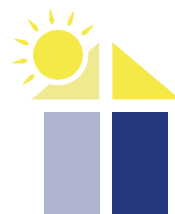


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SEPTEMBER 2023



HOPE
Rescue Mission

News

On September 9th, we celebrated another beautiful Hope Gala at the DoubleTree-Reading. HRM's CEO, Robert Turchi, unveiled plans for our newest program, HopeHouses, which will provide affordable transitional and permanent supportive housing to guests who have successfully completed programs at the Mission and the LightHouse.

Freedom Gate Ministry, and their Board President Theresa Stork, generously donated four properties on S. 9th St. in Reading to be used for continued ministry programs. These initial HopeHouse properties are being sponsored by Glad Tidings Church in West Lawn. HRM's goal is to have a sponsor church for each future HopeHouse to encourage the spiritual community among the residents and build relationships with the surrounding neighbors. As Mr. Turchi shared at the Gala, "There is so much light and love shining on our five acre campus through our daily volunteers. It is time to shine that light throughout the City, while providing affordable housing to those who have graduated from our shelter programs."

Congratulations to the 2023 David H. Roland Service Award recipient, Jerry Broskey.

We would like to thank all of our event sponsors, especially our Diamond and Platinum Sponsors:



Donor Spotlight: Compassion Endodontics



The mission of Compassion Endodontics is to compassionately care for those who are suffering with dental disease and pain. We believe everyone is worthy of compassion. Not only do we want to care for the people that come into our office, but also the community of Reading at large. Therefore, to show compassion to the community, we are partnering with Hope Rescue Mission.

Hope Rescue Mission has been in Reading for over 129 years with a goal to shine a light into the lives of those experiencing dark times. Because Compassion Endodontics and Hope Rescue Mission share the same values, Compassion Endodontics has pledged that for every root canal performed, a man experiencing homelessness is sheltered overnight and fed three meals in an Emergency Shelter Program.

Volunteer Spotlight: Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys



Kozloff Stoudt attorneys don't just live and work in Southeastern Pennsylvania, they are also committed to serving the community as well. They are actively involved in many non-profit, volunteer and municipal organizations.

The firm has been volunteering at HRM since July 2021. They have served by holding multiple clothing drives, serving lunch and dinner, and recently assisted with cleaning LightHouse, our new women and children's center.

When asked what they like most about volunteering at HRM, Dellise Otero, responded, "Our team always walks away feeling so good about the time we spend volunteering. It's great to know that we're making a difference, helping others, building community, and connecting with people. There's so much good that comes from volunteering our time. There are so many different volunteer opportunities to choose from. The HRM's calendar makes it easy to see what volunteer opportunities are available and simple to register. The greatest gift you can give is your time!"

LightHouse Ribbon Cutting

On Friday, July 7th we held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the LightHouse Women and Children's Center followed by an open house and tours. We celebrated our largest ministry expansion to date. Women and children can now receive the same valuable services that we have been offering men for 129 years. LightHouse Women and Children's Center is a safe space for women to get back on their feet with privacy and dignity. It is a welcoming environment that feels more like a home than a shelter. We are creating a haven not only for the women but also for their children. Our next step is to raise funding to build a playground next to the LightHouse, a place where children will be able to play in safety where they will know that people care about them and support their moms. If you are interested in a tour of the new facility, please reach out to Executive Director, **Kate Alley** at kalley@HopeForReading.org.



LightHouse
Women & Children's Center

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VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Volunteer with us! Giving your time can make a huge impact in the lives of our guests. Lending a helping hand, especially as the holidays are approaching, can brighten a day in an otherwise challenging time. Individuals, churches, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to contact our Volunteer Coordinator to discuss opportunities to use your gifts and abilities to serve the most vulnerable population. Reach out to **Sheri Golembiewski** at Volunteer@HopeForReading.org or **610-375-4224 - ext. 205** today.



5K PATRIOT *Run*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 9:00 A.M

Benefits Homeless Veteran Services at Hope Rescue Mission

JOIN US TO HONOR ALL ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

COURSE

Flat, fast wheel measured course on mostly shaded trail along creek. CHIP TIMING with instant results.

Rain or shine. No refunds or mailed awards.

AWARDS

Top 3 Males & Females overall plus:

14 & under: 3M, 3F // 15-19: 3M, 3F // 20-29: 3M, 3F
30-39: 3M, 3F // 40-49: 3M, 3F // 50-59: 3M, 3F
60-69: 3M, 3F // 70+: 3M, 3F

REGISTRATION

Not accepting Mail-in registrations!
REGISTER ONLINE at: [HopeForReading.org/5K](https://www.HopeForReading.org/5K)

Registration closes at midnight, the Wednesday before race day.

Day of race Registration will be available.

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