

PEM BOARD NOTES FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ~ March 2018

We are planning an In-Service training for all volunteers in January but had to cancel due to the winter storm. We have rescheduled for later this month. This will again be a pot-luck gathering with training intertwined.

I went to the Harley School last month and spoke to the three Hospice Classes about caring for the terminally ill as well as what's expected from them while at Advent House.

We have also partnered with St. John Fisher and Keuka for Nursing student to do their internships here. Keuka students need 150 hours which helps us tremendously. Fisher students only need 16 but some have stayed on after their internship is over so it's a good thing for us.

I have interviewed and "processed" many new volunteers over the past few months but retention is low. Many never even make it here for their first training shift. I have spoken with several other comfort care homes and this seems to be a problem everywhere. I sent out notices to the churches about our need and did get one new volunteer from Assumption.

Sweet charity is alive and thriving. I continue to go over there on Thursdays in the afternoon to help sort and price and arrange merchandise on the floor. We have been getting fantastic feedback from customers and community members that love the store. We are doing far better than we originally dreamed!

Respectfully submitted,

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