



HEARTS OF PALM CENTER

A Capital Campaign
of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

HOPC News & Notes, April 28, '24

Donor Spotlight

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Marie Krause

Vern and Marie Krause struggled to connect with various charities until they discovered the Hearts of Palm Mission, where they could see real impact. Inspired by St. Mark's congregation, they have taken leadership roles in shaping the new Hearts of Palm Center.

Let's delve into your experiences supporting the Hearts of Palm Center and how you got involved.

Marie: Oh, that's an easy one. Karen Cook. The first time we heard about Hearts of Palm was during a Christmas service. Karen shared incredibly personal stories. It struck a chord with both of us.

Vern: Yes. Before meeting Jim and Karen, we were involved in various charities. We were writing checks and attending events but struggling to connect. Hearts of Palm is different. We ask questions and get answers. We know what we give actually impacts someone's life. We're inspired by that mission.

Yes. I understand you both have had some insightful conversations with Jim and Karen. Did you envision taking on such direct roles?

Marie: Absolutely. We are also invested as volunteer leaders for a soup kitchen in Atlanta - serving over 300 meals a day. Vern's experience in getting that started has been invaluable in how we foresee the possibilities for HOPC.

Your commitment to charity is moving. How does it fit into your family culture?

Vern: Our journey with this type of hands on charitable work began after losing our daughter to cancer. Discovering Hearts of Palm at St. Mark's felt like fate at the time, because we wanted to do something meaningful in her memory. This influences how we involve our children in Atlanta. We make sure they understand what we're doing and hope they'll continue our legacy.

It seems like both your involvement with St. Mark's Church and your belief in Jim and Karen's work have inspired your charitable efforts.

Marie: St. Mark's Church is truly inspiring. Every sermon, no matter who delivers it, moves us to take action.

Vern: We're firm believers in Jim and Karen. We know they are going to move through this project wisely. That's what it all comes down to.



See the HOPC video online



“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring. All of which have the power to turn a life around.”

Leo Buscaglia

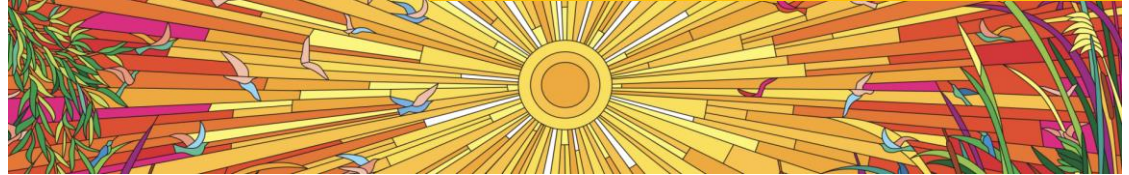
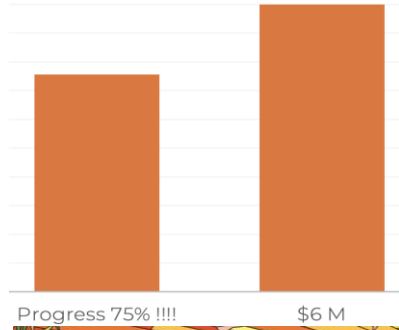
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