

Advent House Report for PEM September 11, 2017

Residents:

We have been blessed to care for nineteen Residents and their families from January 2017 til now making for a busy house. A few have had Advent House "connections." We always feel privileged that they choose to spend this precious time with us but it makes a sad time sadder for those of us who have known these people. We are admitting a very dear longtime Fairport lady on Monday and another Fairport person on Wednesday so we will have a full house soon.

Staff:

Remain dedicated and hard working. August 1, 2017 marked my twenty-sixth-year anniversary as Director of Advent House. A wonderful privilege. In July, I was blessed to be able to volunteer for three days at a bereavement camp for children sponsored by Visiting Nurse. As ever, you receive so much more than you give.

Finance Committee:

Meeting scheduled in mid -September to review insurance policies

Fundraising: See Vicki Deady's report

The Golf Tournament is September 15, 2017 with a shotgun start at noon. Fingers crossed for good weather.

Vicki and I will start putting together the Annual Appeal letter and ornament soon for a pre-holiday mailing.

House Maintenance:

Two new hospital beds in place with state of the art mattresses to ensure the comfort of our Residents. Entire house has been deep cleaned; carpets shampooed; painting of the trim around the front door inside and out and the door painted; windows washed; dying trees overhanging the parking lot have been cut down. The landscaping has been completed and is very beautiful with gratitude to our anonymous volunteer with a very caring heart. It's always amazing to me how so much hard work can be summed up in so few words!

Sweet Charity: 650 Whitney Road, Suite C

We just received word that our building permit has been approved so construction on the inside of the shop will begin next week! Laurie and I have had many meetings with Jim and Hannah Taylor for designing purposes and other logistics and now we are to the place where we can actually select colors, plan a check out counter area, office and bathroom!! The sign has been ordered and should be very nice. We are working on job descriptions for the paid employees as well as for the volunteers. Policy and procedure manuals are in the works. Vicki is investigating internet service, credit card options, phone systems and cash registers. Ray Wager is obtaining our sales tax paperwork and we will be meeting with Gary Wilkins soon to complete insurance applications. Many many thanks to Kevin Cooman for all of his efforts on behalf of Sweet Charity and the MUCH reduced bill of services. We will be contacting RG&E and Fairport Electric to set up accounts. The mailing and billing address for the shop will be the House address to keep things simple. Laurie has started interviewing interested potential volunteers and is planning a start-up meeting with our faithful garage sale department heads in the near future. We are hoping for a mid- November opening in time for holiday shopping. Stay tuned!!!!

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. The job fair at Nazareth that Laurie and I attended today was quite successful; ten students indicated their interest and Laurie will be following up with them. We also are going to have students from St John Fisher. The colleges are proving to be a great resource for us and it is hugely beneficial to the students.

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

Peace,
Glenda Hastings, Director