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### Commissioners Join Project Hope for the Homeless to Celebrate 33 Years of Service

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, March 17, 2026 – At today’s Commissioners’ meeting, the Lake County Board of Commissioners joined with Project Hope for the Homeless to celebrate the organization’s 33rd anniversary and its decades of service to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the community. Project Hope for the Homeless was founded following a February 14, 1993, meeting convened by the Catholic Commission of Lake and Geauga counties, where leaders from churches, organizations, and local governments gathered to address the growing issue of homelessness in the region. Since that time, the organization has been renewing hope and restoring the lives of thousands of homeless men, women, and children throughout the county. Over the past 33 years, Project Hope has served more than 10,000 individuals in need.

“The Lake County Commissioners have always prioritized our neighbors in need. They know without providing those basic needs of shelter, care and guidance, our community at large would suffer. We thank them for the thousands of lives they saved in our organization,” said Project Hope for the Homeless Executive Director Judy Burr.



*From the left: Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III., Project Hope Executive Director Judy Burr, Morgan R. McIntosh.*

Project Hope for the Homeless serves as Lake County’s only homeless shelter, providing emergency shelters along with care and guidance to individuals and families seeking independence. Over the years, the organization has expanded its services to meet the community’s changing needs.

During the past year, Project Hope served 361 guests and provided a total of 12,610 shelter nights, including support for 54 children. More than 79 percent of guests left the shelter and made a positive transition into a better living situation.

“Project Hope for the Homeless has been a vital resource for Lake County residents for more than three decades,” said Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III. “Their commitment to providing shelter, compassion, and support has helped thousands of individuals and families take important steps toward stability and independence.”

Over the past several years, Project Hope has developed five key programs to support those in need, including an overnight shelter for adults, a separate wing for families and children, an optional aftercare program, the offsite senior Hope House, and the newer Welcome Home Center.

“For 33 years, Project Hope has renewed hope and restored lives right here in our community,” said Commissioner John T. Plecnik. “Their dedication to serving those in need and helping people rebuild their lives is something Lake County is incredibly proud to support.”

“Organizations like Project Hope for the Homeless play an essential role in strengthening our community,” said Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh. “The work they do to provide safe shelter, guidance, and opportunities for a better future makes a lasting difference for so many residents.”

The Lake County Board of Commissioners extends its sincere gratitude to the staff and leadership of Project Hope for the Homeless for their 33 years of service and wishes the organization continued success in guiding members of the community toward safe, productive, and independent lives.

For more information about Project Hope for the Homeless, visit [www.projecthopeforthehomeless.org](http://www.projecthopeforthehomeless.org).

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