

Rays of Hope

Celebrating 55 Years as a Housing Ministry for People with Disabilities

Summer 2018

Message from the CEO

Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it—but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.



Our Board of Directors has set a vision not to lie at anchor but to grow and expand our mission to serve the community. Earlier this year, the Board conducted a vision quest to set a direction for Hope Homes Foundation. Three visions were discussed. The first was to continue as a housing corporation by only managing the properties and providing maintenance. The second was to sell all our properties and use the income to establish a “giving foundation.” The third vision was to seek opportunities to grow by expanding our mission to meet the needs of the community. For 55 years, Hope Homes has had a legacy of service to individuals with developmental disabilities and other special needs and their families in Summit, Stark, Wayne and Warren Counties. I am happy to report the Board voted to continue that legacy by choosing the growth model.

Today, we are embracing this vision, setting our course through strategic planning, and engaging in new community programs and services within our expanded mission.

In the past two months, Hope Homes has set sail on this journey. We sold our Brookfield, Massachusetts property of 30+ acres, which was once a goal of the Board to build a retirement community and provide activities for individuals with disabilities on a horse farm in that area. Proceeds from the sale will be used to develop new programs and reduce debt.

In addition, our fundraising, grant writing, and event planning are well under way to generate revenue for our mission. Our **55 Years of Hope** annual campaign has kicked off, three grants have been submitted, and a Food Truck Round-Up fundraiser is scheduled for August 10 at Hope Center. All proceeds will be used for the ongoing repair and maintenance of our 17 properties.

We have been approved as a Medicaid service provider through the Ohio Departments of Aging, Job and Family Services, and Developmental Disabilities to provide minor home repairs and modifications. To date, we have received approximately 30 referrals to assist older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families with making meaningful changes in their homes for safety, accommodation and security.

Hope Homes also has an updated website, a new sign at our Call Road headquarters, and this quarterly newsletter mailed to more than 800 friends of Hope.

As Hope Home’s journey continues, we invite you to join and support us at our events and fundraising activities and follow us on social media. Thank you!

Paul Herrera



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Hope Home	2018-2020 Project Update	Estimated Cost
1 Stow	Replace garage roof and gutters	\$4,000
	Replace vinyl siding	\$12,000
2 Stow	None pending	
4 Maineville	Under evaluation	
5 Tallmadge	Replace living room floor covering	\$3,000
	Replace gutters	\$2,000
8/9 Tallmadge	Pending HUD project approval	
12 Akron	Partial replacement of driveway	\$15,000
	Replace original roof	\$6,000
13A/B Stow	Replace roof and leaking gutters	\$25,000
	Repair basement leaks (No Mold Dri Lock)	1,000
14 Hudson	Replace 30-year old roof and gutters	\$25,000
	Replace floor covering	\$3,000
18 Canton	None pending	
19 Canton	Replace floor covering	\$1,000
20/21 Stow	Replace cement driveways and sidewalks	\$25,000
	Replace furnace and A/C compressor #20	\$6,000
	Replace furnace and A/C compressor #21	\$6,000
31/32 Wooster	Replace furnace and A/C compressor #31	\$6,000
	Replace furnace and A/C compressor #32	\$6,000
Hope Center	Replace Day Center exterior door	\$1,000
	Commercial mower	\$2,500
	Replace storage shed roof	\$1,000
	Resurface parking lot	\$40,000
	Replace 5 furnaces and 4 A/C compressors	\$35,000
TOTAL PROJECTS COST		\$225,5000

To discuss a project in more detail, please contact Paul Herrera at 330-686-5342 x104 or pherrera@hopehomes.org.

Food Truck Round-Up



Hello!

Hope Homes Foundation is celebrating 55 years as a housing ministry for people with developmental disabilities and other special needs, and we would like to invite you to sponsor our signature fundraiser this summer on **Friday, August 10**, from **4-8 p.m.** at **Hope Center**, 2300 Call Road, Stow, Ohio.

As our **Food Truck Round-Up** sponsor, your organization will receive the benefits listed below. We have already begun advertising this event on social media and in our quarterly newsletters. Recognition as a sponsor would start as soon as you sign on.

SPONSOR LEVEL	BENEFITS
ROUND-UP \$1,000	ONE sponsorship opportunity available Featured as presenting sponsor with logo and hyperlink in July newsletter, website event page, and Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn posts Recognized as presenting sponsor in all press releases and promotional materials Key name/logo placement on shared sponsor banner displayed at event Name/Logo as presenting sponsor on event program cover Presenting sponsor table at event
GOLD \$500	Recognized as gold sponsor in July newsletter, website event page, and Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn posts Recognized as gold sponsor in all press releases and promotional materials Name/Logo placement on shared sponsor banner displayed at event Gold sponsor listing with logo in event program Sponsor table at event
SILVER \$250	Recognized as sponsor in July newsletter and Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn posts Name on shared sponsor banner displayed at event Silver sponsor listing in event program Sponsor table at event
SHUTTLE \$250	Provide 1-2 shuttle vehicles with drivers (must provide proof of insurance coverage) Recognized as sponsor in July newsletter and Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn posts Name on shared sponsor banner displayed at event Shuttle sponsor listing in event program Sponsor table at event
BRONZE \$100	Recognized as sponsor in July newsletter Bronze sponsor listing in event program Sponsor table at event
VENDOR \$55	Vendor listing in event program Vendor table at event
55th ANNIVERSARY CIRCLE \$55 - \$550 - \$5,500	All members/honorees will be recognized on our Hope Center donor wall by giving level and in the annual report and quarterly newsletter January 2018

Your generous support will help us build Hope for the future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss a major gift donation, I can be reached at 330-686-5342 x105 or msenvisky@hopehomes.org.

Best regards,

Marianne Senvisky

Business Development Manager

**Hope Homes Foundation, Inc.
Food Truck Round-Up Sponsor**

Organization Name _____

Address _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Phone _____

Contact Email _____

Sponsor Level

- \$1,000 Round-Up
- \$500 Gold
- \$250 Silver
- \$250 Shuttle
- \$100 Bronze
- \$55 Vendor

55th Anniversary Circle

- \$55 Member
- \$550 Builder
- \$5,500 Founder

In Memory/Honor of _____

Please complete this form and mail with your check (payable to Hope Homes Foundation) by July 31, 2018, to:

Hope Homes Foundation, Inc.
2300 Call Road
Stow, OH 44224-1502

Round-Up and Gold Sponsors - Forward your logo in JPG format to msenvisky@hopehomes.org for promotional purposes.



Thank you for sponsoring our fundraising event!

We love our volunteers!



Girl Scout Troop #90293 provided 59 boxes of donated cookies and lots of smiles at our Milk & Cookies Afternoon at Hope Center for REM Ohio's day program participants on June 15. Everyone also took their favorite cookies home, and the remaining boxes will be shared with our group home residents. These "girls can do anything!"



Akron Rotary Club volunteers spruced up our landscaping (in the rain!) and stained 13 picnic tables as part of United Way's Day of Action June 22. What a hard-working group of professionals!



If you or your group would like to volunteer, go to: <https://hopehomes.org/>

Food Truck Round-Up

You're Invited! **Friday, August 10** **4-8 p.m.** **Hope Center, 2300 Call Road, Stow** **FREE Admission & Parking**

Food Vendors • Craft Beer • Live Music • 50/50 Raffle • Family Fun!

All proceeds will benefit the mission of Hope Homes Foundation

Elm Hill Farm Treasure Chest

Along with the 30+ acres Hope Homes acquired and recently sold in Brookfield, Massachusetts, a "treasure chest" of Civil War-era collectibles was also included.

These heirlooms belonged to seven generations of Blanchard and Means families who lived at Elm Hill Farm, established prior to 1797. It's been a walk through history reading through more than 135 years of family correspondence, which the University of Massachusetts Amherst recently purchased to add to their Blanchard-Means Family Papers. Two shaving razors made by W. E. McDonald in Woburn, Massachusetts, were acquired by the Woburn Historical Society. And the family's collection of antique Asian kimonos and textiles just traveled on to Rapid City, South Dakota, last month.

Rev. Oliver W. Means' travel trunk has a few more treasures inside to benefit our mission:

- U.S. and foreign partial sheets of postage stamps
- President Woodrow Wilson original signed letter
- 1875 linen-backed U.S. map
- Wood zoological puzzle in original box
- Domino boxed set
- Hand-painted Chinese scrolls (2)
- Partially full spirits bottles (2)
- Plus toy cannons, Chinese coins, cigarette box & fruit knives set

If you're interested in purchasing any of these antiques, please call us at 330-686-5342 for more details.

Our Code of Ethics

RESPECT for the communities we work with and serve.

INTEGRITY in our actions.

RESPONSIBILITY for our decisions and their consequences.

We are committed to:

- Acting honestly, truthfully and with integrity in all our transactions and dealings;
- Avoiding conflicts of interest;
- Appropriately handling actual or apparent conflicts of interest in our relationships;
- Treating our lessees fairly;
- Treating every individual with dignity and respect;
- Treating our employees with respect, fairness, and good faith and providing conditions of employment that safeguard their rights and welfare;
- Being a good corporate citizen and complying with both the spirit and the letter of the law;
- Acting responsibly toward the communities in which we work and for the benefit of the communities that we serve;
- Being responsible, transparent and accountable for all of our actions; and
- Improving the accountability, transparency, ethical conduct and effectiveness of the housing corporation field.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can impact our mission to provide safe, accessible and affordable homes for people with disabilities in the following ways:

ENGAGE

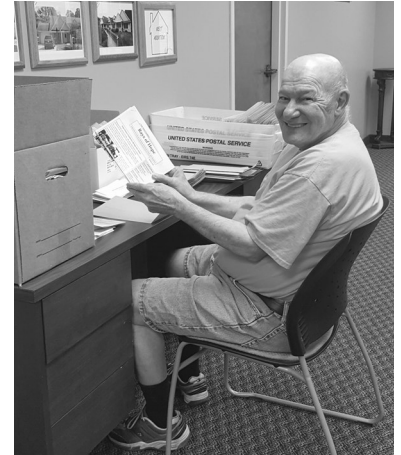
- Follow **Hope Homes Foundation** on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn and share the links with your contacts.
- Visit and bookmark www.hopehomes.org for the latest news and mission updates.
- Attend/Sponsor our Food Truck Round-Up on August 10 (pages 3/4) and upcoming special events.

SERVE

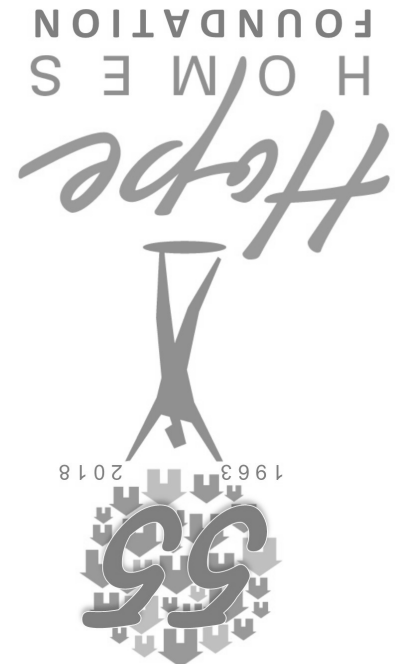
- Volunteer for a Hope Homes Foundation project at www.volunteermatch.org.
- “Adopt a Home” to help beautify the grounds and exterior of a Hope home.
- Contact Marianne Senvisky at 330-686-5342 x105 or msenvisky@hopehomes.org to discuss more ways you can help.

SUPPORT

- Join our **55th Anniversary Circle** this year (page 4).
- Click the Donate tab on our website or Facebook page to make a tax-deductible contribution via PayPal.
- Shop Amazon through smiles.amazon.com, and .5% of your purchases will be donated to Hope Homes Foundation when you choose us as your charitable organization.



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