



Hands of Compassion

A Ministry of The Rochester Church Of Christ



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Thank You So Much!!!

Hebrews 6:10 - God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

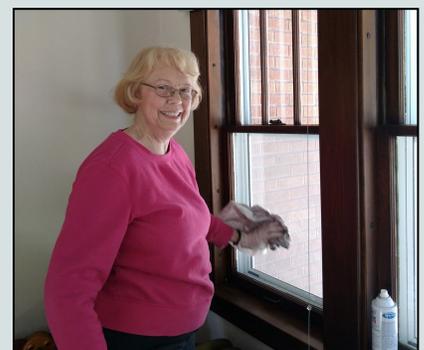
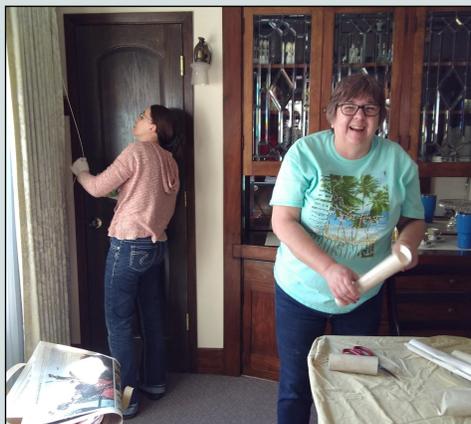
Ladies Ministry—Richfield church of Christ

Since our last newsletter printing, we have been exceedingly blessed by people who have wanted to make a difference to the guests who stay in the Hands of Compassion houses. As has been stated before, the Hands of Compassion was built and continues to be built through the love and services of people who have given of themselves for this place.

This past April, the ladies' ministry of the Richfield church of Christ in Richfield, MN made the drive to Rochester following an April snowstorm in order to help with some extra cleaning in the original house. They spent the entire morning washing windows and serving in whatever ways that they could find to serve! Thank you so much, ladies, for the work that you did!

Culver's of Rochester

We also want to give a special thank you to Culver's of Rochester who donated over \$900 of free food to the guests of the Hands of Compassion!! We appreciate all of you so much for what you do for our guests!!



God knows where we need to be and where we should go.

We are Bryan and Angela Perrin. Thankfully, we have been staying here at the House Of Compassion, which has helped us in more ways than one. I think I am getting ahead of myself a little. Let me give you some background first. We are from Kentucky and have been married going on 13 years now. We both came from a smaller town, and I can say I married the girl next door. I, Bryan, was born with a heart condition that required me to have multiple surgeries. One of these surgeries happened when I was 13 years old and brought our two families close together. While I was having my open heart surgery, Angela's parents, who went to the same church as us, agreed to watch my younger siblings while I was in the hospital. This small act of kindness snowballed into something greater than either one of the families ever had in mind. But God in his ultimate wisdom knows more than we do and knows how just one small act can have greater outcomes.



I would love to say that once we were married all was great, but as anyone knows, life comes with trials and tribulations, but also comes with blessings. Shortly after we were married we had our first child, which was a true Godsend because Angela was not supposed to be able to have any. I had also been told that, because of the medications that I had taken, I should not be able to either. Then, 16 months later we were blessed with another child. Throughout all this, my wife noticed that my health was starting to decline and I had more visits to the doctor. But we keep going on taking one day at a time, and in the last 5 years I have taken a toll for the worst. My heart became so deteriorated that I had to retire from work at 35 years of age and my wife Angela had to step into the roll of full time caregiver, homeschool teacher, and take care of everything inside/outside the house including all the driving. To say the least, our lives have changed. One thing through all this that has not changed is our faith in God. We have had our ups and downs through the years but Angela and I have always kept God and our faith close to our hearts, and you never know how one small act of kindness can change an entire family's future.



Bryan and Angela Perrin

Editors Note: Bryan and Angela first came to the Hands of Compassion in October of 2017 because Bryan is in desperate need of a heart transplant. Since writing this article he has been placed at the top of the transplant list and he and his family have moved to Rochester to wait for a heart. The cost of living in Rochester, however, is quite a bit higher than what they are used to in Kentucky. Bryan's needs require 24/7 care from Angela, who is also homeschooling their two children. For Bryan's health, they must live in a transplant approved house on Bryan's minimal social security disability check. This medical journey has left them with no money for living expenses. The Rochester church of Christ and Hands of Compassion ministry are asking you to pray for the Perrins, and if you are willing and able to help them financially, that would also be greatly appreciated. Your check would be tax deductible. If you would like to help this amazing family, then send a check to the Rochester church of Christ with a note indicating that this is for the "Perrin Family Benefit Fund."

Mail your gifts and/or encouraging cards to:

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Memorials and Honorariums—February to June 18, 2018

Memorials

Clara May Benedict

William Boyd

Janette Bonvich

Albert & Dale Ogren

Linda Busbee

Gary & Jamie Jordan

Owen Carr

Harold & Linda Bufe

Holly Combs

Brian Combs

Boyce Durham

Martha Durham

Becky Falt

Peggy McCarty

Andy Foster

Margaret W. Harris

EvaNelle Groves

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Carl Robert “Bob” Haas

Margie Marquardt

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Andy & Pam Smithie

Mike McEndree

Elizabeth Stinchfield

Dorothy Newbold

George & Peggy Bullington

Nat Odom

George & Linda Odom

Debbie Rose

Ralph & Bonnie Sitter

Ralph Sitter

William Rose

Sara Maxam

Toni Vaughn

Roy & Thelma Kirkpatrick

Gerald Willis

Patrick & Anita Gillespie

Boots Young

Virginia Blackburn

Honorariums

Stacy Sikes

Roy & Thelma Kirkpatrick

Share with your Church

We are constantly looking for churches to share in this ministry with us. If you believe that your church might be interested in hearing more about the Hands of Compassion ministry, please contact us at 507-216-8993. We would love to come visit your church and share about the work here in Rochester.

How Can I Help?

There are a number of ways to give to the Hands of Compassion Ministry. You can donate by mail or visit www.hocrochester.com to donate electronically. Also use the website to find information on donating through a Will. There are many other ways to give as well. Pray for our ministry! Donate supplies or HyVee gift cards that can be used for our guests. Donate parking cards for people who struggle with having money to park at the Mayo Clinic.

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Raised—\$438,000



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The Ministry of the Rochester church of Christ!

The Hands of Compassion Ministry was begun as a ministry of the Rochester church of Christ and has continued in that capacity for the last 33 years. In an effort to save money, we have stopped using a professional printer for our mailings, and we are now doing each newsletter ourselves. This is a tremendous task, and the members of the Rochester church of Christ have taken it on in order to better make use of the money God has given us through you. Thank you everyone for your continued devotion and service to the Hands of Compassion!



Prayer and Fasting Day—June 24th

We often think about fundraising, taking care of guests, and the many other different things that are a part of a domestic missions ministry. This year, we decided to do something different and send out a letter asking for you to pray and fast for the Hands of Compassion. We just want to say thank you for offering up prayer for us and this ministry. This ministry could not be possible without 33 years of your prayers!

God is good, all the time! And all the time, God is good!

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