



Hands of Compassion

A Ministry of The Rochester Church Of Christ



**840 W. Center Street
Rochester, MN 55902**



Welcome, Marcy!

*give me something to eat,
no something to drink,
and you invited me in.*
—Matthew 23:13



The Hands of Compassion Ministry is pleased to welcome Marcy Cox! Marcy arrived on Monday, October 7th and has volunteered to help us out for the next six weeks in the houseparent position in our newer house. We are so excited that she is able to join us! She has a heart of service and a heart for people.

Marcy has had a heart for missions in the north central area of the United States since the beginning of her marriage to her husband Gerald. Shortly after marrying, Gerald and Marcy moved up to Wisconsin as they saw it as a mission field right here in the United States. Her interest in the Hands of Compassion Ministry dates back to the late 80's or early 90's when Marcy and Gerald

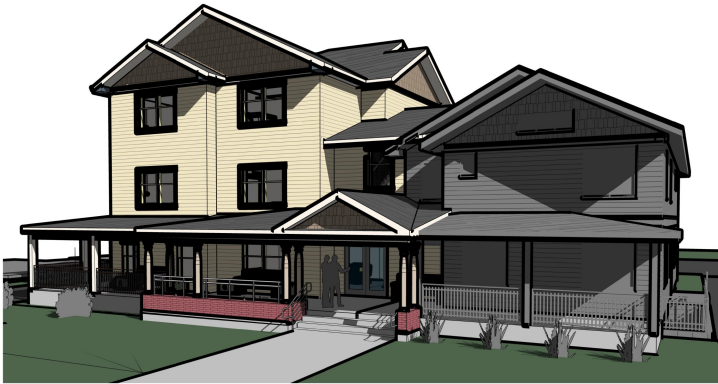
visited the Rochester church of Christ on the way to Oklahoma. The seed was planted back then, and her awareness of this ministry has grown as she has always believed that a church of Christ ministry to the sick was an amazing way to reach out to people. After Gerald passed away in 2022, Marcy has been looking to see how God would like to use her.

She comes to us from Jackson, TN where she has lived for the last five years. Before that, Gerald and Marcy lived in Searcy, AR where Gerald was the librarian at Harding University and Marcy was a nurse in the Harding University clinic.

Marcy has appreciated the warm welcome that she has received and has enjoyed her first week on the job. She was ready to start working the very first day and has already been such a blessing to the guests who have stayed in the house. While she settles in here, she is very much looking forward to working with the Rochester church of Christ as well.

We are so thankful that Marcy has chosen to be a part of this ministry for the next six weeks. We are praying that her time here is a blessing for both her and the Hands of Compassion Ministry.

Expansion House Updates—We're getting closer!



Thank you so much to all of you who have given to our expansion project. We continue to be blessed by your prayers and donations to our ministry! As stated before, we want to keep you updated about how we are moving forward with this project. The past few months have definitely had challenges at times as we work through things, but as always, God has definitely blessed us through the process.

One of the most unique challenges that we came across went all the way back to the late 1800's. Rochester was a very small town back then, but it was beginning to grow, and as a part of that growth the city decided that it was in their best interest to

move Center Street (the street where the Hands of Compassion exists today) about 20 ft to the north. The result of that move messed up many of the property lines along Center Street and created situations where deeds in this area actually overlapped with the deeds of neighbors. We discovered this confusion of property lines when we set out to combine two of our lots together. In order to make our build happen, it was necessary to legally fix everything. Our neighbors were wonderful about the whole process and as a result we were able to clear that hurdle.

While all of that has been going on, we have been meeting frequently with our architect, engineers, and members of the Board of Directors to firm up our plans for the new build. We now are confident that our plans are mostly final, and so we are able to publish those plans for you to look at and see how our ministry is changing. At the bottom of this page is a QR code that will lead you to our website where you can view the plans. You can also view them at: <https://www.hocrochester.com/house>.

We have also been working through assessing technical and lot details, and have worked with a builder to generate a more current cost estimate. We are currently moving into the filing phase of the project where we are officially filing paperwork with the city. Currently we have a neighborhood meeting scheduled on October 29th to answer any questions that people from the neighborhood may have on the project. We have also put together a committee of some of our board members to begin the phase of thinking about interior design and furnishings for this project. One of the things we are hoping to do soon is involve you by creating a registry where you can purchase different items such as furniture for the new build and have them sent to us to be put in the new expansion. Look for a registry to come out sometime in late winter/early spring. If the Lord's willing and everything goes well, our current plan is to break ground when it thaws in early spring and make this amazing adventure a reality.

The last thing we need to do is close the gap on the finances. Our final estimate on this project is bringing us to around **\$2,000,000**. We are currently sitting at **\$1,662,284**. This leaves us with a gap of **\$337,716**. We are currently reaching out to grants to help us fill in the gap. If you know of any individuals or grants that can help us raise this money, please contact us at hocministry@gmail.com. We are so close to making this a reality. Thank you so much for all that you have done to help us through this project! God has blessed us so much on this path of fundraising thanks to so many of you and your efforts on behalf of our ministry! Thank you!



Memorials and Honorariums July 1—October 15

Memorials

Ken Burgess

Susan Burgess

Ellie Clingerman

High Plains Church of Christ

Bobby & Rebecca Spellman

Charlotte Johnson

Don & Sharon Walker

Bill Knadel

Lillian Tosgood

Delsie Myers

Don & Sharon Walker

Jim & Shirley Rampton

Donald & Susan Logsdon

Mary Rediske

Jean Wojahn

Charlotte Ryan

Donna Knadel

Leah “Kathy” Smith

Don & Sharon Walker

Tony Vaughn

Roy & Thelma Kirkpatrick

Betty Whitehead

Don & Sharon Walker

Hospitality Ministry - House Parents

We are seeking individuals who are called to a life of ministry to support our house parents (patients and families) as they visit Mayo Clinic for their health care needs.

Please visit our website at www.hocrochester.com, and view our “house parents’ opportunities” or email us at hocministry@gmail.com for more information

To apply, email us a resume, picture, and references to hocministry@gmail.com or mail it to us at

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Dollar Day

Help support our ministry on Dollar Day, December 1. During this time we ask that churches, individuals and friends give \$1 to help fund our ministry. A little bit goes a long way!

Honor A Loved One

Honor a loved one by having a room in our new expansion house in their honor. This can be done with a \$50,000 donation toward the expansion house. This is a wonderful way to memorialize or honor someone you love!

How Can I Help?

There are a number of ways to give to the Hands of Compassion Ministry. You can donate by mail to the return address of this newsletter. You can also use the QR code below or visit

www.hocrochester.com to donate electronically. Also use the website to find information on donating through a Will.

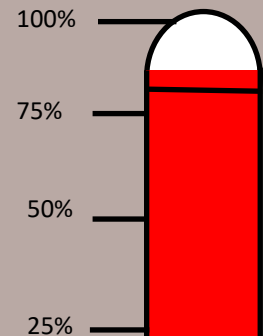
There are many other ways to give as well. Pray for our ministry! Donate supplies or HyVee gift cards that can be used for our guests. Also, parking cards for people who struggle with having money to park at Mayo.



Donate

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

Goal—\$2,000,000



Raised—\$1,662,284

Give With Employer Matching Through Benevity

This can be a great way to double your donations to the Hands of Compassion. To use Benevity, use the QR Code or go on the web to: <https://mygoodness.benevity.org/community/cause/840-411754278>



Use QR Code to learn more about expansion house!



Partners In Compassion

For monthly or one time donations go to www.hocrochester.com/donate or use the QR code provided. You can also tear this off and mail your donation to:

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Prayer Warriors!

In the past, I shared my story about my son and the three surgeries he had in the first year of his life. My wife and I definitely understand the struggles that caregivers go through as they try to navigate things in their life. One of the most incredible lessons that I learned during that time was the importance of prayer.

At the time, my mom was still living in York, NE and going to my childhood home church, the East Hill Church of Christ in York. Every so often I would go to visit her and attend East Hill when I was there. Now, the church has changed so much since my time there. Some people I knew are now gone, others have moved in, and others I still know from my time living and worshiping at that church.

One day, when I was visiting my mother and went to East Hill, I had a woman come up to me. She didn't know me, she just recognized that I wasn't usually there, and wanted to greet the new visitor. She gave me her name and I gave her mine, and her eyes opened in recognition. She said, "I know who you are! You're the person whose son we prayed for a few years ago. How is he doing?" I was blown away by the fact that she not only knew my name, but that she had been praying for a little boy she didn't even know. I often share this with guests who stay in this house because it shows people that when their struggles are difficult, there are people they don't even know who are praying for them.

Be a blessing to someone else. Keep the prayers going. God still works in this world, and He still loves His people!

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