



# House of Hope News

## Breaking the Chains of Addiction

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### An Evening of Hope

Our third annual “An Evening of Hope”, the largest fundraising event for House of Hope, will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018 at New Covenant United Methodist Church, The Villages. We have moved this event to a larger facility to accommodate more supporters to attend.

There will be a Silent Auction and a Live Auction. Mary Jo Vitale, a sparkling performer who entertains throughout The Villages will perform during the Silent Auction. Marcia Spear, a pianist will perform during the dinner hour.

Tickets will be available in December and January. This event will support House of Hope, which is dedicated to helping men reclaim their lives from the destruction of addictive behaviors.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are seeking items for the silent and live auction:

- ◆ Use of a timeshare or vacation home
- ◆ Gift certificates for dinners or services
- ◆ Gift baskets, items large and small!
- ◆ If you like to entertain, a dinner in your home for 6 to 8 people would be wonderful

For more information please email [info@houseofhopefl.org](mailto:info@houseofhopefl.org)



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

#### SEASON’S GREETINGS!

We would like to express our love, deepest thanks, gratitude and appreciation to all of you who have assisted us in accomplishing the goal of changing men’s lives here at the HOUSE OF HOPE MINISTRY. We believe that everybody is somebody and God is All.



Through the instruction and guidance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we have made major accomplishments in the year of 2017. We have seen men who came to our facility broken and with NO HOPE leave with a GREAT HOPE and a fulfillment of WHOLENESS. There is no price tag that we can put on the reward of being a part of changing a person’s life. With your love, prayers and generous donations and contributions of support you are doing just that.

Men are being submerged in the Word of God, confronting their addictive issues and behaviors, making amends to those they’ve offended and are growing from their past of failures. The men are obtaining biblical, academic, life-skills, career path and computer experience that will enable them to become self-sufficient and restore them back to their families and community. With your support we are restoring sons back to their parents, husbands back to their wives and fathers back to their children. We graduated 10 men this past year. We have a host of Instructors and Counselors who are helping us to grow even more.

We will continue to see amazing changes in all of our lives, when we continually and consistently keep an attitude of gratitude!

We wish to you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for your giving through your prayers, your time, and your donations and contributions. Expressing our Thanks is our act of faith in declaring our belief that all blessings and all that’s good and perfect comes from God.

In ALL things we must Give Thanks ... Let us not forget to give thanks to God every day of the year for the rest of our lives.

Thank you again from ALL of us at the HOUSE OF HOPE MINISTRY.

If you would like more information, please call (352)748-0338 or email me at [Malcolm@houseofhopefl.org](mailto:Malcolm@houseofhopefl.org)

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## Baptisms

Twelve of the men at House of Hope were baptized recently. Pastor Don Winters and Dean Montray of Hope Community Church in Wildwood baptized the men as a public proclamation of their faith in Christ. While several of the men had been baptized as infants, they said this was a renewal of their relationship with God and the beginning of a new life, free from the chains of substance abuse.

There was an overall feeling of rebirth in the Spirit and excitement for the future.

## Carwash a Success

The men of House of Hope made a splash on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Their first carwash fundraiser was a success. For a free will donation, customer's cars were washed and dried and the inside was cleaned and vacuumed. "It was great seeing the men so enthusiastic about an event. They did a fabulous job and I will be back." stated a satisfied customer. The carwashes are held in Wildwood at Sumter Tire on Rt. 301. The plan is to have a carwash each Saturday from 9:00-3:00 at that location.



## Computer Lab Opens

This fall a dream became reality for the men. Thanks to the Helping Hands of Collier, 5 computers were donated to outfit the computer lab. Classes are being taught by members of The Villages Computer Club with the men being trained to use Microsoft Office programs.

## Yard Sale

The Annual Yard Sale at House of Hope on October 28<sup>th</sup> was a success again this year. Under the leadership of Terry and Marilyn Skarda and with the help of many volunteers, the donated items were organized and priced to prepare for the sale which resulted in \$5,000 in sales. There was a constant stream of customers the entire day. Funds raised through this event go directly to meeting the operating expenses of House of Hope.



## The Curriculum at House of Hope

We have formulated and implemented an academic and faith based curriculum to fit the needs of the men at House of Hope. We have 10 dedicated men and women who come each week to share their expertise.

In November Christine Burk, from Sumter Adult & Community Education Center explained the preparation for GED classes. Along with this there is a great emphasis on education, jobs, and career pathways. As we pursue this opportunity the men will earn the necessary skills to re-enter the work force with a diploma.

## New Website Available

If you would like to know more about House of Hope, our program and activities, visit our new website at [www.houseofhopefl.org](http://www.houseofhopefl.org).

The new site is much more user friendly and has great information. Many thanks to the volunteer who created the new website and everyone who assisted him!

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## Christmas at House of Hope

Holiday plans are underway for the men of House of Hope. Each year the men decorate all four buildings and the grounds. If you would like to tour our facilities with your group during this time of year please call 352-748-0338 to make arrangements.

Plans are underway for attending Christmas activities and concerts at area churches. On Christmas, the men will welcome their families for a traditional dinner and time for fellowship. Many volunteer hands help prepare House of Hope for the Christmas season. This year Thrivent, through an Action Team Grant, is assisting with the purchase of the food for dinner. (See related article on Thrivent)

## Welcome Our New Board Members

### Tom McCracken

Tom brings a strong background in Human Resources in the energy sector and has served on numerous industry boards. Tom has been involved with House of Hope for several years. Tom has been a resident of The Villages since 2004.

### Andre Nacaxe

Andre is a graduate of Boston University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts with a dual degree in Economics and International Relations. He is a holder of the Certified Trust and Financial Advisor designation and a graduate of the Cannon Trust School. Andre brings more than 10 years of experience in trust administration and investment management to The Villages team. He has been a passionate member of several civic organizations and recently has made The Villages his home.

## Wish List

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has donated items in the past. We were truly blessed these past months with paper goods – toilet paper, kleenex, and paper towels. As you continue to share with the men please consider the following items: personal hygiene products such as disposable razors, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, and liquid hand soap. Also, Clorox cleaning supplies and paper goods are always a necessary item at House of Hope.

## New Van

The generosity of area churches is overwhelming. House of Hope has been in need of a new van to transport the men to church and other activities. For the last several months men had to be transported in shifts because they could not all fit in the current van at one time. The Mission Outreach Team of Hope Lutheran Church and the Helping Hands Ministry of New Covenant United Methodist Church made gifts to enable the program to purchase a 2016 Ford 15 passenger van. Thank you for making it possible for the men to travel safely around our community.

## Please Check Your Checks!

As the year comes to a close, we thank each of you for your continued support to House of Hope.

We receive checks mailed directly to House of Hope or through your donation at your church. When submitting through your church, please make the check payable to House of Hope to insure that we are crediting you for your donation. This will enable us to give you a correct year end statement for tax purposes.

House of Hope is an approved 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

## Are you a Thrivent Financial Member?

Thrivent Financial members have the ability to designate where their Choice Dollars are donated. These dollars are a benefit of being a Thrivent member. City of Hope International, the corporate name of House of Hope, is eligible and registered to receive these dollars. Please consider designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to City of Hope International d/b/a House of Hope.

Many of our volunteers are Thrivent members and have signed up for an Action Team to assist with events and projects at House of Hope. Visit the Thrivent website at Thrivent.com for more information on this exciting benefit.

## 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.



*Merry Christmas*

Dear Friends,

May God bless you and your loved ones this holy and blessed time of the year as we await the birth of our Savior Jesus. We thank you for all your support throughout the year and look forward to your faith in each one of the men at House of Hope and the staff. We are praying that you have a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

Thank you for caring, now and always,

*The Men of House of Hope*

## Are You A Friend of House of Hope?

### House of Hope News

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Please visit our updated website at

[www.houseofhopefl.org](http://www.houseofhopefl.org)

House of Hope is supported solely through individual gifts and fundraising events. The Friends of House of Hope was organized as an annual giving program to help meet operating expenses. Your support is appreciated and we hope you will continue to be a member of Friends of House of Hope.

One contributor commented, "The men at House of Hope are an inspiration. They have been through so much but through their determination and accepting the Lord into their lives, they are new men. I like the idea of supporting a local program where I can see my gifts at work."

**We invite you to become a Friend of House of Hope!**



## FRIENDS OF HOUSE OF HOPE

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My check payable to House of Hope is enclosed  I would like to tour the House of Hope. Please contact me.

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