

Mission Focused Ministry Driven

Every... Single... Day I hear the same question when I go out into the community.
“How is Jon doing?”

Because of all the questions I thought I'd address that here, so you can know how I think it's going with our new CEO, and, in fact, it's going amazing. Jon Weiss, Jr., House of Hope's new CEO, has the energy, compassion and intellect to be involved in all the different aspects of this ministry. From his amazing ability to remember numbers to his deep love and understanding for those we serve, God brought us the perfect mix of strengths.

Despite being the CEO, Jon has made himself available to be guided by several different leaders while he learns the ropes, including board members, leadership staff and members of the Christian community. His humble servanthood has impressed us all.

With God's guidance, he's already making great decisions. The House of Hope has grown very fast in the last few years, and we are excited to switch our focus from growth to sustainability. The entire staff is energized by getting back to basics and to focus on what we do best, ministry. But don't think we aren't looking forward to exciting future projects, we know there is still so much need in the community!

Jon's current favorite saying is: “If it doesn't answer these three questions: Does it honor God? Does it serve people? Does it reflect our mission statement? we don't do it.” We are firmly **Mission Focused and Ministry Driven**.

Call me anytime and we can chat about Jon, the ministry or those future plans!

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How does he do it??

The worst question I face every night is “what’s for dinner?” I know I’m not alone! But imagine if you had to cook for 100 people a day!? Chris Bryan faces that challenge every day when he comes to work. And, as if cooking for 100 guests and residents wasn’t challenging enough, he has to do it with donations. When donations come in, Chris needs to decide what to make with whatever has been donated. This is one of Chris’ favorite parts of his job, being creative!

Chris learned how to cook from his father, but he never thought of it as a career. He was always cooking for groups at church, and once a month even took his youth group to a homeless shelter in Myrtle Beach to cook for the homeless.

His first career was as a lineman. For 15 years that’s what he did until the unthinkable happened, he hit a live line. The electricity ripped through his body and ultimately cost him his right arm. His whole life changed in that moment.



After all the surgeries, and a little bit of wandering, Chris made the leap to go to culinary school. This was just what he needed to get his life back on track. He has always loved cooking, and has a heart for the homeless, so this job meets both his passions. He started out as a volunteer, and we decided in January that we better hire him!

Not only does he do all the cooking, but he connects with local companies for food donations. Performance Food Group (PFG), Chick-Fil-A, Harris Teeter and others. Thanks to the generosity of these companies, we are able to feed 100 people a day for so much less than you might think. Because of Chris, the food is delicious, nutritious, and never boring! The hardest part of my job is smelling all the amazing food!



In case you’re looking closely, Chris has all kinds of attachments for his arm, from knives to peelers! This technology makes it possible for him to pursue his passion!



What Else is Going On?

The ARC Happenings



There are 16 men currently out at the Addictions Recovery Center (ARC) and they are doing great things. We are seeing greater lives changed than ever before. More than 75% of the men that start at the ARC are making the successful transition to the Life-Recovery program. The men at the ARC have no interaction with the outside world and are digging in deep with the only thing that will really change their lives, a relationship with Jesus. The ARC and the Life-Recovery programs have never been busier, and the success rates have never been better.

To God the Glory.

Did you know?

At HOPE Village we have had the unexpected blessing of helping women get their children back from foster care! By working with Social Services, we are an approved safe housing option for women working to get their children home.



Our counselors are working with women to help them get, or keep their children when they move into HOPE Village! **Talk about a blessing!**

A Very Special Playground



You probably know that we have the most amazing playground for our children at HOPE Village, however it's not perfect for all our guests. For children struggling with spectrum disorders, they need unique play options.

We received our first gift for this ASD playground nearly a year ago, and thanks to a grant from the Longleaf Foundation we are now ready to begin building! We hope that by the fall we will get to see our special residents have all the fun and learning that this playground will offer.

Honoring Volunteers

We literally couldn't do it without our volunteers, and in May we had a luncheon to honor them. We are so blessed by the countless hours that are given for the service of our guests and residents.

This year Sandy Smith was honored as our Volunteer of the Year!

If you'd like to volunteer go to hofh.org and fill out an application.



NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YES, I/We would like to support The House of Hope and help the homeless.

I/We would like to contribute:

- \$500.00 will provide shelter for five residents for one month
- \$200.00 will provide transportation for eight residents for one month
- \$100.00 will provide cleaning supplies and personal items for one month
- \$ _____ Other
- My company will match my gift.
- I would like to be a LIGHT OF HOPE monthly giver.
I would like my gift drafted on
 - 1st or 15th of each month.
 - Use my credit card information below.
 - Use my voided check enclosed.

Payment by: Check to House of Hope Visa /MasterCard Discover

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Signature: _____

To donate online visit www.hofh.org.

Hope Invitational



This unique tournament is a one of a kind in Florence! If you have a 20 handicap or better, and want a chance to win the Hope Invitational Jacket and trophy, this is your chance!

September 12th at the Country Club of South Carolina. 18 hole Individual stroke play. Includes lunch, golf and the after party!

If you're interested in playing or sponsoring, email Julie Maxham at jmaxham@hofh.org

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