

Mission Messenger - February 2012

Shelter statistics through January 2012

Total guests: 56

Men: 30

Women: 19

Children: 7

U.S. veterans: 4%

Average length stay: 17 days

Primary reason for homelessness

Mental health issue, addiction
or dually diagnosed: 80%

Lack of funds: 18%

Parents are homeless:.. 12%

Last permanent residence:

Mentor area: 5%

Painesville area:..... 27%

Willoughby area: 7%

Other western Lake: 5%

Other central Lake:..... 4%

Eastern Lake: 3%

Out of county: 48%

Positive outcomes:55%

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
www.projecthopeonline.org

Meeting the need

2-1-1 of Lake County, administered by Lifeline, is the social service hotline for individuals and families who find themselves in need of additional support.

Included in the many referrals they provide is taking the bed reservations for Project Hope, and 2011 statistics show they have been busy with calls.

Project Hope received the most referrals, with 2,647 calls for help being directed to the only emergency homeless shelter in Lake County. They also received about 350 calls from people seeking assistance from Project Hope's aftercare program.

They also found that the top most common unmet need was for emergency shelter, with 1,555 calls for shelter being turned away. Of these calls, about 800 were unable to secure emergency housing because Project Hope's 35 beds were expected to be full.

In 2011, Project Hope was at 99 percent capacity for men, and at 96 percent capacity for women and children.

Learn more about how the Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc., will be helping to address the situation at the next quarterly network meeting, at 7:30 p.m. March 29.



From a former guest

Dear Project Hope—

I want to say a great thank-you for everything you helped me with and gave to me.

Thank you for a place to stay. For a warm bed to sleep in. For good and plentiful food each day. Thank you for the safety and security.

I am grateful to you also for your help to get me on my feet. Thank you for (linking me to) Extended Housing and outstanding assistance they are still providing me with.

There are so many things I could say thanks to all of you for.

I hope I can do something for you some day.

Just me,

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