



## About Project Hope for the Homeless – and Ohio Paving’s Contribution



Homelessness has long been a problem in Lake County. In 1992, the Catholic Commission of Lake and Geauga called together a roundtable discussion of area churches and leaders to address the situation. Under the direction of the Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc., Project Hope for the Homeless has since been renewing hope and restoring the lives of hundreds of homeless men, women and children.

Project Hope’s two main programs include a nightly emergency shelter and one-year optional aftercare program. The emergency shelter provides space for up to 35 adults and children each night, not only offering them a safe place to stay, but also giving them the basic needs and professional guidance to help them improve their quality of life. More than half of guests leave the shelter for a better living situation.

A growing need to for more space, especially for families, women and children in the shelter led to the formation of a design/build team charged with planning and resourcing the construction of a 5200 square foot addition to the building. Judy Burr, Executive Director of Project Hope rallied community leaders like Art Sidley (retired home builder), Dave Wiles (CT Consultants), Mike Warmington (Graper & Warmington Inc.) and others to identify the best contractors to get the job done.



The project was estimated at \$575,000 and the team helped to secure \$375,000 in construction goods and services. Additional fundraising was launched to secure the balance of the funds needed (Construction is complete as of this writing.) The work included the installation of a parking lot expansion by Ohio Paving & Construction. “I had worked with John DeLillo and his crew on other projects and I was impressed by their incredible work. John was quick to jump on board and he went beyond the call of duty for us.” Ohio Paving not only installed the new asphalt lot, they repaved the existing lot and striped it, as well. Osborne Companies provided the material and Ohio Paving & Construction supplied the labor to complete the job. “I’ve always known Ohio Paving to provide excellent work, operate efficiently and perform in a timely fashion. This project was no exception even though they were donating their services,” says Sidley.

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For more information on Project Hope for the Homeless, visit their website at: [www.projecthopeonline.org](http://www.projecthopeonline.org)

To see photos from the installation of the parking lot for Project Hope for the Homeless, visit Ohio Paving’s website at: [www.ohiopaving.com](http://www.ohiopaving.com).

To make a donation to Project Hope for the homeless, simply click on this [LINK](#).

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