



OPEN HOUSE
MINISTRIES
We're a family shelter

Connections

August 2020

ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR THE FAMILIES AT OPEN HOUSE MINISTRIES

Celebration of Hope

On July 23, 2020, we celebrated Hope in Motion, our annual event to benefit the families at Open House Ministries. The outpouring of generosity by our friends and community partners not only exceeded our goal for the evening but brought the compassion of our community to the forefront of the event and we are truly grateful.

We want to thank the residents who bravely told their stories and shared their lives with our audience, bringing testimony to the life-changing work happening each day at Open House Ministries. Their courage, work and trust in God for a better life for themselves and their families reflects the heart of our mission and continues to motivate our organization to keep moving forward.

This year our fundraiser became an online virtual event due to COVID-19, connecting viewers to our event with a televised production from Wager Audio. The audience tuned in through our website and could join lively Facebook watch parties, sending their blessings as the evening unfolded. A special thanks goes out to our emcee, Eric Sawyer from BBSI Preferred Payroll, for walking us through the event, animating our fundraiser with his passion for our mission.



Open House Ministries staff members sharing signs of thanks

Our thanks also goes out to Kessid Church for donating their time and talent for our recorded segments during the event, to Sam Pierce our experienced webmaster, and to Wager Audio for hosting our team and bringing all the elements for the production together for the live event. Hope In Motion would not have been possible without their talent and expertise.

If you missed the live event, you can view the recording on our website at **www.sheltered.org**. You will be blessed with a message from Executive Director Reneé Stevens and hear the expansion plans at Open House Ministries from Board President Dick James. Please take a moment to watch our annual benefit and share it with your friends and families. Thank you for supporting Hope In Motion.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the Middle of the Storm

As we move through the continuing challenges from COVID-19 I pray you have been well, and even though we have been instructed to *physically distance* to stay safe from the virus I hope you have been finding ways to socially connect with your friends, families, and churches.

Open House Ministries was given a heart break June 21st with the loss of our friend and chaplain, Mark Roskam. Mark and I worked closely as we shared in the experience of being Open House Ministries case managers together.

Helping many people who entered the programs at Open House Ministries from broken and tragic situations, Mark was a gentle, forgiving and understanding counselor in the process of helping to steer residents toward Jesus.

His kindness was truly evident to everyone and the compassion he brought into his work as a case manager made him the perfect fit for our chaplaincy at Open House Ministries over six years ago. Mark and his wife, Gini were faithful in prayer for the families staying at the shelter, our families at Pinewood Terrace, the staff, and volunteers working everyday at Open House Ministries.

Mark saw the potential of Christ in each person he counseled and loved working with the residents at Open House Ministries stating, "I can reach people who live at the shelter because they recognize their own brokenness."

Mark knew how finding a new life in Christ can impact your world when you are going through a storm, and he dedicated his life to helping others find the path that changed his own life. He will live on at Open House Ministries as his prayers for us strengthened the foundation put in place 33 years ago.

Mark's warm smile and encouragement always had a way of making you feel very special. I think that's just how God wants us to feel as we grow in our relationship with Him, especially in the middle of the storm.

Blessings,

Reneé Stevens

Reneé Stevens
Executive Director

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."
~ Numbers 6:24-26*



Chaplain Mark Roskam

SHELTER NEEDS

- Clorox wipes and hand soap
 - Disposable face masks
 - Canned and boxed non-perishable foods
 - Diapers: Size 4, 5 & 6
- Thank You!

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