

“Hope House Chronicles”

“Celebrating 25 Years of Service” 1985–2010



1985 - Hope House opened its doors and began to serve seriously ill outpatients at the 833 North Jefferson St property. This property was leased for 2 years. Fortunately, in early **1986**, we were able to get a release from most of the debt accrued by this expensive lease and search for another property. A finance committee was formed in 1986 to raise funds to pay debts and purchase a property for Hope House. Paul Pryor, Gene Holbrook and Charles Kenny were on that committee. Mr. J.C. and Annie Redd became involved a short time later at great benefit to Hope House. Lee McLeod, a friend of Mr. Redd, shortly thereafter volunteered to join our fundraising effort. Mr. Redd and Lee McLeod secured a large donation from a Christian Church that they had been affiliated with. This donation and others allowed Hope House to purchase the property at 1053 N. Congress. We moved into the N. Congress property in **1987**. The total debt on the property was retired in a few years.

Through all the very lean “building years” Hope House wonderfully served approx. 15 to 20 cancer patients every day without interruption. We currently try and limit our guest population to 15 with the hope of building another facility to handle the additional request. Our paid staff of one went without a regular payroll check for the first year and a half. As is the case today, volunteers made the difference between staying open or closing.

1994 - An addition to the men’s house was completed. The 1000’ square ft. addition consisted of 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, a kitchen, a large living room and a porch. United Parcel Service (UPS) donated \$10,000.00 of the \$30,000.00 needed to complete the project. Money was raised to pay for the addition before the project was started.

1995 American Cancer Society donated a new van to transport Hope House outpatients. We were using cabs and personal vehicles. This has been a great addition to the service we provide. ACS also became one of our largest financial contributors a few years later.

1995 - Junior League spent approx. \$30,000.00 on Hope House renovations which included a new AC for the ladies house. Hundreds of volunteer hours were spent painting and renovating parts of Hope House.

1999 - Wanda Pitts, Director of Hope House, received American Cancer Society’s Lane W. Adams Award. The award was to recognize and reward individuals whose practice has been characterized by innovation and consistent excellence in providing compassionate skilled care and counsel to persons with cancer and their families. There were 15 recipients given this award in the United States in **1999**. ACS paid all expenses for Wanda and her husband Fredrick to go to Portland, Or to receive the award at an ACS banquet. This award confirmed what we already knew, Wanda Pitts and Mia Martin are the most valuable assets we have. Money cannot buy the Christ-like love that our guests have consistently received since we opened the doors in 1985.

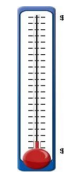
A WIN-WIN PROGRAM

Thanks to all the persons that are using Kroger gift cards purchased from Hope House. As long as the float remains above \$5,000 Hope House gets a monthly check from Kroger in the amount of 5% of the amount of purchases. It’s a win-win program for Kroger and Hope House. So —all that already have the gift cards from Hope House please keep your cards refilled for continuing purchases and it will be an easy way to provide financial support for the Hope House mission. For others who do not yet have a Hope House Kroger card; they are available at Hope House at a cost of \$5 In just a few months this has resulted in \$900.00 for Hope House thanks to all who are using the gift cards as purchased from Hope House.

Thanks !

Wish List

*Join New Van Campaign!



St. Dominic has given \$5,000. All monies in designated account until we have enough!!!

• Monthly Partners

\$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or whatever you can give!

Always can use cleaning, household products, linens, towels, bed pillows, food items.

Hope House of Hospitality

2002 - Hope House Board of Directors begin planning another facility. With God's loving hand upon us, we will be able to eliminate the current waiting list.

American Cancer Society donates an almost new Pontiac van in the month of September.

2005- September 30, we sell our property at 1053 N. Congress to the Baptist Hospital and close our doors as we continue our search for a new property. We officially continue our ministry "on wheels" providing transportation from local hotel to the UMC Medical Mall.

2006-August we buy our new property of two and a half acres at 786 E. Northside Drive and remodel the existing house which sits on 2.5 acres and are able to serve 8-10 guests.

2007- July 1 we officially begin to serve our guests with lodging again and also begin with plans to build a new adjacent house which will allow us to serve an additional 22 more guests.

We have an Open House & Dedication to our newly remodeled house and groundbreaking of our new house.

2008- We are fully underway with our new house with projections to open 2009.

2009- Our Mission Continues as we have completed in full our expanded facility will allow us to serve 32 guests. Our website is up and going. www.hopehouseofhospitality.org. We can now accept direct banking and online donations.

2010-Hope House of Hospitality is celebrating 25 years of service-January 1985-January 2010. Kick off celebration of this 25th year is the Tour Lefleur Biking Event held in April.

This is very "compact" history of Hope House. I could write volumes about all the volunteers, financial contributors, etc. that have allowed Hope House to serve thousands of cancer stricken outpatients. It has been inspirational to watch God's people in action. Please call if you need more information at 601-981-1260. Visit our website: www.hopehouseofhospitality.org. Your contributions are tax deductible and can be made in memory or honor your loved one.

MAIL YOUR DONATION TO: HOPE HOUSE—

786 E. NORTHSIDE DRIVE - JACKSON, MS 39206

"When you give your support helps make a difference in a seriously ill outpatient's life"

Why Hope House? Why now? I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Hope House for around 20 years. I know what an amazing ministry it is to the hurting, both physically, spiritually and many other ways. I have seen how God has blessed our ministry in HUGE ways, both in the lives of individuals and monetarily. We at Hope House trust the Lord alone to meet our needs. He provides generous donors and money that seems at times to fall right down from His very own hands! How have we built such an incredible facility on so little money? By being trustworthy stewards of the resources God has given us. This year marks the twenty fifth anniversary of Hope House. Our prayer is that the Lord sees fit to allow us to continue ministering to many more guests over the years. What an **amazing God** we have! And who knows but that He is calling you to be honored to support Hope House at such a time as this!

Submitted by: Cheri Waite,, Board Member



**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!
Won't you give today!!!**