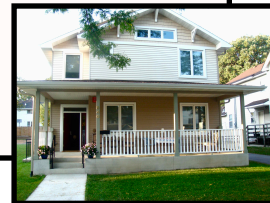


HANDS of COMPASSION

A ministry of the Rochester Church of Christ

Rochester, Minnesota

Spring 2014



Welcome, Quelle Family!

We are honored to announce that Phillip Quelle has agreed to become the new Hands of Compassion chaplain. Phillip and his family will soon be moving to Rochester, MN, from Bellevue, Nebraska. Lord willing, Phillip will begin his new role as chaplain sometime this May.

For the past seven years, Phillip has served as the youth minister for the Bellevue church of Christ, Bellevue, Nebraska. Phillip has taught classes for teens, young adults, and older adults. He also has experience in hospital visitation and counseling. Phillip received his Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Ministry and Masters of Arts in Family Life Ministry from Oklahoma

Christian University, 2000 and 2002 respectively. He has also completed 15 classes toward a Masters of Arts in Counseling from the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Phillip and his wife, Tarese, have two children, Hannah and William. This young family is known and respected by many. Charles Thompson, an elder of the Bellevue church of Christ has this to say about Phillip,

"Phillip is a devoted father and husband. He cares about the people around him and the people he works with. He has a great knowledge of the scriptures and the Bible world, and he is a great communicator to the people..."



Phillip, Tarese, Hannah & William

The Quelles have many **connections** in the Rochester area: Phillip's two brothers and their families live here, along with friends from Oklahoma Christian and York College. We look forward to bringing glory to God, as we work alongside the Phillip and Tarese Quelle family.

HOC Board of Directors: Connections and Transitions

The Hands of Compassion (HOC) ministry has recently undergone several changes. We welcome to the Board of Directors David Lynn of York, Nebraska. David has been familiar with the HOC since its inception in 1985. In the 1990's, his connections to HOC increased when the youth minister from

York's East Hill church of Christ (Dean Patterson) made frequent trips to the Mayo Clinic for treatment

and stayed at the "830 House". Dean and his family eventually moved to Rochester. David visited Dean several times and says that he "developed a tremendous appreciation for the work done by Boots and the HOC".

In recommending David for the board, Dr. Shane Mountjoy, one of the vice presidents of York College says,

"David exemplifies the qualities of a God-fearing man who seeks to be holy. I have great admiration of his heart for other people, of his compassion, and his perspective of trusting in the Lord. David has influenced me in many ways, not the least of which is his insistence of giving God time to work in difficult

situations while offering encouragement."

For more information about David Lynn, York College's 2012 Alumnus of the Year, go to www.york.edu.

David joins others on the board, some serving in new positions: Local board members in Rochester, Minnesota

- Ross Hoopes: president/ treasurer
- Bill Barnacle: vice-president
- Steve Sikes: secretary
- Debra Lawrence, Don McMillon, Scott Quelle, Bill Schaller

Non-local board members

- Gary Byram: Napierville, IL
- David Lynn: York, NE
- Ron Maynard: Mankato, MN
- Stacy Sikes: Hibbing, MN
- Jerry Smelser: Huntsville, AL



HOC Connections – 29 Years and counting: “Thank you for helping save my brother-in-law’s life!”

This past February found me in Lincoln, Nebraska, with my oldest son, watching the University of Nebraska men’s basketball team play the Indiana Hoosiers. Before the game, a highly reputable Indiana cardiologist, Dr. Larry Rink (who has been IU’s team doctor for the past 37 years) walked by my seat. I instantly said, “Dr. Rink, thank you for helping save my brother-in-law’s life.” The doctor stopped, shook my hand and asked who it was he had helped. I reminded him of the story that took place almost 29 years ago in Bloomington, Indiana and Rochester, Minnesota.

In May 1985, Dr. Rink was my brother-in-law’s cardiologist and after giving him an echocardiogram, immediately arranged a private jet to transport my brother-in-law (in his late 20’s), my sister-in-law, a registered nurse, a pilot, and me to Rochester. While a team of Mayo Clinic doctors stabilized my brother-in-law’s heart, Boots Young prepared a place for my sister-in-law to stay. It just so happened that a new ministry had begun called “Hands Of Compassion” (HOC), and a room was provided for my wife’s sister during her week-plus stay in Rochester. She was HOC’s first houseguest!

Meanwhile, I flew back to Indiana with the pilot and nurse, not knowing that some 14 years later, my older brother, Stacy, would begin and devote 15 years of his life to this same HOC ministry. And the **connections** would continue 29 years later when Patti, Jessica, and I would come back to Rochester, Minnesota to live and work with the church and this ministry. Oh, by the way, my brother-in-law got a new heart and he and my sister-in-law are alive and well. Thank you, Dr. Rink! Thank you, Boots! Thank you, God for so many amazing **connections**!

God is good all the time ...

...and all the time God is good, *Steve Sikes*



HOC/CHURCH & MARRIAGE CONNECTIONS!

We would love to get more connected with you and your church family. One of the ways that can happen is how the 151st Street church of Christ, Olathe, Kansas recently



did it. They had Steve Sikes (interim Hands of Compassion chaplain and preacher for the Rochester church of Christ) and his wife, Patti, facilitate a couples

marriage retreat via a “get-away weekend”. This not only allowed Steve and Patti time to share about the Hands of Compassion ministry, but to facilitate a time for each couple to consider their future for “The BEST marriage” possible. It’s amazing how many **connections** were made within this group in one short weekend!

Steve and Patti lead several marriage/family retreats/seminars each year. If you would like them to bless and help strengthen the marriages in your church family, in this way, while sharing about the Hands of Compassion ministry, please contact them through the church website at www.rochesterchurchofchrist.org.

THE PSALM 23 CONNECTION!

Last month, Doug and Sophia Cannedy from Rudy, Arkansas, came to Mayo Clinic and stayed at one of our compassion houses. The Cannedy’s primary reason for coming, like many of our guests, was for clinical testing and eventual surgery. We are so thankful that with your financial and prayerful help, we can offer guests like the Cannedys a quiet place to stay, free of charge, along with our services, encouragement and support.

Most times, however, the greatest blessing is ours! We continually see the **connection** between many of our houseguests and Psalm 23! In time of need, the Cannedys shared their hearts and lives with us as well. When Doug and Sophia went back to Arkansas, they purposely left behind two items: goodness and mercy! I have an idea they leave ‘em behind wherever they go!



“Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:6

THANK YOU! Your Donations are directly CONNECTED to HOC Staff, Housing, Repairs/Upgrades.

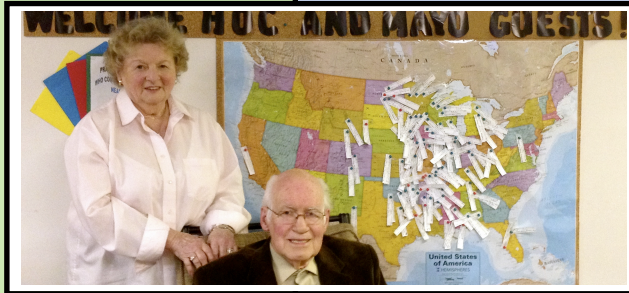
HOC Guests CONNECT on the Prayer Map!

Repairs have been made to the 830 House and checked off our list:

- ✓ new roof
- ✓ replaced some worn siding
- ✓ repaired some of the spouting
- ✓ upstairs bedrooms and hallway completely repainted

Upcoming repairs and/or upgrades:

- **For the 830 House, include:** painting 1st floor rooms, repairing and/or replacing some windows, replacing shrubs/flowers in yard, purchasing new computer, bundling both houses under same TV/Internet/Phone company
- **For the 840 House, include:** redoing/sealing the wood floors, cleaning carpets/replacing rug, painting all rooms and walls.



Since October 2013, there has been a prayer map in the foyer of the Rochester Church of Christ building. Guests pin their names to the map on the location

where they are from. It is a constant reminder for us to pray for those we have been honored to host and serve. The beginning of April, Orrin and Marjory Nearhoof, of Richmond, Kentucky added their names to the map.

Memorial List 11.22.13 - 3.19.14

Francis Anderson
Bob & Doris Haas

Floyd Hoopes
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Mr. & Mrs. Herman Porter

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Andy & Pam Smithie

CONNECTING: In Prayer and Fellowship "Please Pray For Me and My Family!"

"In October of 2013, I was diagnosed with cancer and with the help of my wife, Pam, we decided that I would receive treatment at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. During our stay, in Rochester, we worshipped with the Church of Christ that meets on 2nd Street. We learned of their Hands of Compassion ministry that offers housing for those who come to Mayo Clinic.

We soon stayed at one of their houses during my chemo treatment and surgery. We quickly realized how special this ministry is after getting to know Debra Lawrence, Steve and Patti Sikes, and many others, who like me, were staying at the house while receiving medical care.

Debra (the house caregiver) has helped us get settled in numerous times. Several times when I had to come alone, Debra helped with things that I was unable to help take care of myself. Pam and I have enjoyed her fellowship, at the house, playing games and visiting. Her visits to check on us, at the hospital, have been such a blessing; she has become a true friend.

We've also developed a close bond with many people who have stayed at the house. The encouragement we've received and the prayers that have been prayed, by so many kind people, have served as an inspiration that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I'm so thankful for my time at the House of Compassion and the Rochester Church of Christ. What a blessing to make so many eternal **connections!**"

(Andy, Pam, and their three children live in Mississippi. At the time of this writing, Andy and Pam are preparing for their return to Rochester for another major surgery for Andy. Please keep the Smithie family in your prayers.)

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