

GRACE HOUSE WOMENS TRANSFORMATION HOME

October Newsletter



Hello and apologies for the lateness on updates from Grace House. I also apologize in advance for any and all errors that are made as this is my first attempt at composing a newsletter. So far, the problems I have had are just getting the pictures to line up where I want them so you might see the same pictures for a while on any further newsletters. I will also try harder to get the newsletter out quarterly. Please pray that I accomplish this goal.

Charlene Barton(Char)



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What was going on at Grace House during Covid?

Just before COVID hit the North Country we had 2 ladies that had graduated from Grace House and shortly after 2 more moved into the house.

When COVID shut us down, no one was allowed into the house without the required protection and the ladies were not able to leave the house for any outside meetings necessary to help them continue on the road to recover. Although they did get online through ZOOM for AA/NA meetings at least 3 times a week and calling their sponsors it was still very difficult for them. As a result, we did have one of our ladies leave the house. Please pray for her continued journey to recovery.

We limited our outings to shopping once a week and taking twice a day walks in the morning and in the afternoon. Also, we had to discontinue the horse-riding therapy temporarily but we substituted that for game nights on Tuesdays and Thursday night.

In the meantime, we kept busy by making some improvements to the house. Painting and updating some of the rooms with new pictures on the walls etc. We also had a Home Security System installed and we will continue to enhance Grace House throughout COVID.

We cleaned out the garage and had a Garage Sale in late August (24-28th) which was quite successful. We raised \$1324.64.

What's Going On NOW at Grace House?

As of this newsletter we have lifted some the restrictions for COVID. We are allowing visitors as long as they follow the COVID guidelines by wearing a mask and keeping a 6ft distance and we are getting out and going to recovery meetings at the New Calvary Baptist Church and the Celebrate Recovery meetings at the Episcopal Church. We are also doing weekly shopping trips for supplies. What a relief to get out and see people. We continue to pray that our number of COVID cases will continue to decline and everyone stays healthy and safe.

We also started a 15week Alpha Course at Grace House and we have one more class to go until we complete the course.

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CATS UPDATE:

As some of you know we had 2 Emotional Therapy cats when we first opened Grace House, Bob and Bill. Bob passed away a few months ago and as you can see from the first picture, we have made a memorial on the mantle over the fireplace. So, for a few months there was only Bill who kept everyone company but we decided he needed to have some company of his own so we got another cat to keep him company. Baby who we thought was a girl but turned out to be a male. Bill and Baby did not get along. Baby was given to a nice home and we have now acquired a female cat named Hobo. Hobo and Bill get along very nicely and both cats are spayed or neutered.

- We are reaching out to anyone who might offer to sponsor the cats. With little to no extra funding we are finding it difficult with the feeding and upkeep for them and we are praying that someone will step up and sponsor them by financing their monthly food and litter expenses.



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WHAT DO WE STILL NEED AT GRACE HOUSE?

Below are a list of items we still badly need at Grace House.

1. 8-Seater Van for transportation to events
2. 1 Air Conditioner
3. Towels of all sized and colors
4. 2 pillows for beds
5. 1 very large clock (metal frame) for music room

Prayers are always welcome along with VOLUNTEERS! 😊

Donations are accepted through: www.newhopetransformation.org

Our email: director@newhopetransformation.org

SAVE THE DATE!!!

OPEN HOUSE:

DATE: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH TIME: 1pm-4pm

GRACE HOUSE 11 East Main St, Canton, NY 13617

Tours of the house are available by appointment during the open house. We are allowing 25 people in the house at a time for each tour. The first tour will be at 1pm / second tour at 2pm/ third tour at 3pm and fourth tour at 4pm.

Refreshments will be served and Information will be given at the end of the tour. Anyone wishing can also make a donation at that time.

Please call Christine at 315-777-0483 if you would like to set up a time to take the tour.

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THE LAST WORD...

The Women, Board, Staff and Volunteers of Grace House are grateful to all of those who have assisted us in any way- by prayer, in-kind donations, financial contributions, and encouragement. We would like to remind you that we continue to need your help as we receive no federal, state, or local funding. In-kind donations can be left at Grace House at 11 East Main St, Canton, NY and financial donations may be sent to PO Box 637, Canton, NY 13617.

GOD BLESS you for your generosity.