



# ***Hands of Compassion***

## **A Ministry of The Rochester Church Of Christ**



**840 W. Center Street  
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**And My God Will Meet All Your Needs According To His Glorious  
Riches In Christ Jesus—Philippians 4:19**

We are coming up once again on our annual Dollar Day fund raiser which will be held on December 9. For those of you who are not familiar with this fund raiser, we are asking for everyone who reads this newsletter to donate \$1 to HOC. If everyone who reads this newsletter gives just one dollar the Hands of Compassion could be blessed with over \$2500. If people get their churches involved as well, there is no way of knowing how high the donations could go.

With the Dollar Day approaching and our continued plans to fundraise for building our expansion house, we will be dedicating this newsletter to the many people who give to the Hands of Compassion. People often give in ways beyond financial gifts, and this newsletter will highlight some of those who have given in many different ways. Whether financially, with their time, or finding other creative ways to minister to the guests of the Hands of Compassion houses, we greatly appreciate every act of kindness!

God has blessed our houses so graciously, and so many of you have contributed to this ministry. Some for many years. As we look forward to possibly expanding this ministry, we have a long ways to go. But you have helped us to get where we are today. This ministry is built on the financial backing and services of so many people who have come to stay here over the years. Some have come as guests and went on to help fund us through monthly contributions or getting their churches involved in our ministry. Others have served with construction projects such as building porches and bathrooms. Plumbers have used their services to fix our boilers. Others have worked on landscaping, painting, fundraising, and have tirelessly worked to provide a better stay for our guests. For all that you have done, we sincerely thank you, as through you, God has continually met all our needs according to the glorious riches in Christ Jesus!



**Our Planned Addition That We Wish to Build**



# Using Cards to Glorify God!!!



In August 2008, an Elder of our church, Dave Leatherwood, brought the Card Ministry back from a church in Missouri and asked me if I would oversee it. In the beginning, Ruth Stoves, Debra Jansen, and my wife were handmaking all of the cards. When that got to be too much, we acquired a computer card program and made the cards. We started out with about 10 people and have slowly moved up to around 16. At first, we were just writing encouragement to those in the church that were identified to us and family members and friends. Visitors to the congregation also received a card. We added cards for the missionaries we were supporting.

Then Phillip and Tarese went to Hands of Compassion and asked if we could write cards for the people staying at your houses. Later on, our minister, Jeff, went down to the Douglas County Youth Corrections (DCYC) and asked if we could supply cards there. I was told that the youth exchanged the cards with one another, and as the guards looked on, they asked where their cards were – so the next time we added cards for the guards. After that the church adopted Betz School and we added the staff to our writing. Then Randy Schow, Executive Director of Mountain States Children's Home in Colorado, brought by some change cans for us to fill up for Christmas. We didn't feel it was right to fill the cans without offering encouragement to them (the children and house parents) – so we added them to the list.

I want to say this. There was one point that, as we kept adding more cards, I doubted that we would be able to get the writers. It was then that I knew it wasn't my problem – it was God's. This was His ministry, not mine. If He wanted these cards written, He would supply the writers. I needed faith instead of doubt. Prayers were lifted up and all of a sudden people started coming up to me saying they couldn't come on Tuesday night, but they wanted to write and suddenly there were plenty of writers.

It is kind of funny. We think we are lifting people up, but the truth is we are encouraged and lifted up more by what we are doing; and when we get a card back from someone we wrote to, the feeling is something I don't know how to describe.

Andy Payson

Bellevue Church of Christ, Bellevue NE

What people have said about this ministry:

K.K. writes "Thank you all for your cards and prayers while we are dealing with our 8 year old son with muscular dystrophy."

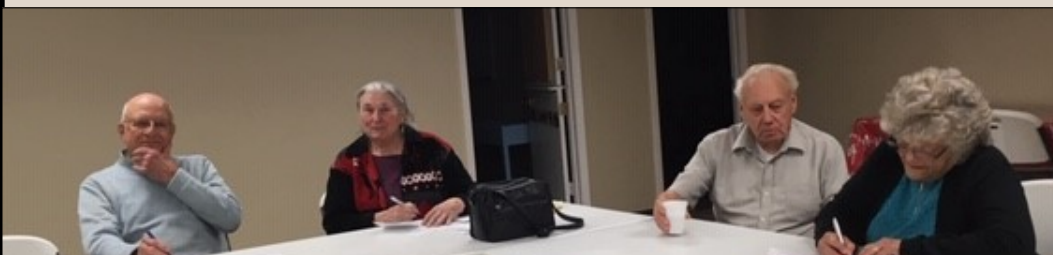
A.D. writes "Thank you for reminding me that God is good and loving. I needed to hear that."

A.M. writes "Thank you for thinking of me. And by the way...I love cats. The card you sent had the cutest kitten on it."

J.I. writes "Thank you so much for your letter. I loved it more because you put in my favorite verse Phil 4:13."

B.S. writes "Every now and then we get the mail and there is a sweet card from someone at the Bellevue church of Christ. What an encouragement a little card can be."

J.R. writes "I am feeling good again and your thoughtfulness is one reason why."



# Memorials and Honorariums— June 19 to October 22

## Memorial List

### **Ryan Ashby**

East Peoria Church of Christ  
Bryan & Ann Reeves

### **Clarence Crandall**

Joan Berry & Family

### **Elizabeth “Liz” Church**

Greg and Beth Brown  
Benjamin & Elizabeth Church  
Vernon & Dalnita Holland  
Allen & Sue Honeyfield  
Gary & VIV Hough  
Marvin & Donna Rickett  
Kayla Robertson  
Randy & Lee Smith

### **Mike Davenport**

Lois E. Stevenson

### **Harvey Floyd**

Dale & Dorothy White

### **Vi Gislason**

Richard Gislason

### **Carl Robert “Bob” Haas**

Alan & Susan Haas  
Jane Stoller  
Ivan & Janis Kindig  
Janet Spera  
Ronald & Linda Veatch  
Russell & Donna Wittmer  
Bruce & Jan Augsburg  
Kenda & Joseph Jones  
Ellis & Jan Augsburg  
Gladys Willis

### **Dwight Kirk**

Sonny & Shirley Bryant

### **Janice Noel Knutson**

Milt Knutson

### **Macie Shireman**

Bill & Lou Shireman

### **Ralph Sitter**

Paul & Linda Johnson  
Nancy Smith  
Sue Crocher  
Barbara Dee Kussell  
Nancy Rogers

### **Gerry Willis**

Marilyn Beckman  
Gladys Willis

### **Boots Young**

Richard Gislason  
Janice Smith  
Gladys Willis

## Honorarium

### **Chris & Cindy Frazier**

Sonny & Shirley Bryant

### **Brent & Becky Hanson**

Sonny & Shirley Bryant

### **Frank Kirklin**

Jean Stockton

### **Phillip Quelle**

Sonny & Shirley Bryant

### **Stacy Sikes**

Pat Hames

### **Richard and Brendon Wilson**

Brenda Gail Foster

### **Maurice & LeeOna Young**

Anne Wright

## Share with your Church

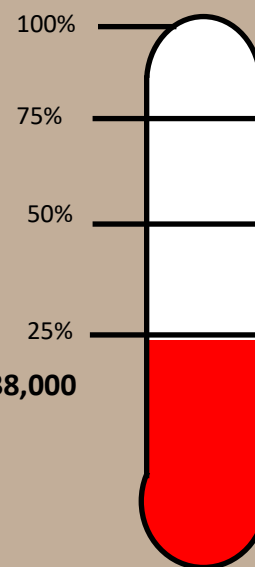
We are constantly looking for churches to share in this ministry with us. If you believe that your church might be interested in hearing more about the Hands of Compassion ministry, please contact us at 507-216-8993. We would love to come visit your church and share about the work here in Rochester.

## 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](http://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.

## Funds Collected For New, Integrated, More Accessible HOC Expansion!

**Goal—\$1,900,000**



**Raised—\$438,000**



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**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.—Ephesians 2:10**

The Hands of Compassion has been a ministry of the Rochester church of Christ since it's inception back in the '70's. This ministry first began in the homes of the members of this church, as they housed people who were coming to the Mayo clinic. Members of this church still serve in anonymous ways. Some of the ladies of this congregation continue to give by making homemade desserts and have given quilts as well.

As Christians, God has called each of us to serve those in need. We are so incredibly grateful to the many of you who have served this ministry throughout the many years that we has been around. As stated in Ephesians chapter 2 above, God has made us for the purpose of serving him as well as others. Thank you to everyone who offers service to others!



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