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House of Hope Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Another fiscal year is coming to a close and again House of Hope is blessed to report that we have had another year of strong growth and increased service delivery to homeless families. Our Fletcher Street program has been opened for 14 months and all of our new employees are now skilled and confident members of the HOH team! We have also come to know our beautiful building and realize that a 140 year old building has its secret plumbing, building and electrical quirks as well as its wonders! The HOH staff lead by the House Management and Facilities Department has done a great job figuring out how to best make this building work for 31 homeless families.

We have experienced yet another ground breaking as HOH Housing has begun construction on 98 Smith Street; pictured at right and below. We will preserve the beautiful main house and build onto the back resulting in 17 permanent homes for families. We have an amazing team; Quality Contracting, Davis Square Architects, Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation, the City of Lowell, and our local lender Enterprise Bank as well as HOH's staff and board members that meet weekly to ensure a quick and efficient build out.

Our amazing year requires a superior staff and board of directors as well as the variety and quality of community support that has been a hallmark of HOH for 35 years. Please continue to serve homeless families by supporting our efforts as we seek to provide food, shelter, clothing and HOPE to all families who rely on us.

Sincerely, **Deb Chausse, Executive Director**



**You are invited to the 30th Annual
Teal Invitational Golf Tournament!**
Monday, July 23, 2018 8:30AM
Cost \$130

Four Oaks Country Club
Dracut, MA.

To Sponsor a Hole, Donate a
Prize or Purchase Tickets,
email: mteal@bostoncapital.com
Before June 30, 2018



HOH KIDS AT PLAY



*Clockwise from top:
Isabella, Loammy, and Hope*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers this summer:

- Once a week playroom volunteers (must be 16+ without a parent, Mondays- Thursdays 6-8pm
- Dinner volunteers- to serve and do cleanup, Monday - Friday 4:30-6:30 p.m
- Volunteer groups (6-12 People) weeknights 6-8 PM or Saturday mid morning or early afternoon to lead children in arts and crafts/indoor and outdoor play
- Housekeeping volunteers - hours and days flexible to aid in shelter cleaning.

All volunteers must go through an orientation prior to start date. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please contact Jennifer Grant at jennifer.grant@houseofhopelowell.org.

INTERN TIME



House of Hope would like to recognize Raja Fitch, who did a six week internship with us this spring. Raja is a senior at Westford Academy and we hosted him for his Senior Capstone Experience. He worked side by side with our Maintenance team (and Brian Dussault as pictured) helping to ready our properties for the spring. He also worked with our House Management team so that our children have safe and clean areas to play. He did many things for HOH including painting, assembling playsets, cleaning, organizing, and helping with other volunteers. He has been a pleasure to have here; we all appreciated his time and wish him good luck in college at Rochester Institute of Technology !

AT YOUR SERVICE

Over the past 12 months, House of Hope has served 157 families totaling 432 individuals in shelter. HOH placed 48 families from shelter each into their own homes. Our Housing advocates leave no stone unturned when it comes to finding homes for our families.



YOU ARE MAKING HOPE HAPPEN!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to House of Hope this past Holiday Season! Together, we provided the magic of Christmas with presents and love for **127 families with 237 children**. The Adopt-a-Child Program received immense community support from so many families, companies, churches, organizations and individuals who shared their blessings and their kindness! At Easter, we delivered baskets to 81 children from 58 families. For Mothers Day we shared special gifts for 58 mothers. ***Together, we make all the difference!*** - Edna Gustafson, Operations Manager (Pictured at left: Grimilda Romero, Senior Case Manager, with a little friend.)

HOH NEEDS LIST

WOW—our needs list has grown!

Paper Towels	Pacifiers	Toddler sippy cups	Paper plates	Plastic cups
Toilet paper	Baby wipes	Aerosol disinfectant	Hand sanitizer	Sugar, Splenda
Baby Bottles	Mayo	Diapers 4,5, & 6	Coffee	Non-dairy Creamer
Ketchup	Salad dressings	Individually wrapped snacks	Adult coloring books	Word search or puzzle books
Boxed tissues	Full-size shampoo	Full-size conditioner	Makeup sets	Nail polish sets
Wooden projects for kids/adults to paint		Crafts: plastic gimp/beads/stickers	Sugar free powdered juice mixes	

New swimsuits for kids (toddlers to Teens) New beach towels
Gift Cards to Dollar Tree/ Michaels/ AC Moore/ Walmart/ Market Basket

For on-line shoppers, please go to House of Hope's easy Amazon Wish List at <http://a.co/hIURd53>. This list has toys and gifts for babies, children and teens. These gifts can be shipped directly to the shelter!

For more information please email Edna at edna.gustafson@houseofhopelowell.org or call 978-458-2870.



VOLUNTEERS THANKED!

Since the New Year, HOH has benefitted from over 1,150 volunteer hours! Our friends at Dimeo Construction in Boston had a special day together raking leaves and



painting the living room at the Hope 2 Opportunity shelter. They did a fantastic job!

At Right: here are the TLC Helping Hands group from Lowell. This was their second time coming to HOH; they did a board game and art session on a Saturday with the kids at the Fletcher Shelter. The kids love these volunteers!



GIFTED STUDENTS

Here are the students from Stony Brook Middle School in Westford. These fantastic students raised \$1000 by doing a talent show, and with the proceeds they purchased a special kitchen playset for one of our children's playrooms!

