



To all our enduring collaborators and wonderful volunteers:

We are announcing the closing of Hope for the Journey Home shelter. While we have been on hiatus since the spring, the decision has been made not to pursue continuing with a new partner.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for what you all did to make this family shelter happen. We celebrate 12 years of providing hundreds of folks with a safe and welcoming place to call home. Thousands of meals to nourish the body and countless words of kindness to nourish the spirit were generously given. Donations in the form of many things from blankets and toilet paper to beds and money made all the difference to the families who were temporarily without a home. So many people gave their evenings to HJH or gave up a good night's sleep to be present at the shelter.

The HOPE from our name was not just for those seeking stable housing. It was for all of us on life's JOURNEY together, to create a greater awareness of the basic need for affordable housing and of all the barriers that are created in our society. We hope that your connection to HJH did that for you and your congregation.

The HJH Advisory Board, representing the 18 faith communities, is developing a plan to donate all the assets to organizations serving families and individuals who are homeless. This includes furniture, blankets, sheets, freezers, other assets donated by our supporters and all remaining funds.

When we opened 12 years ago, we were guided by this question from Micah 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" Together we answered and it is our sincerest hope that together we will continue to live this question in our communities going forward.

If you have concerns or questions about HJH, please contact Pat Ryan at Guardian Angels Catholic Church at 651-728-2223 or pryan@guardian-angels.org.

In gratitude,

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