



BAYHOPE
PRAYER & CARE

Bay Hope Church Care Ministries Care Team Handbook

Mission: Bay Hope Care Ministries exists to turbo-charge the caring culture at Bay Hope Church.

Vision: We envision a day that people at Bay Hope are intentionally caring for one another or being cared for, nobody's idle.

Strategy: Simply offering care continually, creating a ripple of God's amazing grace across our Bay Hope Community & beyond.

**“so we cared for you,
Because we loved you so much,
we were delighted to share with you
not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”
1 Thessalonians 2:8**

The Heart of a Bay Hope Care Team Member

The heart of a Care Team Member beats strong with the Christ-filled spirit of service, generosity & compassion. As this occurs, the health and well being of our Bay Hope Church community grows stronger.

When it comes to caring for one another, there are no little things. The accumulation of a lot of things over time isn't little. It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us. None of us can do everything at once. All of us can do something at once. One person can make a difference. Every person can try.

Just imagine, here at Bay Hope Church, if each of us concentrates on helping just one person, giving hope to one person, and that person in turn may give hope to somebody else, we will create a ripple of care that expands across the Bay Hope Church community and beyond. Together, let's go for it!

Perhaps, this is what Jesus was thinking:

- When the blind and lame came to Him at the temple and He healed them.
- When He told Jarius, "Don't be afraid, trust me, she'll be alright." She was.
- When He spoke to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat, go home." He did.
- When He put mud on the blind man's eyes, he washed, then he could see.
- When He healed the demon possessed man who was blind and mute.
- When the woman touched the hem of His coat, & He told her go in peace.
- When He spoke with an adulterer, He replaced guilt with grace.
- When He touched the Woman at the Well, she got a taste of living water.
- When He met Zacchaeus, went to his home, & said, "Salvation has come!"
- When He met in the dark of the night with Nicodemus to explain salvation.
- When He reached out, touched a man with leprosy & said, "Be Clean."

His words, compassion & presence are the power to transform each of us. The Pharisees asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go, learn what this means. I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Jesus transforms people with a power that saves, heals, redeems, restores, breathes hope, & replaces guilt with grace. Often, it is messy and creates confrontation & questions. He transforms anyway. Today, He's counting on us to keep His love going. Our hearts, filled with His spirit beat full of service, generosity & compassion. Together, we can create a ripple that will transform our Bay Hope Church Community & beyond. There are stories waiting to be told.

C.A.R.E. Teams

**Join a Team. You will to be contacted as needs come in.
Be prepared. Prayerfully enter people's most vulnerable spaces.**

Create: Care by crafting in the comfort of your own home.

- Prayer Shawls: knit & crochet small shawls/blankets
 - Caring Quilters: 2 causes - NICU & Bay Hope attendees in need
 - Beads of Care: bead bracelets of grace for hospital visits
 - Care Bears: craft adorable care bears for newborn babies
- For patterns: sleatherwood@bayhope.com

Action: Bring hope by action for those in need, stand by until contacted.

- Caring Cards : send cards routinely to those in need
- Caring Gift Cards: gift grocery & restaurant gift cards for distribution
- Care Visitation: hospital visitation – specific location
- Care Resources: assist in providing ongoing PDF resources
- Crisis Care: trained & prepared to respond as needed
- Funeral Care: serve as greeters, ushers, set up & tear down
- Manor Care: 4th Sunday Worship at Manor Care
- Marriage Matters: join our Marriage Matters Leadership Team
- Transporters: assist with transportation, background check required
- Tool Team: assist widows/widowers & singles with home repairs
- Office Care: assist in the Care Office with a variety of tasks
- Workshops: assist Care Staff during workshops

Relational: Building Ongoing Relationships within specific niches

- Care Links LT: from diagnosis to recovery – long term visitation
- Care for Caregivers: tend to those who are caring for others
- Divorce Care: on call to walk this journey with others
- Elder Care: ongoing visitation to Assisted Living Facilities
- Loss of Loved One: walk side by side in ongoing bereavement
- Suicide Care: visitation, encouragement, walk alongside
- Tender Care: walking alongside someone in need of accountability
- Widow Care: adopt a widow to walk alongside monthly

Encourage: Extending God's Grace as broken pieces are put back together

- Prayer: Altar prayer team/Prayer Wall
- Support Groups: serve to support group based on need
- Healthy Staff Care: commit to encourage Bay Hope Staff routinely
- Gratitude Team: write cards to volunteers, labels & cards provided

Care Team Member Application **Date:** _____

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Circle the Care Team you are interested in:

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We'd like to get know you just a little bit more:

Share Your Story of how you came to Christ:

Your Interests, Passions, Gifts:

Why do you desire to serve in Care Ministries?

How can we best Care for the people here at Bay Hope Church?

What makes you, personally, experience care?

Please submit these 2 pages via email: sleatherwood@bayhope.com or mail to Bay Hope Church 17030 Lakeshore Road, Lutz, Fl 33558 Attn: Sherrie Leatherwood

