



REPRESENTATIVES OF Grace Centers of Hope, Mike Maslyn, Darin Weiss and Pastor Kent Clark, with Mitisie and Albert Scaglione of Park West Gallery; Mitisie and Albert Scaglione receiving plaque from Grace Center of Hope's CEO, Pastor Kent Clark. — Photos courtesy of Grace Centers of Hope and Park West Gallery



DARIN WEISS (left), COO of Grace Centers of Hope, and Pastor Kent Clark chatting with Albert Scaglione, founder and CEO of Park West Gallery.



A GRACE CENTERS of Hope truck drives into the Park West Gallery parking lot to load donated merchandise.

### Park West Gallery donates clothing, art to Grace Centers of Hope

Grace Centers is one of six Metro Detroit nonprofit organizations benefiting from Park West Gallery's generosity this summer.

Locally, the other organizations are Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Covenant House, Detroit Rescue Mission, HAVEN of Oakland County and Vista Maria.

Organizations in southeast Florida where Park West has additional locations also received merchandise.

Park West owners Albert and Mitisie Scaglione have a longstanding relationship with Grace Centers of Hope.

In 2008, they donated more than \$25,000 to the nonprofit towards its Men's Dorm Renovation Project.

This generous gift spearheaded Grace Center's fundraising campaign for the project.

The renovation of the men's dorm, which now houses emergency clients separately from residential ones in a dignified and uplifting setting, was completed with additional funding from other sources.

The nonprofit not only provides temporary shelter, food and clothing, but also conducts one-year and two-year programs to help men, women and children overcome the reasons they are homeless, such as addiction and abuse, and move forward positively with their lives.

One hundred percent of this new clothing will go to the Grace Centers of Hope Thrift Stores. Monies raised by selling the merchandise in the stores will benefit the organization's programs and services.

The same day as the clothing donation, Park West also gave Grace Centers of Hope 11 pieces of art by Thomas Kinkade, a Christian painter, through the foundation.

Most of the paintings will go to the homes in Little Grace Village, Grace Centers of Hope's safe and affordable housing revitalization effort on Seneca Street in Pontiac.

Graduates of Grace Centers of Hope's one year life skills program rent the homes. The other paintings will hang at Grace Gospel Fellowship.

Three of the paintings were displayed in the gallery, ready for packing and loading onto the Grace Centers of Hope truck along with the clothing and the other eight art pieces.

One showed an idyllic scene, another a simple cross on top of a hill and the third was Kinkade's interpretation of the face of Jesus.

Park West Gallery and Grace Centers of Hope will

continue working together to help those in need in the community.

To donate merchandise and clothing, volunteer or learn more information about Grace Centers of Hope, call (248)

334-2187, or visit [www.gracecentersofhope.org](http://www.gracecentersofhope.org).

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