



# Hope House Happenings

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## The Mission

The Hope House mission is to provide an environment where an individual can apply the tools of recovery in a safe and supportive home and sustain sobriety to live a life of true freedom.

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## Message From the Director

On March 6, 2023, I officially started the Executive Director role for the Hope House. I look forward to developing and growing our mission. One of my new assignments will be to publish a quarterly newsletter. You are reading the first publication.

March of 2023 also marked the one-year anniversary of opening the Hope House doors to guests. In that time, we have been able to serve eight guests.

Recently, an Amazon Wishlist was created for the Hope House. We were in need of Bibles to give to guests when they moved in. That need was met in no time through this platform and others. What a blessing! We will be updating our Amazon Wishlist off and on as needs arise.

The Hope House board meets monthly. However, daily the board is giving of their time and talents to assist the women who are guests in our home. This team of dedicated individuals play a pivotal role in the lives of women at Hope House. In future newsletters we will highlight the board.

I would like to say thank you to our donors, prayer warriors, and supporters. This mission could not be done without your support.

Gayle Stahl

Hope House President/Executive Director

# Testimony From a Guest

*I had no clue what I wanted in life anymore. I was lost, lost of faith, lost of hope, and lost of myself the most. My family was done with the help they offered to me. They couldn't help the way I needed help. I couldn't blame them. I have put them through more suffering than what is even imaginable. So much so they all stopped talking to me. I lost everything and was on the verge of losing my kid. I thought my life was not work anything. But my mom told me there was something new in Huron and just to call and see what it's about. Now, let me explain, I have been in and out of trouble since the age of sixteen. I am 31 years old almost 32. I have a sixteen-page rap sheet and facing new charges as I write. The only thing I thought I was good at was doing drugs, getting them, and getting in trouble with them. At 31 years old I finally admitted that I AM AN ADDICT AND I NEED HELP. I sat in the garage and looked up this new place. The Hope House. I called and the lady answered. I could barely talk and all I could get out was my name. I could not even finish saying why I was calling before I was crying to say I NEED HELP. After I said that, all I heard was "I am so glad you called." The next day I was in the house getting a tour. For two weeks I took some time to get myself ready to be ready for the Hope House because this was the real deal for me. They were real and ready for me. I wanted change so badly and I had no resources or the help, until I moved in October 14, 2022. I couldn't be more grateful to the board and support I have now. They believe in me more than I believe in myself. They give me the courage to be the change that I want so badly. They give me the strength when I don't know how too. They gave me security to keep myself safe. The structure to maintain my life. They have never talked down to or at me. They always talk it through. They helped me with the right resources to get correct mental health I needed instead of medicating myself. Things of my own where I can lay my head. Expecting only to be better than the day before. Try new things or do things that you never would if you weren't sober. In my opinion, if you are not looking to stay sober this team of people will show you what it can be to be sober. They gave me faith, hopefulness, belief again with my life. This is my team. My A team. They never give up, never on anybody. The Hope House board. Words are never enough, and I couldn't thank you even more. But you all have made a difference in my life.*

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