

## Partners in Compassion

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I want to become a partner with the Hands of Compassion. I will provide monthly support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ starting on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

I am interested in signing up for a monthly automated debit from my account. Please send me the proper form.

I am unable to become a partner of monthly giving, but please find enclosed a one-time donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOC Provides:

- Convenient housing within walking distance to Mayo Clinic and affiliated hospitals.
- Short term (1-7 days) housing. Exceptions may be offered for longer stays when conditions and space permit. You **must** have a confirmed clinic appointment prior to your arrival.\*
- One bedroom is provided for the patient and their caregiver. Most rooms have either 1 full sized or 1 queen sized bed. All rooms are supplied with bedding and towels. If there is a need for more than one bedroom, you may inquire about extra availability at HOC or ask about a special discount offered at a local hotel.
- Fully equipped kitchen for guest use. Light continental breakfast food provided; lunch and dinner are the responsibility of the guests as we are not licensed to cook for guests.
- Free parking for all guests on our property
- Washer and dryer available for guest use
- Common living room with TV
- Wireless Internet

**CALL 507-289-6025 for more information or to add your name to our waiting list**

\*It is advised to call as soon as your clinic appointments are made to have your name added to the waiting list.



## Hands of Compassion

The Hands of Compassion is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides short-term housing accommodations to Mayo clinic patients and their caregivers.

Overseen by the Rochester Church of Christ in Rochester, Minnesota, the Hands of Compassion is a missions minded, benevolent work. The ministry touches the lives of many people who are experiencing pain, illness, and suffering. Many guests are emotionally and physically drained, financially burdened and their faith is being tested.

As early as 1950, church members were housing and providing services for visitors with medical challenges. In 1977, the ministry became identified as the Hands of Compassion and a full-time minister was secured to serve clinic patients. In April of 1985, a dream was fulfilled with the purchase of a six bedroom house, appropriately named "The House of Compassion." In August of 2007, a second house with six bedrooms was added. **The houses are open to all on a first come, first serve basis.**

Over 50% of the house guests, including those served in the hospitals, are not members of the church of Christ. Through the efforts of the full-time hospital chaplain and the house parents, many have renewed their faith. A number of people have also come to find faith here at the Hands of Compassion.





Hands of Compassion  
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## Philosophy and Objectives

The Compassion Ministry is rooted in the biblical example of compassion. The sick, the afflicted, and the emotionally distressed are centered in the heart of our God. This truth is like a cohesive thread running throughout the bible. It is that same thread that joins the hearts and minds of a caring body of people.

The primary goals of the church's compassion ministry are to:

- Help bear the burdens of those seeking physical healing.
- Provide spiritual haven for troubled hearts through prayer, Bible study and worship.
- Provide regular hospital visits with patients and their family members.
- Provide qualified spiritual counseling.
- Seek opportunities to evangelize in a non-threatening manner.
- Serve the physical needs of patients and their families by extending many other acts of kindness and services.



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A Ministry of the churches of Christ



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