



Hands of Compassion

A Ministry of The Rochester Church Of Christ



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Welcome, Gary & Joanne Nading!

We are so excited to announce the addition of Gary & Joanne Nading to the Hands of Compassion family! Gary & Joanne have been very familiar with our ministry for quite some time. They were members of the Rochester church of Christ during the early years of this ministry when guests were staying in the homes of members of the local congregation. Since moving away from Rochester, they have frequently been guests of the Hands of Compassion. In their roll as guests, they could often be seen ministering to their fellow guests as they were present for surgeries and appointments. Gary & Joanne have a heart for ministry, and that heart will be a tremendous asset as the Hands of Compassion moves forward. We are so blessed to have their joyful hearts in our ministry. When guests come to meet them, they will find compassionate hosts and a joyful spirit!

Gary and Joanne have moved to us from Gulf Shores, Alabama where they have been members of the Gulf Shores church of Christ. We wish to give them a very warm welcome back to the state of Minnesota. Thank you so much for your desire to serve this ministry!



We will miss you, Chris & Cindy!

While welcoming in one couple to this ministry, we are very sad to announce the retirement of another. Chris and Cindy Frazier, who moved to us from Clyde, TX in 2015 will be retiring this Thanksgiving and moving back to Texas. Chris and Cindy have meant so much to us. They have worked tirelessly to see to the needs of the guests and keeping their house comfortable for them. During their time here they have been amazing servants, both for the Hands of Compassion and the Rochester church of Christ where Chris has served as an Elder. Countless guests have spent time in Chris's boat, fishing. Everyone who comes in contact with this special couple finds a friend. They wanted to share the following words with you:



Our journey began in February of 2015 when we had the daunting task of filling the shoes of Boots Young. Knowing that wasn't possible, we hoped for much grace as we began to serve those that came through the doors of the House of Compassion. Very quickly, we removed all doubt that our own health challenges were anything compared to the challenges that we witnessed in others. Thanks to the Great Physician, we all can touch the hem of His garment to find healing. The opportunity of being the hands and feet of the Messiah were plentiful. Friendships with the guests, however, were certainly one of the greatest blessings. From the bottom of our hearts, Cindy and I want our guests to know how much our lives have been altered. We saw how your faith was unwavering through such trying circumstances. We also want to mention how grateful we are for the love and support of the Rochester church of Christ. We can say unequivocally that this is the best body of believers that we have ever had the privilege to be a part of. So thank you all for representing the King well! Love forever, Chris and Cindy Frazier.

Since they are stepping down as houseparents, we are in need of somebody with a heart for ministry to fill their shoes. God may be calling you for such a time as this. If you would like to be a part of this amazing ministry, please send a picture of yourself, along with your resume and references to **840 W. Center Street, Rochester, MN 55902**. You can also email it to us at hocministry@gmail.com.

We Want To Wish A Warm Welcome To Our Newest Board Members



Bill Barnacle

Bill Barnacle has been a long time member of the Rochester church of Christ. He previously served on the Board as the Hands of Compassion Vice President. He brings a great attitude and working knowledge of how HOC has operated throughout the years. Welcome back!

Kimberly joins our board from Chicago, Illinois where she works for the Aon Service Corporation as their Global People Director. Her experience in Human Resources will be invaluable to the board. We are so thankful that Kimberly has decided to utilize her talents for this ministry!



Kimberly Hall



Dan Sigrest

Dan Sigrest is a member of the Rochester church of Christ. Dan brings to the board extensive knowledge and experience in facilities and maintenance. He will be a great asset here in Rochester and we're thrilled to have him!

Dr. Smelser comes to us from Huntsville, Alabama where he has spent the past 22 years at the Huntsville Renal Clinic. Dr. Smelser is the son of long time board member Jerry Smelser. We are grateful for the medical knowledge that he brings to our board, and so excited that he will become a part of our ministry!



James Smelser M.D.

Memorials and Honorariums — June 1 to September 30

Honorariums

Gulf Shores church of Christ
Gary & Joanne Nading

Memorials

Harvey Anderson
Margaret Anderson

James Carpenter
Margaret Anderson

Patrick Gallagher
Margaret Anderson

Andrew Hackard
William & Ruth Boyd

Glenn & Rosa Harris
Jay & Joi Harris
David & Brenda Kirchner

Carolyn Holt
William & Ruth Boyd

David Lynn
Jeff & Patsy Beirs
Judy Lynn
Jewls Powers

Jim Sackett
Bill & Donna Knadel

Jessica Sikes
Zached & Heidi Ahrens

Bob & Marion Stinchfield
Nancy Weinrich

Dollar Day

It is time once again for our annual **Dollar Day** fundraising event. During this fundraiser we challenge everyone to donate \$1 to the Hands of Compassion. If you are able to, please get your church involved. God uses people in so many ways and even the widows mite can make a tremendous difference on God's kingdom! Our dollar day fundraiser will take place on **Sunday December 5th.**

Thank you!

The last two years have been difficult for us all, but you have stuck with us through these rough waters. Thank you so much for all your prayers and financial support for this ministry. We rely on you to continue to support the people who stay at our Hands of Compassion houses.

Share with your Church

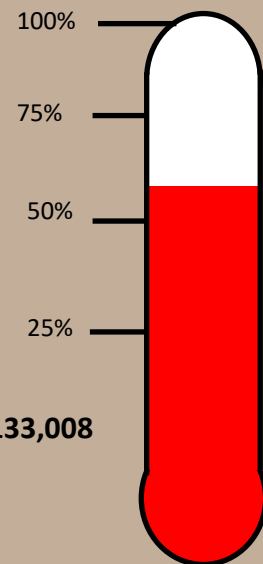
We are constantly looking for churches to share in this ministry with us. If you believe that your church might be interested in hearing more about the Hands of Compassion ministry, please contact us at 507-216-8993. We would love to come visit your church and share about the work here in Rochester.

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—\$1,133,008



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Our Lord Provides!

As you all know, the last two years have been a difficult time for all non-profit ministries. Ministries like ours have struggled during the Covid-19 pandemic because of many reasons. Fear of shared housing, Covid-19 precautions, and a tougher economy have all made non-profit housing ministries difficult. Through the last two years, however, God has blessed us richly through you and your support. Thanks to you, in 2020 we were able to raise \$676,542 toward our expansion house, while at the same time we were able to finish 2020 with more income than expenses in operations. In a year when most non-profits and businesses were losing money, God blessed us through your support and low maintenance expenses to make 2020 one of our best years financially. In 2021 we have had continued success on the expansion house where we have raised \$39,610. We could use your help in this last quarter of the year with our operating expenses. Despite cutting back on expenses as much as possible, we are still about \$20,000 down on our operating budget so far for 2021. However, through it all, we know that God will provide. Every year, God seems to provide exactly what is needed to get through the year. Thank you all for being God's instrument to our ministry!

2 Corinthians 9:8—And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Philippians 4:6-7—Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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