

# Raising Hope

Official Newsletter of Giving Hope, Inc.

February 2017

## *Giving Hope, Inc. Turns 30!*

Helping the Homeless since 1986

This year has been very eventful for Giving Hope, Inc. We have accomplished many things in the 30 years that we have been in this community, and we hope to continue to address the homelessness issue in Denton County until it is solved. With that being said, we have recreated our

Housing Navigation program to better help those in search of housing. The Compass Housing Navigation Program is a program that is strategically designed to bridge the gap between homelessness and permanent stable housing.

*To learn more about the Compass Housing navigation Program, contact Associate Director of Housing, Pauline Jemison at [pauline@hopeincdenton.com](mailto:pauline@hopeincdenton.com)*

## *Collaboration within the Community*

Teamwork makes the dream work.

The mission of the Compass Housing Navigation program is to provide education, support and to establish relationships with independent rental owners, property managers in an effort to increase availability of rental properties, as well as to engage developers to bring additional affordable, accessible and integrated housing stock into the Denton County area. The three basic goals for the Compass Housing Navigator Program are to: 1) Establish relationships with the local housing authority, independent rental owners, property managers, and community housing locators 2) Review and have an understanding of housing policies at the local level (Denton County). 3) Engage developers to bring additional affordable, accessible and integrated housing stock into the area.

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*The mission of Giving Hope, Inc. is to give a hand up to those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness through advocacy, community collaboration, and rental assistance in Denton*

# Letter from the Executive Director



Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday that I started at Giving Hope. I remember driving up to our odd little office and thinking to myself, "Well this is different". But I couldn't have been treated better. Barbara Atkins had poured her heart into the place and she really took the time to explain the programs and the promise of the organization. Four years later, I still believe in our programs and our promise to the community. Giving Hope exists to give a hand up to those at-risk or experiencing homelessness through advocacy, community collaboration and rental assistance. And our programs are just the living expression of that mission.

Last year, we turned 30 as an agency. As I began to reflect on that accomplishment and the data, we have served over 14,000 Denton County residents with rental assistance in one of our many programs. I do have two favorite pictures from my time with Giving Hope and wanted to give you some insight into them both. The first is me with client Larry Wolfe. Larry had been homeless for some time until he was placed in our 100,000 homes program and provided with a year of rental assistance. This is a picture of me giving Larry his key to his apartment. I'm happy to report that Larry was successful in that program and now has permanent housing!



The second picture is when Sharell and I got to meet U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters. Congresswoman Waters not only talks the talk, but walks the walk and joined us on a walk of skid row to see those in need. It was also so satisfying to know that those in the federal government understand that homelessness is a problem, and there are giving agencies like Giving Hope who use the funds to impact the solution.



Giving Hope is a stronger agency than it was a few years ago, and I hope it continues to grow stronger with your support. This community needs Giving Hope to be a strong advocate for the homeless and change in our community and we need your help to make that happen. And I hope to be a part of this work another four years!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Alonzo Peterson  
*Executive Director*  
*Giving Hope, Inc.*



# North Texas Giving Day



Veterans Strategy Summit



Halloween at Hope



Poinsettia Sale



2017 PIT Count



Building Updates

Donations to Hope



# Events & Fundraisers

## Upcoming Events:

If you would like to purchase a sponsorship, or tickets to the event, please call Daisy at (940) 382-0609



**A Night of Hope**  
Benefiting Giving HOPE, Inc.

Thursday - April 6, 2017  
The Downtowner  
6 pm - 8 pm

Tickets are \$25 (Advance)  
and \$30 (At the Door).

Please call 940.382.0609 for more information.

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**HEART of HOPE**  
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