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Patricia DeShields is the CEO and executive director of Project H.O.P.E., which last year alone provided 8,000 medical appointments for 2,000 Camden residents.

## A Place Called H.O.P.E.

With Patricia DeShields at the helm, Camden-based Project H.O.P.E. brings comprehensive medical care to homeless residents in dire need of help.

Last year, Project H.O.P.E. (Homeless Outreach Program Enrichment), a medical care and social services provider based in Camden, New Jersey, helped more than 2,000 Camden County homeless residents by providing 8,000 medical appointments. “That’s something to be proud of,” says Patricia DeShields, the CEO and executive director of the clinic, which was founded in 1994. “But it doesn’t tell the whole story.”

The best way to understand H.O.P.E., she says, is through the story of a man whom she calls Sam, a resident who was recovering from substance addiction and a recent divorce when he visited H.O.P.E. for a basic medical exam. A doctor discovered that Sam had liver cancer and insulin-dependent diabetes.

What happened next, DeShields CCAS’99, SSW’00 recalls, is what sets H.O.P.E. apart from many other clinics. “At its core,” she says, “H.O.P.E. is a primary-care medical provider, much like any neighborhood doctor’s office. But we also have licensed clinical social workers and a financial counselor on staff. When patients come in for their medical visits, all the services they need to maintain or improve their health and well-being are available.”

H.O.P.E. helped Sam find an apartment, gave him individual counseling sessions, and got him to his medical appointments at a nearby hospital. Within the year, he had received both a kidney and a liver transplant. Grateful for the support, Sam joined H.O.P.E.’s consumer advisory board, of which he is now the president.

DeShields also has been instrumental in H.O.P.E.’s mobile health van initiative, which offers free health screenings in six city locations. “We try to reach out and give individuals the opportunity to seek services in a nontraditional way,” she says. “We really want to meet people where they are.”

For further information, visit [projecthopecamden.org](http://projecthopecamden.org).

— Molly Petrilla

This column is dedicated to classmate **John Audesirk ENG’68**, who passed away in Phoenix, AZ, on November 10, 2011. John was from North Brunswick, NJ. In our class, John was treasurer of Tau Beta Pi and was a member of Eta Kappa Nu. His career was in Bell Labs, GE, Honeywell, and American Express. He is survived by his three daughters and his brother, **Gerry Audesirk RC’70**. We offer sincere condolences to the family.

Classmates, keep your focus on the 2013 45th reunion.

— **Rusty von Schwedler ENG’68**: 701 Twin Oak Terrace, Tannersville, PA 18372; [rvonsch@earthlink.net](mailto:rvonsch@earthlink.net)

**69 Aleta (Agnello) Galusha NCAS’69** retired after 38 years as a Realtor and has moved to Waxhaw, NC, to become a full-time grandmother.

**Joseph Karp UNCB’69** was named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer. He is the principal attorney at the Karp Law Firm in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

**Linda (Strub) Stazer NCAS’69** is an economics instructor at Tri-County Technical College in Pendleton, SC.

**Irwin Stoolmacher GSNB’69** is the coauthor of a book titled *Mission Possible: How to Start and Operate a Soup Kitchen*, which draws upon his years of experience with a soup kitchen in Trenton, NJ.

**Class Column:** I am including the following memorial to a 1969 graduate school engineering degree-recipient because of his singular importance to the electronics industry, and with the sense that many of our engineering classmates probably met and worked with him in the labs during their own pursuit of E.E. degrees.

**Sever Anghel GSNB’69** lost his battle with a chronic systemic illness. Sever is best known for his custom integrated microstrip assemblies using soft substrates, and for his ability to coax maximum performance from PIN diode circuits. He is best known to his associates as an engineer with a passion for a challenge and a person with a deep compassion for others, and by his former employees as a boss with exceptional patience and generosity. Born in Romania, Sever moved with his family to Brooklyn, NY, in 1961. He obtained a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the City College of New York in 1967 and a master of science degree from Rutgers University in 1969. He worked at Wheeler Laboratories, ITT, and Engelmann Microwave before founding Anghel Laboratories in the late 1970s. After building his company for 20 years, he sold it to RSI, which later became a part of General Dynamics. After the sale of the company, he joined the staff at Miteq Corporation, where he worked until his passing.

His approach to custom integrated assemblies came at a time when most of the industry was building microwave assemblies from connectorized components. This approach enabled him to produce smaller, higher-performance subsystems at a lower cost. His subsystems found their way into a variety of large commercial and military applications, including MLS, the Patriot Missile, Long Range Radar (GBR), and eventually into his own line of satellite converters. His tri-band converter (C, X, Ku) became the industry standard and was adopted by systems integrators, the U.S. military, and NATO. The impact that his integrated assemblies had on the microwave and