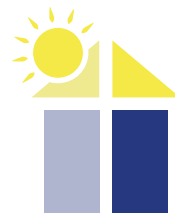


HOPE FOR TODAY

DECEMBER 2023



HOPE
Rescue Mission

Welcome to our new Board Members!

We are thrilled to usher in a new era at Hope as we warmly welcome our two distinguished female board members, Zylkia Rivera and Jean Heinly. Opening the LightHouse Women & Children's Center marks a significant milestone in our 130-year history, and our new board members enhance the strength and richness of our leadership team. Their experience and dedication significantly enrich our board, and we look forward to serving the needs of the community together!



Zylkia Rivera



Jean Heinly

Make a Difference Through your IRA

As the end of the year approaches, you have an opportunity that can have a profound impact on both your financial planning and our charitable mission. Please consider using a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for charity. Your RMD, while mandatory, can be transformed into a powerful tool that makes a positive impact in the lives of those in need. Here's why it's a great idea:

> **Tax Advantages:** By directing all or a part of your RMD to a qualified charity, such as ours, you can potentially reduce your taxable income. This could result in having more available to you for discretionary spending.

> **Personal Satisfaction:** Designating a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" makes a meaningful impact in supporting the causes you care deeply about. Knowing your RMD is used to support a cause you believe in can bring immense personal satisfaction.

> **Immediate Impact:** Your donation can make a tangible difference right now. It enables us to continue our efforts without delay, addressing pressing needs and contributing to positive change in our community.

Please contact your tax advisor to learn more, or contact Hope's trusted financial advisor and long-term supporter, James L. Adams, CFP, ChFC, CLU: jadams@adamslaventura.com | 610-916-6393

Donor Spotlight: Penske

We are so grateful for the overwhelming support Penske provides to our organization and those we serve throughout each year. In addition to their sponsorship of our annual events, Penske employees regularly volunteer at The Mission and The LightHouse to provide direct support and encouragement to our guests. In October, Penske donated a brand new, Ford 250 cargo van to support our HopeThrift division that collects clothing donations daily for our guests.



Volunteer Spotlight: Dharma Sivasamy & Family



Dharma and his family have been volunteering at Hope Rescue Mission for the past six years. We are very grateful that they have donated the ingredients and helped to serve our Thanksgiving meal for the past two years. Dharma connected with Hope after hearing about us at his church and taking a tour. Seeing the work that HRM is doing to help the homeless in our community inspired him to volunteer. “I have been brought up to always look out for others who may not have what I take for granted.” Dharma and his family are passionate about helping those in need. He is very grateful to have been blessed by God with a great family and job at Penske. The Penske organization encourages their employees to volunteer and is a committed supporter of the work being done at Hope.



Raheem says the biggest battle he has had to fight in his life is an addiction to heroin. At times he has felt victorious, and at times he has felt utterly defeated. After a relapse episode, Raheem put himself into a six-week, inpatient treatment program. After completing treatment, Raheem entered another residential program but was discouraged when he felt it was not the right program for him. Feeling that he was at another low point, Raheem came to The Mission. From his arrival, Raheem felt he was welcomed with open arms into an encouraging environment. “A bunch of the guys here have been really encouraging to me. A lot of volunteers come in to help, it’s such a positive place that’s full of compassion. The staff has been amazing and support me so much.” Raheem is celebrating his fourth month of sobriety, and he is thankful for the full-time job he now has as a cook at The Peanut Bar. He says the owner, Michael, has been very encouraging to him and his continued recovery plan. Raheem’s future goals are to complete 18 remaining credits toward an associate’s degree in paralegal studies and to spend quality time with his three kids over the holidays.



“When I arrived at LightHouse all I had with me was my daughter and the stroller she was riding in. I was crying because this was my last option and I didn’t have any other plans of where to stay. The impact of the LightHouse is that me and my child have been able to get back on our feet. We are surrounded by a great environment and great people who are very caring and supportive. My favorite thing about the LightHouse is how clean it is and the peace of mind it has given me. They helped my daughter get daycare and I’ve gotten a job that offers a certificate program and advancement after I complete it. This Christmas I finally feel like I am at home.”

- Anonymous LightHouse Guest



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MAY 9
LIGHTHOUSE WELCOME
HOME PARTY

SEPT. 7
130TH ANNIVERSARY
HOPE GALA

NOV. 9
5K PATRIOT RUN

5K Patriot Run Recap

We had beautiful running weather for our 3rd Annual 5k Patriot Run held on Saturday, November 4. This special event celebrates veterans and first responders. We are grateful for their service and sacrifice. 150 individuals met at Gring's Mill to run and walk a beautiful 5k course. We are thankful to our participants and sponsors for helping to raise funds to support crucial services provided to veterans staying at Hope Rescue Mission. A special thank you to our top sponsors: Steak-umm, Cornerstone Law Firm and Stork's Plows!



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