

# Newsletter of Hope

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~ Fran Mack & Cindy Angell

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Since 2002, Journey of Hope has had a tremendous impact on the Greater Cleveland area by providing financial assistance to over 750 cancer patients and their families. Our organization is now well known to doctors, social workers and social service agencies and has filled a void in the community for those individuals struggling with the hardships a cancer diagnosis can bring.

Over the past eight years, and especially during these recent difficult economic times, the demand for assistance has become overwhelming. To address this situation, Journey of Hope recently tightened the guidelines and streamlined the patient funding process. This was done in an effort to provide assistance to those patients in the most critical situations and to do so with greater efficiency.

## Hope Luncheon a Shining Success



Dr. Derek Raghavan  
Cleveland Clinic

The Annual Hope Luncheon was held Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Windows on the River with 325 people in attendance. Fox 8 Meteorologist, Melissa Mack, has served as the event emcee for the third consecutive year. Featured keynote speaker, Dr. Derek Raghavan, internationally known medical oncologist and chairman of the Taussig Cancer Institute, delivered inspiring commentary on the state of cancer research and development. His presentation, entitled "How To Cure More People" highlighted the fact that the medical community is making significant strides in saving more lives through a combination of education, awareness and the progressive development of encouraging advancements in medical treatments. Dr. Derek Raghavan, Chair and Director, Cleveland Clinic Taus-

The focus of Journey of Hope now is to provide significant financial assistance specifically in the areas of rent/mortgage and critical utilities to patients residing in Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties.

Journey of Hope is completely dedicated to raising much needed money to help these patients. To be successful, we must request assistance from both the private and corporate sector to build a network of strong relationships. Every dollar we generate will make a tremendous difference to someone within the local community.

With your help, we will maintain our level of excellence in fulfilling our mission. We thank you for your continued commitment to our mission and TOGETHER we are making a difference in the lives of cancer patients.

sig Cancer Institute, shared in his remarks at this year's Hope Luncheon, "You should be very proud of the work you do to reduce the disparities of those battling cancer. If we could change the death rates for all cancers to those of the white, college educated, we would reduce the death by cancer in the United States by 50 percent. Your support provides hope and the basic needs so the patient can focus on the battle in front of them." Kathy Steving, a courageous cancer survivor funded by Journey of Hope, spoke regarding how the organization impacted her life by paying her rent to avoid eviction.

The trademark Chinese raffle, with more than 150 businesses and individuals generously donating their products and services, once again showcased more than two dozen baskets and displays with an array of exciting treasures. Hand-crafted quilts specially made by the cancer support

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*“Thank you from the bottom of my heart. This has been the worst year of my life. You’ve surely brightened dark days with your financial support. I just want you to know I appreciate everything you’ve done for me. I can finally help those that have taken care of me.”*

*~ Carol  
a breast cancer patient  
who received financial  
assistance from JOH*

*“Journey of Hope helps bridge the gap until patients can secure more permanent benefits, such as Social Security and Medicaid.”*

*“Through the help of Journey of Hope we are better able to treat the whole patient and provide the best overall outcome through assisting with basic financial needs.”*

*~ MetroHealth Medical Center  
Cancer Care Center*

## Our Courageous Patients



\*Joseph Wallace was referred to Journey of Hope when he received the devastating diagnosis of laryngeal cancer. His team of surgeons removed his thyroid and performed a laryngectomy, followed by reconstructive surgery and a tracheotomy.

Throughout this ordeal, Joseph was experiencing great financial stress. At the time of his application to Journey of Hope, he was unemployed, uninsured and waiting for approval from Social Security. Essential

medications, referred to as breathers, were extremely expensive and without funds he was unable to purchase them. To further complicate matters, he was being evicted from his apartment and forced to move. Journey of Hope worked with him, his social worker and a local apartment developer to locate housing and made arrangements to pay the security deposit immediately. This made it possible for Joseph to concentrate on his health without the added concern of where he was going to live. In collaboration with the landlord, who agreed to lower the monthly rent to

make it more affordable, Joseph made the move to his new apartment. Joseph states: “I understand that it is not easy deciding who really needs help and I am the first to admit that I am one of the lucky ones. The right name for this organization, Journey of Hope was chosen, because that is what it becomes when one finds out they have cancer.”

Today Joseph continues to make progress toward a return to good health.

*\*Printed with permission of the patient*

Looking for a healthy recipe? The delicious Farm-Fresh Rustic Vegetable Tart is the perfect dinner companion. The recipe can be found at our new web site - [www.johcleveland.org](http://www.johcleveland.org). The recipe is compliments of Chef Adam Wilson, The Viking Store Cooking School, Legacy Village.

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group "I Am Not Alone" were distributed to first time attendees who have battled this disease as well as long stemmed carnations were handed out to recognize all survivors.

A special part of the day was the Charlotte F. Tletski Gold Dove Award, created to honor someone who volunteers their time to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients. This year the dual award was presented long time JOH volunteers, Vicki Jancsi and Sandi Stowers, for their tireless efforts in making the Chinese raffle such a tremendous success year after year.

A special thank you goes out to Platinum Dove sponsors, The Frances and Jane S.

Lausche Foundation, Details and The Littlest Details and Hudson Printing. We would also like to recognize Gold Dove sponsor Taussig Cancer Institute and White Dove Sponsors Brighton Collectibles, Key Bank and Sanofi-Aventis Oncology. A special thank you goes out to the 30 dedicated and loyal volunteers who continue to make the luncheon possible.

Proceeds from this successful day will help sustain 40-50 cancer patients and their families.

In 2010, Journey of Hope will celebrate their 10th year of fundraising. Watch our new web site, [www.johcleveland.org](http://www.johcleveland.org), for details on a signature event to celebrate this milestone.



*"If you do not hope, you will not  
find out what is beyond  
your hopes."*

*~ St. Clement*

## Featured Events:

- Flashback to Give Back Dance  
Friday, April 30, 2010  
6:00 p.m.  
Red Tail Golf Club  
Avon, Ohio
- JOH Memorial Golf Classic  
5th Annual  
Monday, May 24, 2010  
Red Tail Golf Club  
Avon, Ohio
- McSeveny Kidney Cancer  
Fundraiser  
Viking Store - Legacy Village  
June 25, 2010
- Annual Hope Luncheon 2010  
Fall 2010  
Location to be announced

## Community Connection:

- Life Savers Ball  
March 6  
DeLuca's Place in the Park  
Lorain, Ohio  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)
- JD Breast Cancer Foundation  
Pink the Rink Lake Erie  
Monsters Event  
March 19  
[www.jdbcfoundation.org](http://www.jdbcfoundation.org)
- Pan Ohio Hope Ride  
American Cancer Society  
July 29-August 1  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

## Journey of Hope Golf Classic - May 24, 2010

The 5th Annual Journey of Hope Golf Classic, established in memory of Tom Olson, will be held Monday, May 24, 2010 at beautiful Red Tail Golf Club in Avon, Ohio. The day will kick off at 10:30am with a shotgun start. The cost of the event will be \$150 per golfer, which includes box lunch, all beverages on the course, martini bar, appetizers, and dinner with program and live auction. There will be a celebrity golfer, a super ticket with cash award, games throughout the day, a continuous putting contest, silent auction items

and opportunities to win door prizes. The 2009 JOH Golf Classic made it possible to assist 25 cancer patients and their families and our goal is to increase that number significantly at our 2010 golf outing. Anyone interested in participating or sponsoring the 2010 golf outing, please call (216) 262-0612. Sponsorships are critical to the outing's success. Formal outing invitations will be mailed in April. Check our new web site, [www.johcleveland.org](http://www.johcleveland.org), for updates.

### "Flashback to Give Back" Dance Party Returns

April 30 ❖ 6:00 pm ❖

Red Tail Golf Club ❖ 4400 Lear Nagle Road ❖ Avon, Ohio

Polish your saddle shoes, iron your poodle skirt and get your leisure suit out of moth balls! It's your opportunity to let your hair down and boogie the night away!

The band, "Get Back", sponsored by Patrick Untrauer, will be playing non-stop hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The retro-inspired night will include a Build-Your-Own Burger Bar and an assortment of fun retro foods, cash bar and great fun! It's the "bee's-knees" at just \$25 per person. Space is limited. Event sponsorships are wanted. Call Chris Freund at 440-263-4390



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for complete details.

## Journey of Hope Supported by Details

Details....Gifts from the Heart for the Home, opened its doors in 2003 and has been a faithful supporter of JOH for the past four years. Their retail product donations represent thousands of dollars, making them the largest donor of in-kind items to Journey of Hope's annual fundraising efforts.

Lori & Steve Miles, the owner of Details, are continually searching for wall art, accent furniture and other home accessories that are of exceptional quality.

Their goal is to buy smart and to bring a vast array of products to the customer at a great value.

In search of something for baby? The Littlest Details, an offspring of Details, offers an extensive selection of furniture, bedding, gifts, toys & educational materials for your little one.

Details & The Littlest Details are nestled in the charming setting of The Olde Avon Village, at 36840 Detroit Road, Avon, Ohio. [www.detailsforyourhome.com](http://www.detailsforyourhome.com).

## Your Help Needed Now, More Than Ever

*Foundations' Grant Making Abilities In Vise*

Crain's Cleveland Business, 1/4/2010

A recovering stock market has helped the endowments of local foundations regain some of their pre-recession worth, but the grant making capacity of many likely will remain impaired for at least the next couple years as they have less money available to disperse.

*With Demand Up, Charities Face Tough Holidays*

Associated Press, 12/17/2009

For many charities, the holiday season has delivered a perfect storm comprised of funding cuts, increased demand for services, and an ever-widening range of clients seeking help against a backdrop of persistent economic woes. Despite signs of economic recovery in the financial markets, charities across the nation entered the most important fundraising period of the year struggling to cope with a national jobless rate of 10 percent, cutbacks in social service spending by many states, and 49 million Americans lacking access to adequate nutrition.

These reports share local and national averages, and do not take into account a cancer diagnosis. What if you were facing these hardships, and fighting cancer?

Your help is needed now, more than ever, as Journey of Hope works to provide financial support for critical needs to adult cancer patients and their families in Northeast Ohio.

Did you know that the average bill for electricity is \$96 per month; and energy costs this winter for heating a home average \$215 per month? Your gift will make an immediate impact on our ability to support those in need.

Please give today! For the various ways to donate, please visit our new web site at [www.johcleveland.org](http://www.johcleveland.org) (click on "Donate") or use the enclosed envelope and mail to: Journey of Hope, 15607 Delaware Avenue, Suite 3, Lakewood, OH 44107.

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