



... 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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# Dental Clinic Transitions to Digital Radiography

Another big advancement in care has been achieved at Hope Dental Clinic. Thousands of patients each year will now have digital x-rays available for their oral health needs. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan funded a grant for the Dental Clinic to replace the costly and time consuming film-based x-rays to digital radiography. Digital radiography is the standard of care in the dental community and uses a digital image capture device to provide immediate digital

many clients a barrier to care is the inability to speak English. Through the use of the pictures immediately generated from the digital radiography, dental staff is able to show the impact of the dental hygiene and also point out areas of concern with less confusion from the language barriers.

A Dental Hygiene Day of Caring was held at Hope on Saturday, March 18th for 40 patients. Serving that number of people in one day would not be possible without the enhanced efficiency of digital radiography. The clinic was staffed by volunteer dentists, volunteer dental assistants, volunteer hygienists, and volunteer dental students – many of whom were first time volunteers. A local civic organization donated breakfast for the day; a local dentist office is donated lunch; and local organizations provided items for dental give away bags.

As a result of digital radiography, Hope will transition staff time from processing and mounting x-rays, to more time seeing patients! We are able to provide greater service to a greater number of those in need. Thank you to our many Dental Clinic volunteers and to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan!



*Dental Clinic staff and volunteers test the new equipment*

x-rays. The digital radiography images can be enhanced, easily saved, and electronically transferred to off-site dentists.

Following comprehensive training for staff and volunteers, digital radiography is now available in all seven dental rooms at our Ypsilanti Clinic. The long-desired equipment is already substantially enhancing the quality and efficiency of the dental services we provide by improving diagnostics while reducing the amount of radiation exposure to patients.

A wonderful unexpected benefit was also realized because of digital radiography. For



*Training day at the Dental Clinic*



## Executive Director's Corner

So much has been written about the impact of the digital age we're swimming in. Shining examples of the positive effects are everywhere, as illustrated in our new digital x-ray equipment.

Gone are those stinky and environmentally harmful chemicals used to develop dental x-ray film, the old fashioned way. Instant digital pictures now appear on flat screen monitors providing enhanced quality images for dental treatments. State-of-the-art care for those in greatest need, praise God!

There are, of course, also daunting aspects of our digital age. How, for example, does an important ministry like Hope Clinic establish and maintain relationships with our vibrant younger generations who rely so heavily on social media? They, too, seek to answer a personal call to service, but use of digitized interactions make it challenging for us at Hope to connect with them in meaningful and lasting ways.

We invite you to help us by liking our Facebook page and sharing posts with your family and friends. If we're going to continue well into the future to provide first-class medical, dental and social services to the marginalized and distressed amongst us, who would otherwise suffer even greater hardships, we'll need to connect more deeply with our younger generations.

But whether you are a millennial or a more experienced soul please consider supporting Hope Clinic through your financial support, especially as we're in our lean months when contributions typically wain for all non-profits. There's even a digital age option for this! ([thehopeclinic.org](http://thehopeclinic.org)) Thank you!

And, please remember those we serve in your prayers.

Blessings to you all!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Gajewski". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jim Gajewski

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## Rest in Peace, Beverly Heffernan



*Beverly and Dr. Dan Heffernan, Hope Clinic Co-founders.*

**B**everly Heffernan, wife of Dr. Dan Heffernan and co-founder of Hope Clinic, went to be with the Lord this past February. She is remembered by those who knew her as a woman of poise and grace; a loving wife, mother, and grandmother; and a person of great faith. It was clear from the moment Hope Clinic started that Dr. Dan and Bev were a team that magnetically attracted others to service. While her husband worked with patients, Beverly worked behind the scenes, serving as the volunteer coordinator and later, after Hope acquired its own building, the Medical clinic office manager. She was very creative and used her talents to decorate the Hope building, covering over old vandalism and making a warm and inviting atmosphere. She wrote articles and organized events and services for the clients and volunteers of Hope.

In many ways, Bev Heffernan was the heart of Hope Clinic. She had a deep love for the people she served and was always

ready to share God's love with them. Her prayers both for and with the people around her touched the lives of many people and earned her the nickname "Ma Hope" from some of the staff. Even after she and her husband retired from Hope, Bev continued to pray for and with the clients.

Words cannot begin to express how much her hard work and dedication touched the lives of those she served and those who served with her. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. May she rest in glory.

In addition to Beverly Heffernan, Hope mourns the loss of three longtime supporters. Roger Reik, Dave McGinn, and Gene Denis were called by the Lord to their eternal reward. Our prayers and condolences go out to their family and friends in this time of loss.

## Our Many Thanks to You

### Thank you to the following organizations for their grant support:

- **Zion Lutheran Church** for their generous grant to the Dental Clinic.
- The "Brighter Futures" grant from **Delta Dental** to support the dentures lab for the Dental Clinic.
- **Evangelical Lutheran Church of America** for their generous support for the Food 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 Christian Reformed Church  
Ann Arbor Veteran Hospital  
Arbor Lakes Pharmacy LLC  
Arbor Research Collaborative For Health  
Association of Women Surgeons  
Ave Maria Foundation  
Belleville Lighthouse  
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St. Joseph Mercy Health System  
St. Kenneth Catholic Church  
St. Luke Lutheran Church  
St. Mary Student Parish  
St. Michael Lutheran Church  
Strong Tower Ministries  
Thrift Shop Association of Ypsilanti  
Tops 1560  
University Lutheran Chapel  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Ypsilanti Assembly of God  
Zion Lutheran Church

*For a full list of Churches that support Hope, please see the website.*

### Special thanks to:

- **Ward Church** for the large donation of disposable washcloths and Cavi-wipes to Hope Wayne Clinic.

## 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.

**Nurses:** Hope Wayne Clinic is looking for nurses for Saturday clinics and as back-ups.

**Men's Night:** Hope Clinic's social work department is in need of men 16 and older to help with an occasional men's night at Hope. This would involve help with set up, serving food and clean up. Hours range from 4-7:30.

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](mailto:challom@thehopeclinic.org).

## Wish List

- Stethoscopes
- Blood Pressure Cuffs – Hope Clinic and Hope Wayne Clinic are in need of regular and thigh sized blood pressure cuffs. Digital cuffs preferred.
- Laptops- The Medical Clinic is in need of laptop computers. Specs: 2.5 GHz processor, 3 GB RAM, Windows 10
- Wireless Computer mice
- Amazon Gift Cards

## Welcome Mary!

**M**ary Woloskie joined us this February as our new Development Manager. Mary comes to us as a previous consultant and grants writer for various non-profit and governmental organizations such as the US Transportation Security Administration, Homeland Security and the National Institutes of Health. Her primary focus has been on community development and sustainability through healthcare, mental and spiritual wellness. Most recently Mary held the position of Grant Officer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Please join us in welcoming Mary to Hope Clinic's ministry.





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Concordia University  
Ann Arbor



We will honor our  
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Humanitarian of the Year  
Kevin Sloan, DDS, MS  
More details to follow