



HANDS OF COMPASSION

A MINISTRY OF THE ROCHESTER CHURCH OF CHRIST



**840 W. Center Street
Rochester, MN 55902**



Introducing The New Enhanced House of Compassion!

Phase II of the original HOC expansion plan in 2007 included the addition of a third house. We believe the time is right to make that a reality. We are excited to announce that we have the plans and are launching our targeted fund raising campaign to expand the very special ministry that is HOC. The new house will sit on the lot between the two existing houses as a connection and expansion of the house built in 2007...greatly enhancing our ability to serve the needs of our guests!

The new facility will allow us to provide more access for people with limited mobility, give us the ability to support families with younger children, and accommodate longer term medical stays. Mayo clinic is significantly expanding their operations and as a result we will need to be able to provide more rooms, so that we can limit the times when we have to turn people away.

In short, this new addition will allow us to not only continue, but to do even more to minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our guests.

To make this a reality, we need your help!



Digital rendering of estimated final look. To see more architectural drawings of the new construction, visit our website at www.hocrochester.com

Why Do We Need A New House?

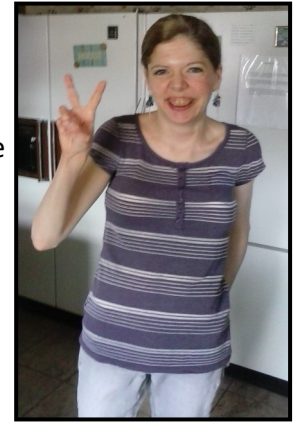


Everyone who has been associated with the HOC Ministry over the years is proud and blessed to have been able to provide free ministry and housing to people who are at the Mayo Clinic during what is often one of the most stressful times in their life. Thanks to the amazing and ongoing support of many people over the past 30+ years, HOC has touched the lives, hearts and spirits of thousands as they experience serious medical challenges.

During this time, we have been able to service the needs of many, but we have also had to turn some away because of our limitations. Those limitations will be even more challenging given the significant expansion of Mayo Clinic and the services they offer.

Limitation #1: We only have two rooms that can be accessed without having to navigate stairs. This is a major problem for the many people who come to Mayo with physical limitations that make stairs difficult or even impossible to navigate. The new house will solve that problem by providing elevator access to multiple floors in the new house and via the integrated connection to the 2007 house.

Limitation #2: The communal nature of the HOC facilities is a key component of the ministry. However, that also makes it challenging to support families with young children. The new house addresses that by providing connected rooms on the “garden level” which can be opened into a suite to accommodate these families while still protecting the privacy of other guests and the communal environment.



Limitation #3: Limited space also creates challenges when we are working to serve people who are facing extended stays, which is a growing component of Mayo’s service model. In the past, we have flexed as much as possible to support extended stay needs. With the Mayo Clinic expansion and extended services, we know we will be even more challenged to sup-

port guests needing extended stays. The design of the new house gives us the flexibility to more easily accommodate the needs of guests who require extended stays.

How Can You Help?

The cost to build and fund initial operational setup will be about \$1.7M. This includes the cost for connecting and integrating the two houses as a single unit, the elevator to extend wheelchair and disability access, as well as remodeling and upgrades for common shared space across the two integrated houses. Visit the web site to see the exciting architectural layout and drawings for the new facility.

#1—Pray for this ministry as well as our ability to raise funds. All things are possible with God.

#2—Put the Hands of Compassion ministry in your will. This can help tremendously in raising the funds necessary. You can find instructions for adding us to your will on our website at www.hocrochester.com

#3— Tell others about the HOC Ministry and encourage them to check us out, get engaged, and give a gift of support to others during a critical time in their lives...to be the extended hands and feet of Jesus. You can find more information for giving on our website at www.hocrochester.com

Thank you all so much for your amazing support for the past 32 years of ministry!

Memorials and Honorariums Nov. 19 2016

to February 13, 2017

Memorials

Lori Bufe

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bufe

Edith Carter

Joan Berry

Glenn Combs

Marva Combs

Danny Daniel

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wright

James Earl Donaldson

Lois Stevenson

Bill Hibner

Lavina Goddard

Kate Howard

Robert & Elizabeth Howard

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Bobby Jackson Sr.

Candy Jackson

Debby James

Vera James Staffy

Clyde Jones

James & Bonnie Burkett

Doug Bradley Junker

Lois Stevenson

Jordan Linscoln

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www.hocrochester.com

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hocministry@gmail.com

I Corinthians 10:24—No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

We have been visiting the Mayo Clinic for many years. We feel fortunate to have this world-renowned institution in Minnesota, because of how much it has improved our quality of life. We also feel fortunate to have found the House of Compassion, which makes it possible for us to visit the Mayo Clinic. It's a comforting place to stay while we're in Rochester.

When we arrive at the House of Compassion, it feels like a second home. Debra always gives us a heartfelt greeting when we arrive. When we get to our room, we find a note on the bed letting us know someone is praying for us. As we meet with doctors and undergo our medical procedures, just knowing Phillip will be there with a loving smile and a prayer makes everything feel better.

The people at the House of Compassion have enriched the lives of both my and husband and myself. We enjoy the fellowship of the other guests. We also enjoy meeting with church members, who always make us feel welcomed. And we look forward to listening to and talking with the minister.

One incident sums up the House of Compassion for us. There was a house being moved down the street. We had been watching the progress over several months, and on the day of the big move, I had surgery. Debra put a folding chair in our room so I could sit and watch the house get moved after my surgery. We really appreciated her thoughtfulness.

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Supporters of the House of Compassion should be proud of what this ministry has done and continues to do for those who need housing, comfort, and support during stressful times in their lives.

Thank You

Robert and Janice Hopwood