

# Mission Messenger - January 2012

## from our director

### Shelter statistics through calendar year 2011

Total guests: ..... 361

Men: ..... 191

Women: ..... 98

Children: ..... 72

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

Average length stay: .....6.2 days

### Primary reason for homelessness

Mental health issue, addiction  
or dually diagnosed: ..... 72%

Lack of funds: ..... 19%

Parents are homeless:.. 20%

### Last permanent residence:

Mentor area: ..... 11%

Painesville area: ..... 35%

Willoughby area: ..... 12%

Other western Lake: .... 4%

Other central Lake: ..... 2%

Eastern Lake: ..... 3%

Out of county: ..... 33%

**Positive outcomes: .....50%**

On behalf of our trustees, staff, partners and shelter guests, we would like to wish you a blessed year in 2012! Thanks to your support in 2011 we were able to provide 10,309 shelter nights to 361 different people, 72 of which were children.

Fifty percent (50%) were able to transition to programs or housing directly from Freedom Road and 25% have joined our supportive aftercare program upon moving from the shelter.

In 2012, our goals include strengthening and developing more programs specific to the increased families, become a first-time transitional housing provider, expand our private funding, create networked information technology to improve efficiency in our growing operations and begin a business continuity plan.

In order to accomplish these goals and continue to provide the high-level of quality of care to our shelter guests, we need you to pray and share your gifts as the Lord leads you. Together as we move forward we can encourage our shelter guests with living out this scripture:

*"I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" – John 16:33.*

In His Service,



Judy Burr  
Executive Director

### Upcoming events

#### Quarterly network meeting:

7:30 p.m. March 29

St. Gabriel Church Community  
Center

#### New Life Dinner and Auction:

6 p.m. April 28

St. Noel Banquet Center

#### Celebration Service:

May 20

Location: TBD

For information: (440) 354-6417  
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## SAVE THE DATE!

As January winds down, preparations for Project Hope's **2012 New Life Dinner and Auction** are winding up. This year's event will be held at **6:30 p.m. April 28**, at St. Noel Banquet Center in Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

This year's auction will feature more than 200 silent and live auction items, including getaways, spas, family fun, restaurants and sporting memorabilia.

You'll have a chance to enjoy the music of pianist Francesco Binda, watch former shelter guest and award-winning artist Chris Raab paint a one-of-a-kind piece during the event, and participate in a live auction run by licensed auctioneer Marco Marinucci. In addition, former shelter guests will be sharing how your support has helped to change their lives.

Tickets for this event are \$40 per person, or \$300 for a table of 8. Sponsorships are still available; call (440) 354-6417 x105, or visit [www.projecthopeonline.org](http://www.projecthopeonline.org) for more information on this year's event.

Visit our [Facebook event page](#) or our [Web page](#) to stay updated on the latest additions for this year's event!