is a wall-mounted bookshelf, and the other is a wall-mounted closet system. We are looking for someone who might be interested in donating these items and/or volunteering the labor and expertise to install them correctly. Since this is a very specific request, please contact **Clinic Coordinator Jim O'Neil** at **734-961-3132** or **joneil@thehopeclinic.org** to discuss your interest.

Looking for a Reliable Mini-Van

Hope Clinic uses a mini-van for a number of purposes, including picking up donations, doing errands, and occasionally transporting clients. Our existing van is a model year 2000, and the odometer is rapidly approaching 100,000 miles. As our vehicle becomes increasingly less reliable, we have a great need for a donation of a gently-used mini-van. If you would be able to make such a donation, please contact **Connie Hallom** at **734-961-0548**.

Thank you!

Hope's Direct Assistance program needs gift cards

to Target, Walmart, and Meijer in the **\$10 to \$25** range to be used for prescription co-pays and other special emergency needs. Please indicate **"Direct Assistance"** with your donation of gift cards.