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## Give hope today through our Annual Giving Campaign

### BE A PART OF 60+ YEARS OF HOPE

As we celebrate entering our 62nd year of building Hope in our community, we invite you to help us commemorate 60+ years by giving \$60, \$600 or \$6,000 to help us continue to serve! Your tax-deductible contribution will enhance the quality of life for our residents and ensure the comfort and safety of every home we manage.

All Annual Giving Campaign donors (or their honorees) will be recognized on our donor wall at Hope Center and in our annual report and quarterly newsletter.

To discuss a major gift donation, please contact Paul Herrera at 330-686-5342 or [pherrera@hopehomes.org](mailto:pherrera@hopehomes.org).



To donate, scan the QR code or visit [www.hopehomes.org/give-hope-today](http://www.hopehomes.org/give-hope-today)



HOPE HOMES FOUNDATION INC.

DECEMBER 2024

# BUILDING HOPE

## The Children's Home is Underway!



### We Need Your Help to Finish the Project

We still need to raise \$25,000 to offset the cost of building the Children's Home.

*Pictured L to R: William Salem, Daniel Sutter, Jeff Barber, Paul Herrera, Sarah Plasters, and William Green*

We're thrilled to share that we broke ground on the Children's Home — which we're building in partnership with the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities — on October 6th!

Construction has now begun on the project, led by our contractor Roseman Construction. The house will be a 2,077 square foot, four bedroom ranch equipped with high-impact wall boards and break resistant windows, a Snoezlen® sensory room, and a study/activity area to meet the needs of the children living there. We hope to have the house completed by April of next year, but we still need help financially to complete the project.

**If you'd like to donate to help us build this first-of-its-kind Children's Home in Canton, please contact Paul Herrera at 330-244-6327 or visit [hopehomes.org/give-hope-today](http://hopehomes.org/give-hope-today).**





**Housing News Roundup:**

- We recently purchased a 1,710 sq. ft. ranch on a quiet, tree lined street in Cuyahoga Falls that will house four residents beginning in late November or early December, once renovations are complete. You can see pictures of the renovation in the newsletter insert.
- In addition to the Children’s Home in Stark County, a three and four bedroom ranch will soon be built to welcome residents in March 2025.
- Our Melrose Home is fully occupied in Wayne County, and will receive a new four seasons room this winter that will be completed in the Spring of 2025.
- Renovation work continues at numerous other properties throughout Canton and North Canton as well, all overseen and carried out by the HHF Inc. Maintenance Team. The team is also preparing for HUD inspections in early December.

*Thank You*      **A SPECIAL THANKS TO**  
**DOROTHY BIRT AND FAMILY**      *Thank You*

We’d like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the family of Dorothy Birt, who, following her passing at 102, made a generous donation to Hope Homes Foundation Inc. that will be put to use immediately supporting our construction and renovation projects.

A teacher in Monroe, Glendale, and Dayton, Ohio, Dorothy was active in social organizations and Lakeview United Church of Christ, which was adjacent to one of HHF Inc.’s homes in Mainville, Ohio. We couldn’t do the important work of providing homes and hope to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities without the help of friends like Dorothy and her family! From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!



**NEW BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: GUY BOLON**

I was first introduced to Hope Homes Foundation Inc. by Tom Fiala, a fellow board member. After hearing about the mission of HHF Inc., I was thrilled to accept the invitation to join the board and seize the opportunity to take action to help others. I very much admire the passion HHF Inc. has for helping people achieve independence and a better quality of life.



I have operated Bolon’s Kitchens & Baths since 1983, and am looking forward to applying my experience and skills to help HHF Inc. analyze and execute decision making that will promote the growth and health of the Foundation. I am currently serving on the Real Estate Committee, observing how things function and how I will best be able to contribute.

On a personal note, I’ve known my wife Tina since high school and have been married to her for 38 years. My son Devin and his wife Jessica along with my daughter Kristina and her husband Mitch all live in Columbus. Tina and I have an 18-month-old grandson named Archer. We enjoy spending time together as a family and do it as often as possible. I also enjoy golf, fishing, and classic car shows when time permits.

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