



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

Since Hope Awaits first opened its doors in May of 2018 we have always strived to create a family atmosphere in the house. All clients help with the upkeep of the house, including household chores, lawn care, and snow removal. Staff and clients also work together to prepare and clean up from dinner. Until covid hit we would share in a “family dinner” each night with everyone enjoying dinner around the table and having dinnertime conversation. Now with social distancing regulations only 3 people can eat at a time; but even then those three can enjoy each others company while they eat.

In order to ensure that everyone helps equally with cooking and cleaning up from dinner we have a dinner schedule. This past month there was one evening where one man who was scheduled for dinner prep had gone into the kitchen to start making dinner, and then two other men who weren't on the schedule went in and joined him in getting dinner ready.

It was such a beautiful sight to see these two other men join in and help him prepare dinner, all the while they were talking away and enjoying each others company.

Later that evening two of the men were sitting around the dining room table talking and the one was giving the other advice.

In the book of Philippians Paul wrote “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4).

When men first arrive at Hope Awaits they are in survival mode and are just looking to have their own needs met – which is important. But I have noticed that the longer they are at Hope Awaits the more they start to care about the other men who are staying at the shelter. They start to help each other, give advice to one another, and are concerned about the others staying at Hope Awaits.

Praise the Lord that we get to be a part of restoring these types of relationships in the lives of the men God brings to our door.

I ask that you continue to pray for all those who stay at Hope Awaits. Some of them have relationships with their families while others don't or never have had a good family relationship. Pray that God would show them what good, loving family relationships look like through their time at Hope Awaits; and more than that, that God would reveal to them that they can enter into a loving relationship with Him.

Nicole Millage

Executive Director



Glory be to God!

Our Vision

To see men filled with hope and transformed by the love, grace, and power of God.

Highlights

Clients

In November we had eight men reside at the shelter, with six still being in the program at month end.

Client Story

One of the clients we have recently served was a returning client. He had stayed at Hope Awaits for a short time earlier this year. The last time he was here he left to move in with someone. Things did not go well and he ended up homeless again.

In the summer he came to Hope Awaits looking for a room, however he was not granted admission due to drug use. He came for his third intake this fall, and at that intake staff recognized a difference in him – this time he truly wanted to get back on his feet, and he was willing to do the work to get there. He had enrolled in school and had thought through a plan of what he wanted for his life. He still has his struggles, but he has a desire for something better.

It is encouraging to see a man change from just wanting a handout to someone who actually wants to change – and we at Hope Awaits are blessed to be able to be a part of that change!

How You Can Help

1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

- Fruit Cups
- Pasta Sauce
- Pickles
- Canned Vegetables
- Soya Sauce
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Paper Towel
- Dryer Sheets

All donations can be dropped off at 390 First Ave E. daily between 6pm and 9pm.

2. Help Us Reach Our Year-End Goal

Help us keep our doors open by making a donation today towards our year-end goal!

- \$50 will cover building maintenance for one month
- \$100 will cover 1 client for 7 days
- \$500 will cover half a month's utilities
- \$1,000 will cover 2 clients for 1 month

3. Send a Christmas Card to a Homeless Man

Mail a Christmas card to Hope Awaits this December and we will give the cards to one of the men that stay at or visit our facility this Christmas season.

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Thank you for your continued prayers and support

** Merry Christmas! **

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