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God Is Our Refuge And Strength

One of the craziest moments of my life happened as a teenager in Nebraska. My dad worked in construction, and one summer weekend, I was helping on his job installing vinyl siding when we heard over the radio a severe thunderstorm was coming our way. My dad asked me to finish cleaning up the job, while he finished what he was working on. As soon as we were done we got in my dad's pickup truck and headed down the highway to try to drive the 20 miles to our house before the storm came. Despite going around 55 miles per hour down the highway, the storm came from behind and caught up with us. Torrential rains and high winds of up to 60 miles per hour. By the time we reached our home town of York we could barely see out the windows and the wind was blowing hard. We were going around 20 miles per hour as we passed a local grocery store on our way home and were amazed when we saw a shopping cart passing us on the road! We got home and parked in the alley thinking that the easiest way to get in the house was our back door, only to find that our back door had been blocked by a fallen tree. We then had to run around the house in the crazy wind and rain until we got to the safety of our shelter.

Psalm 46:1-3 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

[2] Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
[3] though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling."

In this psalm, God doesn't promise an absence of storms in our life. He promises instead to be a present help in times of trouble and that we have no need to be afraid. Sometimes our troubles may even lead to our death, but he never leaves us or forsakes us, and our hope is not on what this earth has to offer. When trials come your way, put your trust in the "Calmer of Storms." - Phillip Quelle

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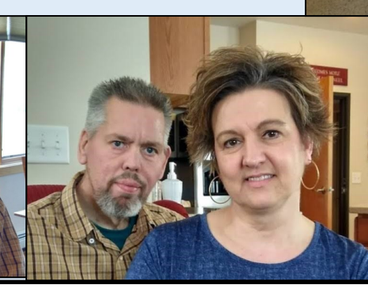
We Will Miss You, Brent and Becky!

It is with great sadness that we announce that Brent and Becky Hanson, house parents of our newest compassion house, are retiring from their ministry at the Hands of Compassion. They have served in this ministry since 2017 and have worked tirelessly to minister to the needs of those who came in our doors. Having been through a major heart transplant, Brent and Becky knew very well what it was like to be both a patient and a caregiver, and they worked hard to reach out to others in those same positions. They both had a love of praying with people in the house and sharing their faith with those who came in. We will miss them greatly as they move forward in their lives. Thank you so much, Brent and Becky for all you have done for this ministry!

As a result, we are now looking for a compassionate person or couple to replace them in this ministry. For a full job description, see our website at www.hocrochester.com. If you would like to be part of this amazing ministry, please send your resume, picture, and reference list to hocministry@gmail.com or mail it to us at: 840 W. Center Street, Rochester, MN 55902. **We would love to have you with the Hands of Compassion Ministry!**

Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers as we search for the right candidate.



Be a Prayer Partner

-Stacy Sikes

During the time I was HOC's hospital chaplain (1998-2013), Toni Vaughn was one of our wonderful house mothers. Prior to her coming to HOC, she had surgery to have her pancreas removed. She struggled physically with the multiple medications needed to address her body's needs, but our house guests rarely knew it. Because of this physical challenge, she was a house mother for only a year, but what a year she gave to this ministry! Every day she joined with guests in prayer for their wellness. A number of times during that year SHE was the patient I visited in the hospital. Yet, I was the one who received the greater encouragement. Toni was a remarkable prayer partner who made such a positive impact on my life and the lives of many guests. Her joy, her compassionate heart, and her prayers still speak these many years later after her passing.

I remember her often using the term "Daddy" when addressing the "Father". Though not a term I personally used, it did say much to me about her relationship with her wonderful God and Father. I believe Tony would have immediately understood the song "Daddy's Hands" and compared the message to our Father's hands.

"Daddy's Hands"
(written in 1991as a Father's Day gift by Holly Dunn, whose dad was a preacher)

I remember daddy's hands workin' 'til they bled,
Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed
If I could do things over, I'd live my life again
And never take for granted the love in daddy's hands.

Chorus
Daddy's hands were soft and kind when I was cryin'
Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong.
Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to understand
There was always love in daddy's hands.

Question: What is in our "Father's Hands"? Answer: LOVE is in those hands. Love's greatest physical and spiritual expression was the Son's hands being nailed to the cross. The Creator of the heavens and the earth volunteered His hands to be nailed because love demanded it. The Father commanded it, and the Son obeyed. How did He do it? How did the Son do the cross? It would not have happened without prayer. Jesus was the perfect house of prayer (Is. 56;7). He prayed His Father's will to be done. Oh! Let us learn from Him (Matt. 11:29).

Will you join with me as a committed prayer partner on behalf of this wonderful ministry? As a prayer partner, you will receive my personally-illustrated Scripture Encouragement cards by email along with HOC's prayer requests. All that is required is your email address and a pledge to pray for this work. This invitation is open to anyone—to families, to young and old alike—to anyone who will pray for this work.

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Memorials and Honorariums—October 9 through February 28

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Rebecca Spencer
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Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bufe
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Gary & Wendy Byram
Shirley Cooper
Bonnie Sitter
Keith Dockery
Tom & Alice Springer
Dayla Hale
Richard & Karen Hale
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Kathleen Gaylor Mosher
Bill & JaNeille Schaller
Leroy Murphy
Pete & Joan Moody
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Stacy Sikes Family
Therman & Sadie Hodge
Gladys Willis
Steve & Patti Sikes

We've Met The Match!

In our Fall Newsletter, we told you about a dollar for dollar pledge of up to $30,000. This money would be given after we raised $30,000 for the expansion house.

I'm proud to say that because of your generosity, we have met that goal!! Thank you so much for all you give to our ministry!

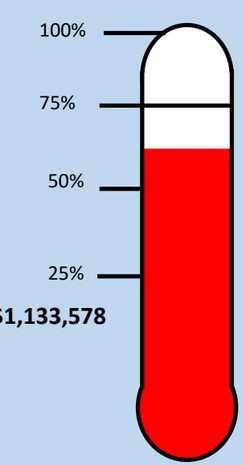
How Can I Help?

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.

Donate to HOC anytime you make purchases through Amazon. Simply type in smile.amazon.com and select Hands of Compassion Ministry Rochester, MN as your charity!

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

Goal—$1,900,000



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