



Hands of Compassion

A Ministry of The Rochester Church Of Christ



840 W. Center Street
Rochester, MN 55902



We're Almost Done!



Street View Of Expansion



Chaplain's Office



Staff Laundry Room

As you can see from these pictures, the build is almost done! It's been a long process, but our moment to open our doors will be here soon.

It's been amazing watching God work for the last six months. Last June, we began construction with a deficit of \$400,000. Thanks to your generous support, we have seen that number go down to \$96,000. We are so close to finishing both the fundraising and the project. Help us cross the finish line with your prayers, donations, and by sharing our ministry with others. One way that you can do this is through our crowdfunding page. You can use this QR code or visit <https://hocrochester.org/expansion-house-2/>.



Crowdfunding

Another way that you can help us out is by visiting our registries and purchasing tangible items for the new house. We will be updating these periodically, so check in once in a while to see what's new.

If you would like to help us this way, you can use this QR code or visit <https://hocrochester.org/expansion-house-registries/>



Registries

If the Lord's willing, we will hopefully be opening this house sometime in the month of March! We will let you know on our website and Facebook page when we have an official date. We will also be looking at having a ribbon cutting ceremony the weekend of May 9th. Expect an invitation in the mail as we draw closer giving more detail. Thank you all so much for your love and support of this project and our ministry!



New Bedroom



Kitchen



Coffee Bar

Welcome, Larry & Diane Stephens!



We would like to welcome Larry & Diane Stephens to the Hands of Compassion family. They will be coming in and working as house parents in the new expansion this coming March. We are so excited that they are going to be a part of this ministry!

Larry and Diane spent 24 years on the mission field in Kenya. During that time, Larry was involved in church planting, leadership training, follow up with World Bible School, teaching in the Nairobi Great Commission School and various other tasks. During their mission campaign, Diane spent her time in Kenya raising their three children. She also taught women's classes in rural Kenya and then in their church plant in Nairobi. While in Nairobi, she helped develop a three-year curriculum for children's Bible School. She taught and trained Bible school teachers in their church plant.

Following mission work, Larry took on the role of working with the church of Christ in Livonia, MI. His roles were preaching, teaching and leading ministry efforts. He worked in this capacity for 18 years. Diane continued to teach women and children at the church in Livonia. Following the pandemic, she reorganized and restarted their children's Bible School program which has been very successful.

Since retiring, Larry served as an elder at the Livonia church of Christ and has preached at different churches in the Detroit area.

Both Diane and Larry have been trained as Stephen Ministers, a worldwide program run out of St Louis, MO. This is a program to train church members to walk alongside people in crisis. They have been married 53 years, have three children and eleven grandchildren. Their two daughters and families are missionaries in Ecuador. Their son is preaching for the church in Dublin, Ireland.

We are so blessed to have them joining the mission field here in Rochester, MN!

Welcome, Jack & Doris Hoffman



We are also very blessed to welcome Jack & Doris Hoffman to our family! They will be taking over as house parents in our original Hands of Compassion house. Jack has been working in the tech field, while Doris has been working as a Workers Compensation Senior Analyst since 1995. Their resumes are quite strong and their skills will be very useful for our ministry! We are also going to greatly benefit from the amazing services that this couple has provided the Ankeny church of Christ for many years. Jack has been heavily involved with the technology of the Ankeny church and will bring those skills to HOC as well as a heart of compassion for guests. Doris has been heavily involved as the Fellowship Ministry Chair, coordinating and decorating fellowship events such as ban-

quets, showers, leadership celebrations, and other milestones that come up as a church. While doing this, she has also been heavily involved in the children's ministry for the Ankeny church of Christ, including classroom decoration, coordination with other teachers, and so many other things. It was through these roles that they first became involved with the Hands of Compassion. They learned about our ministry through a friend at the Rochester church of Christ and reached out to our chaplain, Phillip. Since then, Doris has coordinated the children of the Ankeny church of Christ to donate supplies multiple times, with the last donation lasting us about nine months out of the year. They have fallen in love with our ministry and we are incredibly blessed to have these amazing people coming to Rochester. This move will be coming up sometime in June.

We are so thankful that they have all decided to join Mike & Sheila as house parents for the Hands of Compassion!

Memorials and Honorariums — Nov. 12 through January 31

Honorariums

Andrea-don Griffin

Don & Sharon Walker

Ross & Karen Hoopes

Roland Rydstrom

Dana Pelkola

Leeland & Barbara Banfield

Jennifer Walker

Don & Sharon Walker

Desirae Walker

Don & Sharon Walker

Remi & Raiden Walker

(In Honor of 6th Birthday)

Don & Sharon Walker

Memorials

Duane & Julie Baker

David & Heather Buggeln

Brenda Baldwin

Steve & Patti Sikes

Steve Brunson

Rebecca Spencer

Lori Bufe

Harold & Linda Bufe

Mildred Collins

Steve & Patti Sikes

Frank Davidson

Steve & Patti Sikes

Karen Eadens

Gary & Wendy Byram

Aileen Erickson

Michael & Belinda Lindell

Bobby Ezell

Mildred Smelser

Doc (LaVerne) & Faye

Hartman

Doug & Pam Hartman

Susan Logsdon

Donald Logsdon

Judy Looney

Richard & Tina Corum

Joseph E. & Fern Martin

Jay & Betty Martin

Lou Shireman

Steve & Patti Sikes

Jessica Sikes

Steve & Patti Sikes

Rhonda Stinchfield-

Mashburn

Lois Stevenson

Al & Dale Ogren

Faye Ogren

Rick Swenson

Joyce Swenson

Kenneth Wright

Janelle Wright

Boots Young

Doug & Pam

Hartman

Hospitality Ministry

There are many ways to help us out. 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 can be very helpful.

You can also reach out to us if you have an interest in being on our contact list to potentially come on as staff when openings are available. If you have an interest in any of these things reach out to us by email at ministry@hocrochester.org.

Finish The Build!

Four Hundred—\$1000 Donations Challenge

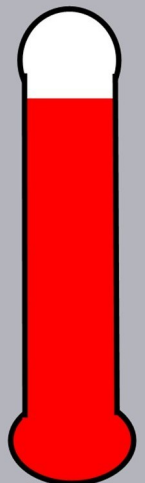
Goal #1—\$400,000

Make sure that the bills are paid as construction comes to an end.

Goal #2—Additional \$100,000

Six months of operating expenses to pay future bills.

\$400,000 ———
\$300,000 ———
\$200,000 ———
\$100,000 ———
Raised—304,000
Goal 1 Needed—\$96,000



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 that 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, use the “donate” QR code, or visit www.hocrochester.org to donate electronically. You can also use the website to find information on donating through a Will.



Donate

Or help us out by donating through our expansion house registry using this QR code or by visiting <https://hocrochester.org/expansion-house-registries/>



Registries

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>





Partners in Compassion

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

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Yahweh Yirah

As a father, Genesis 22 is one of the most disturbing chapters in the Scriptures. After years of promises that God would give Abraham a son, God comes to Abraham and tells him to go up on the mountain and sacrifice his son on an altar. I can't even begin to imagine what was going on in Abraham's head when he received this message. The sadness of this moment would have been incredible. One of the things that is remarkable here, however, is Abraham doesn't question God. Earlier in Genesis, when Abraham was worried about his nephew Lot, when God told Abraham He was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham bargained with God on behalf of Lot. That doesn't happen here. Instead, early the next morning, Abraham ascends the mountain with his son, a knife, and the wood required for a sacrifice which is being carried by Isaac. When Isaac asked about the burnt offering, Abraham responds with, "The Lord himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering." God did indeed provide the lamb and Isaac was not sacrificed on the altar. Abraham named the mountain Yahweh Yirah (The Lord will provide) and declares, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." The ancient Jewish people believed that this same mountain was where Solomon built the temple in later years. When we seek to do the will of God, He is the provider. It has been amazing to watch God work in providing for HOC and He will continue to do so, as long as we are seeking Him. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we seek the Lord's provision.

God is Good!

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