



# House of Hope News

## Breaking the Chains of Addiction

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### Introducing Our Executive Director Pastor Malcolm Mosley

Pastor Malcolm is a familiar face at House of Hope. He has an understanding of the program from both sides – as a student and as a staff member. Pastor Malcolm graduated from the University of South Florida with a major in Business Administration. He went on to own a cleaning business; a decorating, design and catering business and to serve the City of Eustis as Administrative Director of Housing. He is also a 2007 graduate of Youth Challenge.

Pastor Malcolm is familiar with many aspects of the program. As Intake Specialist, Pastor Malcolm developed a network with churches, courts and correctional facilities. He has also served as Business Manager for the Screen Printing business. Working as Administrator for the House of Hope, Pastor Malcolm has managed a variety of responsibilities overseeing various aspects of the program.

*“I am a product of God’s Love, Compassion and Restoration. God has restored me back to Him and I now realize that God had a plan for my life far from the plans of my own. I am a sinner who’s been redeemed and saved by God’s Grace.”*

*Pastor Malcolm*

### My Testimony by Jon Wolf

I had a great childhood and two great parents that gave me a lot of love and taught me the value of good morals. I was raised with a belief in God. I played sports until I got in high school then I got a job at the age of 16 and that is when I started smoking pot and drinking on the weekends. By the time I was 19, I found myself doing it on a regular basis and nearly every day. I then went on to begin to experiment with other drugs. I kept a job and was making my car payments. My father got sick with cancer when I was 20 years old and passed away just before I was 22 and that is when I became a compulsive drinker. I got depressed and quit my job and went into a slump and drank just to numb the pain. Then I got a really good job sanding floors and did very well for a while, but still drinking on the weekends. At the age of 25, due to my elevated use of alcohol and cocaine, I broke up with a young lady that I cared for very much. From cocaine I went on to experience pain killers. I was fully addicted from the age of 27 to 30. I would lie, steal and cheat just to get my fix. My mother then became stricken with dementia and that only made things worst. Sadly enough, I was now doing all of the drugs I said I would never do and liking them all. To make a long story short, I was working with a guy trying to get some beer money and ended up arrested for the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever. My best friend’s mother talked to me and said that she knew of a place I could go to receive the help I needed. She told me about the House of Hope and reminded me that I needed to get God back into my life. I then agreed. My attorney introduced the program to my judge and I was granted the privilege to enter into the House of Hope Ministry.

I was picked up by the leadership directly from jail and the rest is all just a revelation of God. The first night at the House of Hope I laid in my bed and asked God to just open up my heart to what He has to offer to me. That was the best decision I have ever made in my life today! I have now been here at the House of Hope for 6 months now and every day is a good day. I have learned that I had to be broken and to surrender to God’s Will for my life and not to my own. That is where my healing and mending began. I’m free of the guilt and shame of my past. I thought that I would never have a future nor do anything with my life. I now know that God has always had a plan for my life and my future. I am now in the best hands I have ever been in “God’s Hands”. No longer am I bound to the chains of addiction or an addictive life style. Most of all I am learning how to be not just a man ...but a man of God. I would like for anybody that is reading this to know that if you know of anyone that are struggling with the chains of addiction of substance abuse or alcohol to tell them that is never too late to turn to the Lord. Surrender will change your life forever. House of Hope is the House that is built on Hope.

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## **From the Desk of Pastor Malcolm Mosley**

I bring you greetings from the House of Hope. House of Hope is a House where “Hope” is built. The majority of the time in life, it is best for us to start where we are, use what we have and to do what we can. Each and every day is an opportunity to begin life anew. Take ahold of that opportunity and do it now. If not now then, when? Tomorrow is not promised to us. All we have is the “Here & Now” choose now to “Let Go & Let God”! You may ask how can I do that? The answer is simple. Surrender! Surrender to God your will and your way and submit to His Will and do it the way He instructs us to do it. Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way for us to succeed is to always try just one more time.

Here at the House of Hope we do not focus on our failures - we grow from them. We find hope in the darkest moments and focus in on the brightest moments. House of Hope is a place where men are taught to confront their issues and challenges in life based on biblical principles. We specialize in group and individualized counseling and treatment. The program/ministry is designed to bring about total restoration in all aspects of a man’s life, some of which includes self-respect, love, caring, sharing confidence and realizing that “If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

In life I have found that when one door closes another door opens; but sometimes we look at how long the door has been closed, until we miss seeing the doors that have been opened. Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood. It is not for us to understand God but to obey Him. It is better to attempt to do something great and fail, than to attempt to do nothing and succeed. Be patient with yourself, self-growth is tender and there is no greater investment than the investment of Hope. In closing, “Let Go & Let God” choose this day who you will serve!

### **Our Graduation**

Success was celebrated by 10 of the men of House of Hope at a graduation ceremony on April 22, 2016. Six of the men graduated from the House of Hope Program and are embarking on a new phase in their lives—substance free. Five men, including a program graduate, received their high school diplomas after successfully completing coursework while at House of Hope. “I did this for my Mom. She always wanted me to finish school.” stated one of the graduates, a grandfather himself.

Commencement speaker, State Representative Marlene O’Toole, reminded the men that, as they move forward, they still have a support system at House of Hope. Michele Hilton, a House of Hope parent, offered words of encouragement as the men move forward.

### **Open House**

US Congressman Daniel Webster and State Representative Dennis Baxley congratulated the House of Hope on the meaningful work they do to break the chains of addiction at the Open House held on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Over 400 guests attended the event which featured tours of the renovated buildings, testimonies from the men and a picnic lunch. Tee shirts and polo shirts were sold to raise funds and the Friends of House of Hope information was distributed.

### **Sparkey’s Strummers Concert**

April 25<sup>th</sup> was an evening of feel-good music and laughter. Sparkey’s Strummers performed a concert for over 450 guests to benefit House of Hope. The event was the idea of 2 members of the group who wanted to support House of Hope. Their music spanned the ages with everything from “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” to “Who’s Sorry Now.” Country artist Margo Smith, a member of the Strummers, surprised the audience with her yodeling.

The men of House of Hope received a standing ovation for their heartfelt performance of “Este Cayendo” which they sang in Spanish as an opening to the concert..

Over \$6,100. was raised by the event.

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## Are You A Friend of House of Hope?

As House of Hope continues to grow in strength and size, so do the operational expenses. House of Hope relies solely on charitable contributions for support. Our program is self-supporting—we receive no reimbursement for services. Our students are asked to pay a monthly stipend, but many of them have no funds and no family or friends to assist. While the mission continues to be the same, the number of men we are helping break the chains of substance abuse has tripled. The strength of the original program has been enhanced by the addition of teachers, counselors, and other staff who are all volunteers.

The “Friends of House of Hope” campaign has been a blessing! Our Friends have made contributions and offered support to help us continue our life-changing work. Our annual goal for the campaign is \$100,000. and as of May 15th, we have raised over \$28,000. from 125 donors. **We invite you to become a Friend of House of Hope** just like our new friends Tom and Cathy did:

“We had heard of House of Hope and have a few friends who are volunteers there. They talk about it and the feelings they have as they help remodel the buildings. They told us about the men they meet who are so grateful to be able to have a place to get help and invited us to attend the Open House in April. One of the residents was introduced and told his life story and how much House of Hope had changed his life. We were hooked! We just made our first gift and plan to contribute every year. They really do change lives!”

### Mission and Vision

Our Mission: To help men arriving broken, strengthen them and with God’s Grace leave whole.

Our Vision: To help reconcile all men with life controlling addictions that come to House of Hope— reconcile to God, family and society.

### Our Wish List

Items we need and use on a daily basis

Paper towels	Facial tissues
Toilet tissue	Coffee, cream, sugar
Liquid hand soap	Vacuum bags – type A
Laundry detergent	Shampoo
Dawn dish soap	Toothpaste
Dishwasher soap	Razors
Window cleaner	Shaving cream
Cleanser	Deodorant
Soft Scrub (or generic)	Office supplies – postage stamps,
Fabuloso (or generic)	copy paper, pens, pencils, files,
Bleach	spiral notebooks, mailing labels,
Black trash bags – 39 gallon	tape

### How Can I Give?

There are many ways to give to House of Hope and the Friends of House of Hope campaign.

- **Cash, Check or Credit Card**
- **Stocks or Bonds** - A gift of your securities, including your stocks or bonds, is an easy way for you to make a gift. By making a gift of your appreciated securities, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that would otherwise be due if you sold these assets.
- **Memorials** - Memorial gifts are a lasting remembrance of a special person who has touched you during his or her life.
- **Tribute/Honor Gift** - To celebrate a special occasion, a gift may be made in honor of someone.
- For more ideas, visit our website at [www.houseofhopefl.org](http://www.houseofhopefl.org)

### A Common Question

We are frequently asked, “*Why is City of Hope International, Inc. used on some of the House of Hope materials?*”

When House of Hope was incorporated, the leadership was looking to the future with the idea of having other programs under the corporate name of City of Hope International, Inc. We have only one program, House of Hope, but our official corporate name is City of Hope International, Inc.

So, if you are searching for us on a website like Thrivent, we are listed as City of Hope International, Inc.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization doing business as House of Hope Florida. Our nonprofit number is EIN 46-5029263.

## Upcoming Events!

### September 10th

House of Hope 5K Race & Fun Walk

### October

The Annual Humongous Yard Sale

### November 4th

An Evening of Hope Gala Dinner

## An Evening of Hope

We are planning another fabulous event—A gourmet dinner, auction and entertainment!

If you'd like to volunteer to assist with the planning or auction, please call Pat at (352)750-0278.

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## 5K Run and Fun Walk

The House of Hope 5K Run and Fun Walk will be Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with an 8:00a.m. start. The event begins and ends at the House of Hope and last year 250 participants enjoyed the beautiful Florida landscape. Cost for the event is \$20 before August 26 and \$25 after. For more information on the event, visit <http://www.redpointerrunning.com>

## Thank You To Our Sponsors

Success of events is measured by funds raised, number of participants and the overall experience. Sponsors are an often overlooked, yet a very important part of any event. While sponsorships benefit House of Hope, the sponsors also receive benefits. Visibility at the event on signs, banners and other items demonstrate to the participants that those businesses and individuals have an interest in supporting the House of Hope and breaking the chains of substance abuse.

When you visit one of our sponsors, please thank them for supporting House of Hope.

## The 2015 5K Run Sponsors

Plaza Cadillac	Bill Bryan Kia
George Nahas Chevrolet	Bill Bryan Subaru
Village Ford	Pearson Nissan
Fresh Market	Legacy Team Sales

Sponsorships are currently available for the 2016 5K Run and Fun Walk and An Evening of Hope Gala Dinner. Please call Pat at (352)750-0278 for more information.



## FRIENDS OF HOUSE OF HOPE

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