



Comfort. Hope. Compassion. Peace.

Residents at Our Community House of Hope will find a place of comfort, and compassion...a place of living life with hope to the end...and a place of peaceful transitions. Services will be provided at no cost.

Dear

Our Community House of Hope Will Open in a Leased Property in 2011!

This is a very exciting and pivotal time for OCHH. As I write this letter, our Board has committed to identifying a property and begin operating by mid 2011. We invite you this holiday season to help us reach our goal.

Our Community is Poised to Step In!

Several community agencies and individuals stand waiting to offer OCHH assistance with needed renovations. Two such organizations have also identified the clear need for an end-of-life care home, and sent us their heartfelt support and eagerness to contribute to the success of OCHH:

“When I heard there was no hospice home for the isolated or low-income people in our area, I was shocked. Our Community House of Hope presents a beautiful solution to this tragic problem. I hope to support OCHH in the establishment of this important end-of-life care home here in Ventura County.”

– Stacy R. Swanson, Executive Director, *Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County*

“As a nonprofit affordable housing provider in the community, we strongly support Our Community House as a necessary and welcome source of strength to our residents and their families as they face end of life issues. They are a valued partner and worthy of our support.”

– Rick A. Schroeder, Esq., President, *Many Mansions*

As we move closer to seeing our vision become reality, we also want each of you to be a part of this exciting process.

People should not have to die alone.

The number of people in our community facing their end-of-life alone and without proper care is increasing daily due to our growing aging population and the sagging economy. Community health care providers, desperate to find places for their needy patients, continue to call us hoping we are already operating. Families with nowhere else to turn to call us with a desperate need for placing their loved ones in an end-of-life care home.

“Is your House of Hope open and can you take care of my mom?” I received this frantic call from a young 22-year-old student. Her mother had been battling a brain tumor for a year and was now so ill that she needed continuous nursing care. She was admitted into a local skilled nursing facility, but because she was only 61-years old and her insurance benefits had run out, she was being asked to pay \$5000 a month for her care at the facility. This caring daughter had no other family to go to for support or financial assistance, and she was devastated to hear that there was nowhere nearby for her mother to spend her final days. I felt so sad to have to tell her that Our Community House of Hope was not yet open.

This kind of story is unfolding every day in some person’s life right here in our community. The day we open our OCHH doors will be the beginning of hope for many.

Thanks to you and your generosity we have raised \$100,000!

Every donated dollar is important to us, and will continue to be as we move toward our projected goal of \$250,000. This is the amount we need to begin operating. We invite you to donate generously so that we can open our doors next year and begin this vital work.

We need your continued help and support.

Please join us with your generosity and giving this season. Our goal is simple – to begin operating an end-of-life care home as soon as possible so that we can provide a compassionate, loving and free of charge home for people at the end of their lives.

On behalf of the entire OCHH board, I wish you a happy holiday season.

With Gratitude,

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