

HOPE FOR TODAY



SEPTEMBER 2024

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130th Anniversary Gala Recap

On the first Saturday evening of September, 400 supporters from across the community gathered at Hope Gala to celebrate 130 years of the Lord's faithful ministry through Hope Rescue Mission. We are so thankful for the generous amount of funds raised through our event sponsors, 30 silent auction items, and our Partners 130 donors.

We celebrated the first year of LightHouse's ministry to women and children, which has served over 250 of the most vulnerable individuals in our community. Executive Director of LightHouse, Kate Alley, shared exciting plans to launch the construction of a beautiful, all-accessible playground behind LightHouse as fundraising is completed over the next few months.

Robert Turchi, CEO of Hope Rescue Mission, provided program updates including plans to begin renovating the first offsite transitional housing "HopeHouse" in December. Our first HopeHouse currently provides supportive housing for seven Mission Men's Center graduates, and after renovations are completed, it will accommodate 13 men.

The Partners 130 fundraiser invited Gala guests to contribute \$130 to cover the cost of shelter, food, clothing, and supportive services for a guest of the Mission or LightHouse for one week... or more! Even a contribution of \$18 to cover one night's stay makes a life-saving difference. While we are honored to provide everything our guests need on the physical level, our highest calling is to share the spiritual hope they can have through the Gospel message of Christ, which is shared through multiple services every single day!

Whether you were able or unable to attend Hope Gala, would you consider becoming a Partner 130 Donor? Your generosity truly rescues and restores lives, as the Lord has been doing through Hope Rescue Mission for 130 years!



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THANK YOU
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Donor Highlight: Penske

The Hope Rescue Mission is blessed every year by an army of thousands of volunteers who are committed to helping us rescue and restore the lives of those we serve. Every year at our Gala we select one special community partner to receive the David H. Roland Service Award, in honor of his 60 years of service, for dedication to the purpose and vision of our ministry.

Penske and its Associates have partnered with us over the past decade in many ways including generous financial support and regular volunteerism. We thank the Penske family for all of their support!

Representing Penske to receive the award at Hope Gala were Brian Hard, CEO of Penske Transportation Solutions, and Art Vallely, President of Penske Truck Leasing.



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Volunteer Spotlight: Alvernia University

Dr. Heather Keperling, EdD, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing first came to volunteer at Hope Rescue Mission as a faculty advisor of a group of Alvernia students. This time of service was a part of an orientation event for first year students. It kicked off their academic journey at Alvernia. Dr. Keperling said “After my first encounter with the Mission, I realized that I could enhance my knowledge, skills, and values through service at the Mission. I believe there is much to be learned in the holistic care of individuals. Engaging in activities such as meal preparation, health education screening, organizing a clothing drive campaign, and assisting with shelter maintenance empowers us to become community advocates creating positive change in our world.”

Each Tuesday, junior level nursing students volunteer their time as part of their curriculum in a service-learning nursing course. When we asked Dr. Keperling what they enjoy most about volunteering at HRM she stated, “The staff embodies true Caritas, serving as great role models for me and our students. There is something special about the Mission that’s hard to put into words, but you can feel it when you are there, and you take it with you when you leave. These students recognize that there is something special about your care and attention to individuals unlike what they have seen in other care environments.”

We are so grateful that Alvernia staff and students chose Hope Rescue Mission as a recipient of their time and talents!



An Update from LightHouse

On October 10, 2024, LightHouse Women and Children’s Center is celebrating its one year anniversary! Over the past year, LightHouse has helped over 250 women and children that have come through our doors. It has been an amazing year, and we have seen many, many transformed lives! Your support, from the smallest gift to the largest financial contribution, has made this possible. Thanks to your support, LightHouse Women & Children’s Center has not only fulfilled its objective of rescuing women and children from homelessness but has also laid a strong foundation of impact within the community for Christ.

We now have 75 guests living at LightHouse (40 women and 35 children) and working toward independence. We recently opened a new LightHouse boutique that offers a beautiful place to shop using free vouchers for our women and their children. The new and gently used clothing is supplied by our HopeThrift program. We also plan to build a playground for the children at LightHouse and are working to make this happen as well. We believe by providing a safe and supportive environment, we are helping women and children not only recover from homelessness but also pointing them to know the One who loves them with an everlasting love!





5K PATRIOT *Run*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024 9:00 A.M

Benefits Homeless Veteran Services at Hope Rescue Mission

JOIN US TO HONOR ALL ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

COURSE

The course is flat, fast, and wheel measured on mostly shaded trail along creek. Chip timing with instant results. Held rain or shine. No refunds or mailed awards.

AWARDS

Top 3 Males & Females overall plus:
14 & under: 3M, 3F / 15-19: 3M, 3F / 20-29: 3M,
3F / 30-39: 3M, 3F / 40-49: 3M, 3F / 50-59: 3M, 3F /
60-69: 3M, 3F / 70+: 3M, 3F

REGISTRATION

Not accepting Mail-in registrations!
REGISTER ONLINE at: HopeForReading.org/5K
Registration closes at midnight, the Wednesday
before race day.

Day of race Registration will be available.

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