

# Mission Messenger - October 2011

## 2010 annual report at-a-glance

This year the wheels of the organization have been turning. In every area of the board of trustees' strategic plan, there has been movement. It is amazing to watch as those God chose, with gifts in each area, make great progress, including teams evaluating and recommending initiatives for client services, information technology, facilities, personnel policies, finance and marketing.

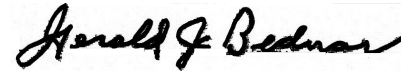
Improvements are being made in every area of the mission. Although the need for shelter and support services is overwhelming at best, there is commitment from our partners and supporters to find solutions. We truly serve with all our hearts, minds, and souls (Matt 22:37). Doing all those things, we can feel confident to stand (Eph 6:13).

We thank outgoing board members Cate Hearn, Dan Osborne and Rick Mergen. Best wishes and prayers for the three of them as they move into and focus on new roles in their lives.

The Lord has trained us for this day. In a crisis, when resources get tight and people are afraid, we have an outstanding opportunity to glorify God by serving with integrity, excellence and passion. At our weakest and the weakest of those we serve is when God can shine. Thank you for letting Him use you to bring His light to a hurting world.

  
Judy Burr

Executive Director  
Project Hope for the Homeless



(Rev.) Gerald J. Bednar, Ph.D.

Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc.

Statistics	2009	2010	Jan-June 2011
Guest Served	270	333	185
Children	23	50	20
Shelter Nights	9,292	10,316	4,723
Average Stay	34 days	31 days	26 days
<b>Positive Outcomes</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>51%</b>
Alcohol/Drug or Mental Health	62%	67%	70%

Project Hope is blessed with the most caring, dedicated, and committed volunteers in the area. In 2010, we had 4,922.5 hours of service from

100+ volunteers, equal to \$54,344 worth of time. Not only is this invaluable to shelter guests, but this time is considered a matching gift by donors. Every donated hour of time equals two hours of shelter staff salary. The top four volunteers alone donated more than a quarter of the 2010 hours - Sister Mary Luisanne Breen (568 hours), Ernie Hines (285.5), Janice Gabrovsek (246) and Gerald Smrdel (180).

Their years of service have made a huge difference.

For a full copy of our annual report, visit [www.projecthopeonline.org](http://www.projecthopeonline.org) or email [development@projecthopeonline.org](mailto:development@projecthopeonline.org) for a copy.

### Shelter statistics through August 2011

**Total guests: ..... 258**

Men: ..... 141

Women: ..... 74

Children: ..... 43

**U.S. veterans: ..... 6%**

**Average length stay: ..... 14 days**

#### Primary reason for homelessness

Mental health issue, addiction or dually diagnosed: ..... 74%

Lack of funds: ..... 21%

Parents are homeless:.. 17%

#### Last permanent residence:

Mentor area: ..... 13%

Painesville area: ..... 36%

Willoughby area: ..... 12%

Other western Lake: .... 6%

Other central Lake: ..... 2%

Eastern Lake: ..... 3%

Out of county: ..... 28%

**Positive outcomes: ..... 53%**

### Upcoming events

#### Facebook Giveaway

Through October 15

If more than 150 people like Project Hope on Facebook, one fan will receive a PH goodie bag!

[www.facebook.com/projecthopeforthehomeless](http://www.facebook.com/projecthopeforthehomeless)

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#### Holiday open house and tour:

November 19

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

25 Freedom Road, Painesville

For information: (440) 354-6417

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