



Hands of Compassion

A Ministry of The Rochester Church Of Christ



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God is Good

As you all know, the Hands of Compassion has been in fundraising mode to raise funds for a new expansion house. We have raised much but we still have a long way to go to meet our goals. We believe that in His timing God will provide as we continue to look for people who will be able to help us out in this process. We truly believe that a third addition will be a huge blessing to the guests who stay at the Hands of Compassion.



The expansion would bring the amount of rooms we have available for guests from 12 to 18. This will free up our ministry to be better able to accommodate people who need long term, as well as short term stays. The biggest way in which this project will be beneficial, however, is in the number of rooms that will be available to those who cannot navigate stairs. This new house will have an elevator system that will allow access to rooms in both the house we are trying to build, as well as the house that was built in 2006. Currently, our ministry has two rooms that are available to people who are unable to navigate stairs. When those rooms are full, we must turn away people to a local hotel room. When the expansion house is built, we will have 12 rooms that can be accessed without stairs, enabling many more people with mobility issues to utilize our houses.

We have many different ways in which you can help us fundraise for this house:

1. Pray for our ministry and this fundraiser!
2. Sign up to donate monthly either through a check in the mail, or through our website at www.hocrochester.com
3. Sponsor a room in memory of a loved one with a \$50,000 donation to our ministry. If you need help raising the funds please give our chaplain a call at 507-216-8993.
4. One time donation of \$50, \$100, \$500 or more.
5. Invite us to share your ministry with your church so that we can allow more people to hear about the ministry. Contact our chaplain at the above number if you would like to set this up.

Every little bit makes a difference. Thank you to everyone who has already given in support of our ministry. We are truly grateful for all that you have done!! God has been so good to our ministry and the people your donations support. Please keep us in your prayers as we try to reach out and serve those seeking help with medical needs.



Faith, Hope, and Love

Five years ago, Dick was diagnosed with two types of cancers, Multiple Myeloma and Renal Cell Carcinoma. During the five-year period, the Renal Cell Carcinoma continued to spread and a kidney had to be removed. The cancer kept spreading and growing until the end of 2017, when he was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. In July of 2018, Mayo Clinic advised Dick to return home and get his affairs in order and contact hospice. Chemo/radiation were no longer keeping the cancer under control. I, Nira, refused to believe this and remained firm that God was going to be with him. He then started a last-ditch chemo which made him sick and had to be taken off of it in August 2018. Prognosis was, with treatment, he could live until approximately December 2018. Without treatment, he was expected to live until October 2018. Only God knows when we will be called home, so I still stood firm that God was going to be with him. We were at a crossroads, no more chemo/radiation. We now had to totally depend on God.



This started our journey researching the Bible and learning about God as the great physician. WOW, what a journey! God revealed to us His plan that was put together when He went to the cross and died for our sins. Jesus saved us from hell, nailing everything to the cross. Another important part of this journey came when our friends at the Hands of Compassion House in Rochester, prayed over Dick for God's intervention.

We also started treating the cancer holistically. With God's word and the holistic treatment, in seven weeks healing began to manifest. A CAT Scan was ordered, and ALL cancer cells were gone except one that went from 7mm down to 2mm, so small it could barely be seen on the scan. The Multiple Myeloma Cancer was barely under the normal blood test range. A visit with our cancer doctor revealed that Dick was cancer free!!! When we began to place our faith with God's grace, we began to see God work! God gets the praise and glory for this!!!! Amen!!! Hallelujah!!!

We praise God for the two cancers. It forced us to search the Bible and grow into a deeper love and prayer relationship with our Father. The cancer also opened many doors for us to minister to many who are suffering with cancer and other diseases. We were able to give them comfort and hope. We have also been able to share how God worked in our life, along with holistic medicine. The two working together!

A special thank-you to all who stood by us through this long journey, by holding us up in prayer, by sending cards, all the encouraging telephone calls and text messages and hospital visits. We can't thank the staff and friends enough at the two Hands of Compassion houses along with the Church of Christ in Rochester, who took us in as one of their own. They ministered to us in so many special ways that we can't count them all, demonstrating the true meaning of the Love of God! We could not have made this journey alone. God used each of you in a special way to encourage and hold us up.

I Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity (love), these three; but the greatest of these is charity (LOVE).

Because of God's Grace,
Dick and Nira

Memorials and Honorariums— November 1 to February 25

Memorials

Alba Church of Christ

Anonymous

Harvey Anderson

Margaret Anderson

Ryan Ashby

Roy Campbell
Brenda Haas Wilkerson
Haas Farms, Inc.
Kim Ashby

Joy Barton

Dale & Dorothy White

Dick Breeze

Gene & Luraine Kinkel

Steve Brunson

Rebecca Spencer

Lori Bufe

Mr. & Mrs., Bufe

Linda Busbee

Gary & Jamie Jordan

Ernest Culey

Judy Culey

Anna Lea Davenport

Mickey & Pat Griffin
Robert & Marilyn McNair
Larry & Rita Hurst

Keith Dockery

Patricia Dockery

Deby James-Dunseth

Vera James

Bob Haas

Various friends and neighbors

Rosa Harris

Gladys Willis
Glenn Harris
Brenda & Dave Kirchmer
Jay & Joy Harris

Jacob H. Hazlet, Jr

Dick & Nira Achey

Billy Don Hollowell

Ronald & Linda Sandefer

Kenneth Larson

Bill & Donna Knadel

Gilbert Lafferty

Ken & Jan Wright

Carole Lovejoy

Bill & Donna Knadel

Howard & Leona Merches

Arthur & Susanne Keller

Joseph & Fern Martin

Jay & Betty Martin

Rob Robinson

William Boyd

Rick Swenson

Joyce Swenson

Arlene Tillman

Margaret Anderson

Thomas J & Julin Ann

Weatherly
Al & Dale Ogren

Matthew B Williams

Martha Williams

Gerry Willis

Patrick & Anita Gillespie
Keith Arterburn
Marilyn Beckman
Melissa Davis

Boots Young

Melissa Davis
Brenda Newberry

Honorariums

Robert & Elizabeth

Galloway
Fidelity Charitable

Jerry & Mildred Smelser

James & Karen Smelser

Matt Witt

Richard & Paula Witt

Share with your Church

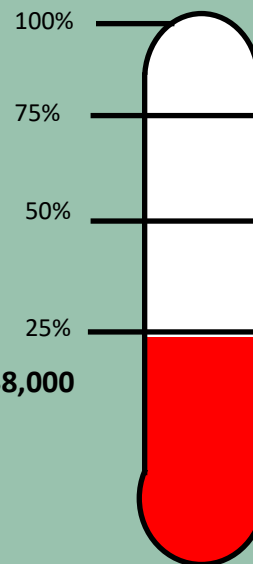
We are constantly looking for churches to share in this ministry with us. If you believe that your church might be interested in hearing more about the Hands of Compassion ministry, please contact us at 507-216-8993. We would love to come visit your church and share about the work here in Rochester.

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.

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

Goal—\$1,900,000



Raised—\$438,000



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Thank You, American Heritage Girls Troop MN0100!!

On February 22nd this year, we were treated to American Heritage Girls troop MN0100 coming to visit our houses. They donated many goods and breakfast items to our houses and sat listening to our staff tell about the ministry of the Hands of Compassion. They were a HUGE BLESSING to all of us and we appreciate their servant hearts so much!!



In this photo the girls are looking at a project notebook illustrating a guest room that had been remodeled by another member of this troop for AHG's highest award.



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