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Lake County Commissioners Join with Project Hope for the Homeless to Celebrate their 30th Anniversary

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, February 23, 2023– At today’s Commissioners’ meeting, the Board of Lake County Commissioners joined with Project Hope for the Homeless to celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

Project Hope for the Homeless has been renewing hope and restoring the lives of thousands of homeless men, women and children since 1193. Project Hope for the Homeless not only provides emergency shelter, but also care and guidance to individuals and families seeking independence. Project Hope for the Homeless continues to expand in order to meet the County’s changing needs.

Project Hope for the Homeless serves as Lake County’s only homeless shelter. In the last 30 years, they have served more than 8,500 guests.

“One of the greatest blessings of longevity is hearing from past guests about their lives today,” said Project Hope for the Homeless Executive Director Judy Burr. “A recent call came from a sports broadcaster of the Browns. He lived in the shelter in the 90s.”

“Project Hope for the Homeless is a wonderful resource for those who may need emergency shelter, but also those who simply need care and guidance to find their own independence,” said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

In 2022 alone, Project Hope served 329 guests, including 43 children. Of those served, 86% left the shelter and made a positive transition into a better living situation.

“Lake County is extremely grateful for Project Hope for the Homeless. The work they do to help serve our homeless population and help them transition into better living situations, does not go unnoticed,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

Over the past few years, Project Hope has worked on many programs, which include an overnight shelter for adults, a separate wing for families and children, an optional aftercare program, and offsite senior care program at their Hope House.

“It is incredible to see how far individuals can come after receiving help from Project Hope. I want to express my gratitude for all the compassion and dedication Judy Burr and her team have shown over the last 3 decades,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

For more information about Project Hope for the Homeless, visit www.projecthopeforthehomeless.org.



From the left: Commissioner John Plecnik, John Hutchison, Judy Burr, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich, and Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

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