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Project Hope for the Homeless celebrates with cardboard testimonies

PAINESVILLE – Project Hope for the Homeless guests and staff invite the community to join in the sixteenth – birthday celebration during a worship service that will be held at 6 p.m. May 17, at Painesville Assembly of God.

In addition to worship music led by Painesville Assembly of God’s praise team, Undone, former shelter guests will be sharing their stories.

“The highlights of the service will be powerful, life-changing verbal and cardboard testimonies of former shelter guests,” said Executive Director Judy Burr. “The theme of this service is based on Romans 8:28 – God using all things for His purposes.”

Project Hope, the only emergency homeless shelter serving Lake County, helped almost 300 people last year, providing them with the care and support that led to more than 50 percent leaving the shelter for a higher quality of life. Some guests moved into their own housing, some moved in with family and friends and others transitioned to treatment facilities for mental illnesses or addictions.

Of those who have successfully left Project Hope, more than 60 participate in an aftercare program that helps them maintain their independence by regular communication, monthly get-togethers and workshops and the same quality care and referrals they received while living at the shelter.

Guests have returned to Project Hope as volunteers, board members and employees.

“Join us to listen and see how these lives are now transforming lives around them with passion and hope,” Burr said. “This service promises to leave you transformed, too.”

For those who want to see Project Hope, the shelter will be opening its doors May 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., when it is closed for operations. Take a tour and see how lives are changed at Project Hope.

“We look forward to the community joining us at these events,” Burr said. “Celebrate with us and learn ways you can become more involved in this radical ministry.”

For more information, call Project Hope at (440) 354-6417 or visit [www.projecthopeonline.org](http://www.projecthopeonline.org).

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