



... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matt. 25:40

## New and Improved Wash With Care Program

Hope Clinic's Wash With Care Program has undergone a complete transformation. Our free laundry facility is now outfitted with six new washing machines and eight new dryers. In addition, the floors have been redone, the walls repainted and the waiting room has been overhauled. These renovations were possible thanks to a generous grant from the Garden City Hospital Heritage Foundation. The grant was part of the Family Health Practices Yearlong Initiative, a program designed to help promote healthy living in everyday life.

For months our old washers and dryers had been malfunctioning. Due to constant use, they would break down at inopportune times, forcing us to cancel and reschedule appointments. Many of our clients rely on the Wash With Care program for clean clothes and can't afford to rearrange their lives around finicky machines. Replacing the machines was imperative.

With the funds from the GCH Heritage grant, we were able to purchase

brand new washers and dryers in March of this year. While our old machines were too unreliable for the near constant use we required for them, they were still serviceable machines. Rather than simply get rid of them, our old washers and dryers were removed and donated to the Ann Arbor Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. There they will be cleaned up and resold at a reduced price. The profits will support Habitat for Humanity.

The renovation lasted nearly two months. The laundry facilities closed in March and the old machines were removed and the room refitted to accommodate the new ones. Volunteers installed a new drain, cleaned, and painted. Basic installation was completed and the Wash With Care Facility opened again in mid-April at partial capacity. By May the new laundry facilities were ready to take on a full load of appointments.

The new laundry facilities are clean, functional, and welcoming and the new machines have improved our service tremendously. When we asked Ruth, one of our clients, what she thought about



Hope's new laundry room

the Wash With Care program, she said "God bless it! There's nothing else like it anywhere." Ruth comes every other week. She said without this program she would do only what was necessary and only when she was able to cut from her food budget. "It's such a blessing to put on clean clothes when you walk out the door."

With the new facilities in place, we hope to accommodate even more clients like Ruth, providing them with clean clothes and a safe, welcoming environment. None of this would be possible without the GCH Heritage Foundation or the support of our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible.

### Wish List

- **Updated laptops** are always appreciated for portable electronic charting.  
Specs: 2.5 Ghz processor, 4 GB RAM or better is required. Preference is for Win 10 PRO operating system.

# Farewell to Terry Owens



Terry Owens, President of the Board of Directors, passed away May 15, 2017 after a difficult struggle with cancer. This is a tremendous loss on so many levels. Terry was a great gift to all those with whom he came in contact. He was bright, jovial, and always willing to offer his gifts to others and in an exceptional way for us at Hope.

Terry served on Hope's Board of Directors for many years. His insight and leadership were invaluable to our organization. The faith and love he had for God shown in his work and in his life. It was an honor to have him on our board. He is leaving behind a legacy of generosity and faithfulness that will never be duplicated. We will miss him very much. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this time of loss.

# Changes for Hope: A letter from the Board of Directors

Dear Hope Family,

As many of you know, we recently said goodbye to two people who were very important to Hope. We were very saddened by Board President Terry Owen's unexpected death in late May. The impact on Hope and the legacy he left are detailed elsewhere in the newsletter, but suffice to say he will be greatly missed. As the Board's Vice President I have now assumed the role of President.

A parting of a different nature is Jim Gajewski leaving Hope to accept the position of Executive Director of Washtenaw Catholic Social Services. We are also sad to see Jim go after such a short time at Hope. However, we wish him well in this new endeavor.

Long time Hope Board member and lifetime resident of Ypsilanti, Pastor Victoria James has stepped up to serve as Interim Executive Director as we search for a new Executive Director. Pastor James is the founding Pastor of Ekklesia Christian Fellowship located in downtown Ypsilanti where she continues to serve. She also taught at Washtenaw Technical Academy for many years. We're very grateful to Victoria for her willingness to serve during this time of transition.

While this transition brings its challenges, Hope has a competent and committed staff, dedicated volunteers and a prayerful and talented Board of Directors that will work together to ensure that the important services Hope provides to those in need continue. And most importantly, we have a faithful God who is the same, yesterday, today and forever. We know that Hope is His work and that as we continue to seek His wisdom, direction and provision, he will lead, guide and provide. We also know how important prayer is and we ask each of you to keep Hope in your prayers, our staff and volunteers as well as those we serve.

Thank you and God bless you,

Cathy Robinson



Cathy Robinson



Pastor Victoria James

# Celebration of Hope

Friends, staff, and volunteers of Hope gathered on Thursday, June 8th at Concordia University for the annual Celebration of Hope. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal and were treated to wonderful music courtesy of Mike Harrington, Ryan Lewis, Leer Sobie, and Billy Harrington. Pastor Victoria James, Hope's new Interim Director, spoke about the changes happening at Hope. Anthony Roberson, a Hope client, shared how the new dentures and the dental care



Anthony Roberson

he received at Hope impacted his life.

The highlight of the evening was honoring Kevin Sloan, DDS, the recipient of the Dr. Daniel D. Heffernan Humanitarian of the Year Award. Dr. Sloan was instrumental in starting Hope's dental clinic and continues to serve as the dental director. He also volunteers outside of Hope, offering his services at Mack Community Dental Center and working to organize



Dr. Kevin Sloan and Dan Heffernan Jr.

like to thank Chari Decker, Alyson Ward, and Thrivent Financial for the decorations. Lastly we would like to thank Brian Surguine Photography for the generous donation of their services.

Mission of Mercy events. Dr. Sloan's willingness to serve is an inspiration to everyone around him.

It was a wonderful evening. Special thanks to our patrons: Bank of Ann Arbor and Dr. Orzie Henderson, Jr. We would also

like to thank Chari Decker, Alyson Ward, and Thrivent Financial for the decorations. Lastly we would like to thank Brian Surguine Photography for the generous donation of their services.



Event organizers Tom Butman, Maudie Abraham, and Dan Pawlak deliver donations

## Fill a Ford

For the second year in a row, the community has gathered together to host the Fill a Ford event. Washtenaw Federal Credit Union, Gene Butman Ford, and UAW Local 898 have joined forces with Kroger, the Michigan State Police, the Washtenaw Sheriff's Office, and the Ypsilanti Police Department to collect toys, dental products, and school supplies for Hope Clinic. We are so grateful for all they have done for us and so excited to work with them again.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Nurses:** The Wayne Clinic is in need of nurses to volunteer at our 3rd and 4th Saturday clinics every month. Nurses are needed from 8am-noon.

**Summer Yard Work:** Volunteers are needed to help garden, trim hedges, and do basic yard work at both the Ypsi and Wayne locations.

**Prayer Ministers:** Wayne Clinic is looking for volunteers for their Saturday clinics who are willing to greet patients and clients and offer prayer to those who request it.

**Summer Cleaning:** Hope is looking for groups of volunteers to help deep clean the Hope Center in Ypsilanti. Volunteers will help clean the less trafficked areas and hard to reach places and in general help make sure the Hope Center is spotless.

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).

## Our Many Thanks to You

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

- The **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services** for their support of the Ypsilanti Medical Clinic and the Wayne Medical Clinic.
- The **Washtenaw Master Gardeners** for their support of our garden project.
- The **Edward F. Redies Foundation** for their contribution towards our greatest needs.
- The **Metro Health Foundation** for their generous support of Wayne Medical Clinic.
- **First Presbyterian Church** for their support of the Dental Clinic and the Behavioral Health Programs.

### Many thanks to the Churches who gave volunteer support and/or financial and in-kind donations since our last Newsletter:

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*Our organization could not run without their support. For a complete list of Churches who have sponsored Hope Clinic, please see our website: <http://www.thehopeclinic.org/about/church-partners/>*

### Thank you to the organizations that have offered support to us since our last newsletter:

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 Thrift Shop Association of Ypsilanti  
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 U of M Dental Faculty Associates  
 Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development  
 Washtenaw District Dental Society  
 Washtenaw Master Gardeners  
 Workforce Software  
 Zonta Club  
 ZTA Homeschool Honor Society

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### Special thanks to:

**St. Mary Mercy Livonia** for their continuing support of Hope Wayne Clinic's "Hope on the Horizon."

**Open Door Ministries** in Canton for their donation of over the counter medicines and personal care items for the Wayne Clinic.

We would like to thank **Bill Belcher** for answering an emergency need to repair a bad electrical circuit at the Wayne Clinic. Bill is Office Manager Cheryl McIntosh's father. He came to our rescue and our lights were back on before the end of the clinic.



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