

Advent House Report for PEM March 6, 2017

Residents:

We have been blessed to care for eight Residents and their families from March 2017 til now making for a busy house. A few have had Advent House" connections" and we always feel privileged that they choose to spend this precious time with us. Of special interest, our current Resident's newest grandbaby visited from Texas and a baptism ceremony was held in the living room of the House. A very great honor to have that beautiful ceremony here and so wonderful that our Resident could participate.

Staff: Remain dedicated and hard working.

Finance Committee:

Met in May; completed budget planning for the fiscal year form July 1,2017 to June 30, 2018. Lengthy discussion regarding thrift shop and how to budget for the expected expenses related to this. All in agreement to continue to pursue lease negotiations and proceed with Sweet Charity. Very exciting new venture which is becoming more popular; the House in Utica opens their shop June 1st and Serenity House in Victor is also pursuing opening a similar venue.

Guest presentation by Brittany Bieger from Stanley Morgan with our portfolio review.

Special thanks to Trish Dunn who takes advantage of the Morgan Stanley Volunteer Incentive Program whereby not for profits receive grants based on the number of volunteer hours of an employee. We are so grateful.

Fundraising: See Vicki Deady's report

The Golf Tournament committee had our first meeting and once again we are blessed with a wonderfully enthusiastic committee. It is our 25th annual tournament so some special plans are in the works!! Of course the success of any of our fundraisers depends on attendance so PLEASE promote this in your churches and around town. It is always a fun day with lots of laughs, good food, good friends and supports a very important worthwhile cause. The date is September 15, 2017 with a shotgun start at noon.

House Maintenance: Planning to replace the hospital beds; ours are over fifteen years old and have as you can imagine great use! We are receiving a grant for this and hopefully will have new beds in place soon. Also, replacing window treatments on all the patio doors and the sliding glass door in the lower level. Monies have been donated for relandscaping the front gardens and that is in process. Much gratitude to a group of Paychex employees who spent their entire day of caring here weeding and mulching the other gardens. It takes many hands and hearts to keep our home in good repair and looking lovely and welcoming.

Volunteers:

Our volunteers remain our greatest asset and greatest need. We have a need for someone to assume the lead with overseeing the outside maintenance and yard care. (willing to give guidance to volunteers, day of caring groups etc.); housekeepers and hands on caregivers.

Item of note: We had a group of adorable preschoolers from Risen Christ Lutheran Church who sang some spring songs for all of us and donated a sweet handmade decoration for the front garden. All of us truly love these visits!!!

We thank you for your dedication, support and all that you do for this Home and us as a staff.

Peace,
Glenda Hastings, Director

