

HOPWELL COMPASS POINTS

SUMMER 2023 NEWS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Hopewell's Outreach Team

Tim Bitting and **Rachel McDonald** are part of Hopewell's Outreach Team. They work together to spread the word about opportunities for hope and healing for adults living with serious mental illness. Traveling to national mental health conferences and meeting community partners, they share Hopewell's story and what we have to offer to help those in need, and do our part in defeating the stigma that surrounds mental health.

Tim's career has taken him through many different professional arenas including medicine, manufacturing, research, and mental health care. Prior to Hopewell, he worked across the whole spectrum of mental health care including acute mental health hospitals, 30-day substance abuse disorder programs, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities.

Tim said, **"Hopewell is one of those places that prioritizes the resident's recovery journey. I am glad to have the privilege of spreading our program throughout the entire country. The more programs I interact with, the more I believe what we are doing at Hopewell is special.**

"Hopewell has grown in my heart as a place I truly love. From the staff to the beautiful property, to the residents, to the animals, Hopewell is a unique gem within the cobblestones of the mental health field."

Rachel arrived at Hopewell with a business background, a therapeutic mind, and a heart for people. She graduated with an MBA from Cleveland State University before working as a Case Manager, Supervisor, and Therapeutic Behavioral Services worker for young adults with autism spectrum disorder. As an avid advocate for mental health, her transition to Hopewell was natural.

Rachel said, **"What I love about Hopewell is that we are truly a client centered therapeutic environment that offers an individualized experience that embraces everyone's differences. From our residents**



to our employees, to our donors, to our board members, and all the way to the animals on our farm, we are all treated with the utmost care and respect, which is the core reason why I am so grateful and blessed to be a part of the Hopewell Team."

Tim and Rachel believe there are very few programs in the country that are willing to commit to what they believe to be a unique and effective way of treating mental illness. They have a true passion for people and share it with everyone they meet.

Thank you to Hopewell's Board Members



Dave Shute

to a supportive fabric of family, friends, services, and work when they leave.

In 2023, Hopewell strives to continue to be a premier therapeutic farm community with a unique healing model, and to be widely recognized as a leader in its field both regionally and nationally. This past March, the board of directors approved a three-year strategic plan focusing on helping even more people to the limits of our capacity, optimizing our facilities, maintaining long-term financial viability, and enhancing talent.

We recently added five new board members who bring knowledge and resources to our current board. We recruited them as part of the focus in our strategic plan on “enhancing talent” on our board, especially in clinical insight and marketing expertise. I think

Thirty years ago, Clara T. Rankin purchased property in Mesopotamia, Ohio, to start a therapeutic community farm to help adults with serious mental illness. She believed lives would be transformed by using the power of nature, meaningful work, therapeutic community, and a highly skilled and caring clinical and lay staff. She was correct.

Hopewell continues to help residents develop the skills and outlook they need to connect

you'll see in the capsule biographies on page 3 just how much our new board members add to the community.

In early August we held a board retreat at Hopewell. The energy, enthusiasm, and expertise of our new members was wonderful to see, and of course our incumbent board members did their usual stellar job. I continue to be impressed by the Hopewell board members, both new and old. Serving without compensation, as pure volunteers, our directors ensure that Hopewell's mission is honored and that our resources are used wisely in support of that mission. Through review, thinking, discussion, and attending meetings and events, they govern Hopewell on behalf of both the community and residents whose interests they serve.

Clara Rankin was our first outstanding board member. Our latest five recruits will continue that tradition. And all of those who serve or have served in between have made healing possible for the more than 1,000 individuals who have been cared for at Hopewell. We are so grateful.

David H. Shute
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and 2022 Outcomes Report at
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WELCOME TO NEW HOPEWELL BOARD MEMBERS



Rita Bryce, JD, LISW is an independent licensed social worker and has a private psychotherapy practice in Shaker Heights. She also works at The Centers for Families

and Children, a nonprofit with a focus on providing access to physical and mental health care to disadvantaged individuals. Rita obtained a master's degree in social work from Case Western Reserve University, completed certification in the Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Program at the Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center, and is also certified in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Additionally, Rita is a lawyer and was a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Cleveland field office of the Antitrust Division for 23 years. She teaches Antitrust Law at the Case Western Reserve School of Law.



Thomas M. Morley has served on several nonprofit boards and is a director at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. He attended Hobart College and the

University of Michigan Ross School of Business. His small business career includes a decade leading Lube Stop and consulting on the successful launch of an express carwash chain now with 12 area locations. More recently, he has explored our growing disconnect from nature and believes Hopewell's mission will continue to grow in importance. Tom and his wife, Kelly, live in Shaker Heights with their five (step) children.



Max Schubert received his BA in education and environmental science from Colorado College, is a certified environmental educator, and trained

as an EMT. He currently serves as the Director of Outreach and Communications at the Mastery School of Hawken, where his responsibilities include all print and digital marketing materials, co-leading admissions efforts, and thinking through opportunities for strategic outreach and growth. Prior to joining Hawken, Max worked as a Program Educator for the Holden Arboretum and as a consultant and speaker for Association Montessori International (AMI). When Max is not at work, you can find him working in his garden on his family's farm, tapping his small grove of maple trees, or experimenting with cabinetry.



Heather Stoll is an accomplished, values-driven health system executive and community leader with over 25 years of experience anticipating and unraveling complex challenges across a matrix of nonprofit entities. Most recently, Heather was the Senior Vice President for Strategy and Innovation for the St. Vincent Charity

Health Campus. Prior to this position, she was Vice President of External Affairs for the Sisters of Charity Health System, where she oversaw communications, branding, government affairs and public policy initiatives to promote the mission of the health system and its ministries. A Cleveland native, Heather is a graduate of Smith College. She also holds an MBA from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University.



Suzanne Taigen is a communications, marketing, and public relations professional with extensive experience working with corporations and nonprofit organizations. She currently works as Director of Communications at Hathaway Brown School where she is editor of the award-winning HB magazine and manages communications to families and

alumnae. Prior to HB, her experience includes communications manager at Pratt & Whitney, an aerospace manufacturing company, and director of marketing and communications at the United Way in Hartford, Connecticut. Suzanne enjoys being active in the community and has served in volunteer leadership roles in several organizations, including the Vocational Guidance Services Sunbeam Board. She and her family live in Shaker Heights.



Summer Solstice 2023 Smashes the Goal... And We Couldn't Have Done it Without You!

On Friday, June 23, over 250 friends of Hopewell celebrated at Summer Solstice and kicked off the summer with a fabulous party. Guests gathered under the tents at a new venue, The Orchid House Winery in Aurora, Ohio, and enjoyed a delicious meal catered by A Taste of Excellence.

We are excited to report that net proceeds from our signature annual fundraiser surpassed \$300,000, far exceeding our budgeted goal. All funds raised allow Hopewell to offer fee assistance to over 90% of our residents and families who struggle to afford the full cost of care.

We offer special thanks to **PNC Private Bank Hawthorn**, our Presenting Sponsor for 23 years, and **John Beer, Managing Director of their Cleveland market**, for continuing our long-term partnership. We are very grateful for the Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Copper Sponsors who, together with PNC Private Bank Hawthorn, raised \$149,000.

Our dedicated and energetic Steering Committee, led by **Benefit Chair Suzanne Westlake**, worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the benefit's success. **Auction Chair Jennifer Hartford** coordinated over 90 silent and live auction donations. Beautiful table centerpieces and decorations were created by **Décor Chair Emily Westlake**, and our hardworking Steering Committee, volunteers, and Hopewell staff.

Auctioneer Mark Schroeder roused the crowd with a spirited Fund-a-Need, raising over \$143,000. In an exciting "last paddle up" final push, donors made dozens of \$106 gifts in honor of Hopewell founder **Clara T. Rankin's** 106th birthday.



Guests celebrating the Last Paddle Up winner.

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Dave Shute, Hopewell Executive Director



John Beer, Managing Director of PNC Private Bank Hawthorn, Presenting Sponsor.

A full list of sponsors and photos from the benefit are on our website or click the QR code.

www.hopewellcommunity.org/events/summer-solstice-2023



Thank you to our Summer Solstice volunteers:

Jack and Lynn Childers
Beverly Eisner
Christine Gibbons
Mari Hageman
Rachel McDonald

Darlene Pennington
Martha Sivertson
Mary Anne and John Sobecki
Monica Wagner
Ann Marie Webster



Summer Solstice guests enjoying the night.



Hopewell supporters celebrating their live auction package win.



Walt Wirth and Hopewell founder Clara T. Rankin

Guest Speaker

Featured speaker **Maura Barber**, mother of former long-time Hopewell resident Jackson, spoke movingly about her son's struggles with mental illness and the hope and healing he found at Hopewell. Jackson and his mom were scheduled to speak at Summer Solstice together about his mental health journey. Sadly, Jackson died of an accidental overdose in April, yet Maura bravely decided to speak in his memory. Below are excerpts from her poignant remarks.

Jackson was brilliant, passionate, funny, loyal, kind and generous. He soared toward college on an honors scholarship, and promptly crashed and burned. In 2017, after a long sober stint where his brain was not his enemy, he finally earned a math degree. In his almost 33 years, Jackson definitely "solved" the problem of how to live a life of meaning. But Jackson could not solve the problem of having a brain chemistry that lied to him. Prior to Hopewell, Jack had years in therapy, and several stints in drug and alcohol rehab, interspersed with time in jail and multiple different hospitals.

In the summer of 2019, Hopewell Farm was an answer to prayers, and it became Jackson's home for 3 ½ years. Through it all, Hopewell helped him up when he stumbled. Hopewell battled with his insurance to win approval for hospitalizations and for a cocktail of antipsychotic medications, and helped him obtain disability status and other public assistance. Hopewell drove Jack to hospitals, to AA meetings, and helped him eventually get a job and an apartment. He was so proud of that.

*Jackson faced his demons for a long time until he couldn't. How I wish it were different. But for some brief shining moments, with the help of the caring, persistent, talented staff, Hopewell gave us back our cherished son. I want to be clear: **Jackson could not have remained at Hopewell for 3 ½ years without the scholarship support that enabled this great miracle. Thank you.***



Hopewell's New Director of Development



In May, we said goodbye to the Director of Development, Don Bernardo, who took a new position at Magnolia Clubhouse. After a three-month search, Hopewell found the perfect match in our own backyard: **Ann Thompson**, Hopewell's Development and Communications Manager since 2017. You could say she's outstanding in her field.

Ann leads the Development team in the Chagrin Falls office. In addition to annual fundraising, she will focus on

nurturing relationships with donors, soliciting grants, marketing, event planning, and communications. Though her home base is in Chagrin Falls, Ann travels to the farm weekly to keep up to date with events and meet with residents and staff. If interested in a tour of Hopewell, contact her at athompson@hopewell.cc.

Prior to Hopewell, Ann worked with numerous non-profits, fundraising, and organizing events. In 2014, she received her master's degree in urban design, planning and development, focusing on her love for sustainability and community involvement. She has lived in the Chagrin Valley for over 30 years, raising two children and too many cats and dogs. In her spare time, she teaches yoga and plays in her yard.



Above: In May, visiting artist Nick Lee taught residents self-portrait techniques. He is a painter and 2021 Kent State graduate. The work that interests Nick is the diversity we have as people and his goal is to be more inclusive in American portraiture.



Left: Hopewell coordinated a volunteer project with Rescue Village in Geauga County. Staff and residents made fleece blankets for the dogs, which they use in their kennels and take home upon adoption.

OUR WISHING WELL

Special Request

Kelly Flynn, Garden and Landscape Manager, is upgrading our agriculture program this fall. She has requested a seed roller and a seeder kit to help increase crop yield, seed cover crops and reduce hand seeding of small seeds like carrots and beets. These farm tools are not available on Amazon.com but she has found just what she needs at a specialty site for a total cost of \$784.

Can you grant this wish? Please contact Audrey Katzman, Development Assistant (akatzman@hopewell.cc) for more information.

Amazon Wish List

Visit our website at www.hopewellcommunity.org/support-us/wishing-well or click on this QR code with a smart device to see items on our Amazon Wishing Well list. Purchases will be shipped directly to the farm.



We appreciate non-monetary gifts-in-kind which enhance our activities and programs. Please contact Ann Thompson, Director of Development (athompson@hopewell.cc) or call 440-247-0912 for more information. Donations of gifts-in-kind are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donors will receive written acknowledgments for their records.

HONORARY AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

MAY 1 – JULY 31, 2023

IN HONOR OF

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kronick

Maggie Isley's birthday

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Teddy Roosevelt

Clara T. Rankin

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Jackson Barber and in honor of his strong, amazing mother, Maura

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All tribute gifts are added to the 2023 Annual Fund. To make a gift in honor or in memory of someone, please visit www.hopewellcommunity.org/support-us/donate.

We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please email akatzman@hopewell.cc or contact the Development Office at 440-247-0912 so that we may correct our records.

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about Hopewell's unique program and
mental health services

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Please Support the 2023 Annual Fund

For over 25 years, Hopewell has helped our residents with serious mental illness develop the outlook and skills they need to live independently and successfully.

Many residents live at Hopewell for 6-9 months or more. Unfortunately, residential mental health treatment is rarely covered by insurance and is often out of reach for families. Every dollar donated to the Annual Fund allows us to offer fee assistance to 90% of all residents who struggle to afford our care. **Your generous support makes a meaningful difference in their lives.**

To donate to the 2023 Annual Fund, visit www.hopewellcommunity.org/support-us/donate or send your contribution to the Hopewell Development Office (147 Bell Street, Suite 303, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022). For information about other giving options, contact Audrey Katzman at akatzman@hopewell.cc or 440-247-0912.

Mental illness is not a choice. . . but hope is. Please give generously and give hope. Thank you for supporting the Hopewell Annual Fund!

