

PEM Board Report – December 2016
Vicki Deady, Advent House Development Coordinator

1. Advent House will receive \$2,280.60 from Roc the Day, the online United Way Day of Giving held on November 29th.
2. Advent House sponsored an Alex & Ani fundraiser on November 16th that was well attended. The event was assisted by four St. John Fisher nursing students. The Advent House should clear around \$500.
3. The month of November was spent preparing the 2016 Advent House Annual Appeal mailing. Since this is our 25th year of operation, the decision was made to increase the size of the mailing and use the (potentially) increased funds for capital projects. As we anticipate some significant retirements in the next five years as well as needed improvements for our 20+ year old home, it is imperative that Advent House maintain its stable financial position. To complete the mailing, we spent 4 weeks of volunteer-assisted preparation. The mailing went out on Thursday, December 1st.
4. The 2017 Advent House Dinner Dance committee had its kick-off meeting on November 7th. It is with a heavy heart that I must report our Gala co-chair, Kate Leackfeldt, has recently passed away. Becky Nickel will continue in her co-chair role. Kate will be sorely missed for her vision, her work ethic and her sense of fun. This lovely fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Monroe Golf Club. Don Alhart and Joe Lomonaco will return as our emcee and guest auctioneer, respectively. It is just such a wonderful event and I would encourage each of you to get the word out to your churches and to attend. Posters are available tonight.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The 2016 Reformatted Advent House Garage Sale went very well. We are incredibly grateful to Father Peter Clifford, Shannon Wolf, and staff as well as the entire parish of St. John of Rochester who so graciously opened their doors to us so we could have our sale indoors (with NO TENTS!) Thank you as well to Becky Orsini, PEM Rep for St. John of Rochester, for going “to bat” for us and making this wonderful venue available. We were able to use their gym & approximately half of their classrooms to conduct the sale. We are so grateful for the support from all of the churches and especially for the use of their tables. Dan Juers offered the Opening Day blessing. Dan Juers, along with Lisa Rosenbauer, and a Bible Study group from Bethlehem Lutheran Church were the driving force behind the idea of a Fairport comfort care home back in 1987. His blessing was especially appropriate as Advent House celebrates our 25th anniversary of providing hospice care in our community.
2. Goodwill, Salvation Army, Sunnking (electronics) and 15 other charities came at the end of the sale and consequently hardly any leftover items went into the dumpster (very exciting!) This garage sale is a herculean project with the most wonderful volunteers. I especially want to mention the work of Ralph Vallone, Bruce & Meg Sarnoff, Mike Deady, Jim Flanigan, Gary Kelpin, Morey Rasbeck, Dave Hebert and Al Ormiston along with the wonderful sports teams at FHS (Boys Volleyball, Football, Cross Country, Basketball and Girls Volleyball, Cross Country and Swim teams, the McQuaid Volleyball team and the Victor Varsity and JV Soccer teams, Dave Dupont, Ken Zabloutny and volunteers from the Mormon church who help with clean up).
3. We are anticipating another fine showing at the 2016 Advent House Golf Tournament. We currently have 130 golfers registered (with expectations for at least 12 more) and are happy to announce the Family of Angelo Crecco as our Cart Sponsor and George T. Wolf, Attorney as our Prize Sponsor. We are so grateful for their support as well as the support of our Birdie Sponsors, Raymond Wager, Liftbridge Financial Advisors, SEI Design Group, and Herrick – Saylor Engineering. Golfers will enjoy 18 holes at Victor Hills Golf Club, lunch from the grill throughout the day and a delicious steak dinner that evening. Terrific raffle items including Sonos Wireless speakers, a Garmin Approach S4 GPS Watch, a \$100 Palmers gift card, Buffalo Bills tickets, a foursome at Irondequoit Golf Club and Midvale Country Club, a \$250 Raymour & Flanigan gift card, and much, more more!
4. In June 2016, Advent House received a \$1,000 grant from the Masonic Service Bureau (Bereavement expenses). The Grant to the Greater Rochester Health Foundation for startup expenses for the store was denied. We received a Thrivent grant for \$250 to cover the truck costs for the Garage Sale.
5. We anticipate a large scale Annual Appeal letter to go out in mid-November to celebrate our 25th anniversary.

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PEM Board Report – June 2016
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1. The 2016 Advent House Garage Sale is underway! Please help us get the word out! Emails have been sent to all the churches for their newsletters and bulletins. Please encourage your churches to include the information in as many bulletins as possible throughout the summer. We will conduct the sale a week earlier at St. John of Rochester, 10 Wickford Way, Fairport on Friday, August 19th from 9:30 am- 6 pm and Saturday, August 20th from 9:30 am – 2 pm. Thank you to Becky Orsini for her assistance in securing the gym & former school location at St. John of Rochester.
2. The following donations will be accepted at the **Advent House Garage** beginning May 31st – Aug. 5th:
 - Furniture, baby furniture, sporting goods, bikes, electronics, tools, gardening, linens & antiques

Our thought is that we will accept those items that go directly to the barn from the Advent House Garage to ensure a good amount of larger items during the transition period from a Garage Sale to a Super Sale/Rummage Sale format.

3. All of the above items and the following items will be accepted at **St. John of Rochester** from Saturday, August 13th – Wednesday, August 17th:
 - Household, toys, cookbooks, childrens' books, linens, small kitchen appliances, holiday, décor, artwork pictures, baskets, florals, purses, and bags
4. Jewelry will be accepted all year around at the churches and at Advent House.
5. The 2016 Advent House Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 16, 2016 at noon at the Victor Hills Golf Club. Invitations will be mailed in June. We always welcome volunteers to help publicize this event and to encourage golf foursomes from each church.
6. The 2016 Dinner Dance & Auction at Monroe Golf Club was record setting in just about every way as Advent House celebrated our 25th anniversary! We were delighted to invite as our guests several volunteers who had been with Advent House since the very beginning (1991) and had a lovely, emotional presentation where we called them up to the front of the room. There were outstanding attendance numbers with 211 guests as well as a record setting profit of \$41,239. So many wonderful comments about Don Alhart, Joe Lomonaco, the wonderful auction items and of course, the Monroe Golf Club. Thank you to the PEM Board members who solicit and support this event...to Judy Burgeson who attended and along with her husband donated handcrafted jewelry and a handcarved walking stick, to Kevin Cooman who also attended with his wife/another couple and placed a full page ad and lastly, to Rick Hill who contributed a ¼ page advertisement.

We are happy to announce that the Advent House Brunch Bunch in the Live Auction went for \$1,000! I would like to mention the Dinner Dance committee who are truly a special group of folks. They have really elevated this fundraiser to the next level. Thank you to Becky Nickel, Kate Leackfeldt, Julie Schwartz, Karen Zachman, Rita Haley, Karen Higman, Mary Jo Coniglio, Ray Wilcox and Dick Trotta.

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PEM Board Report – March 2016
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1. We have secured St. John of Rochester for the 2016 Advent House Garage Sale but the sales dates will be a week earlier (8/19 & 8/20). We will once again accept large items from May 2016 to August 2016 with the bulk of small items coming the week of the sale (from Saturday morning, 8/13 to Wednesday, 8/17). We are considering a 3 day sale beginning on Thursday, 8/18, but have not finalized that decision. We are so grateful for the efforts of Becky Orsini in securing this location for us. The school/gym location worked beautifully!
2. The Annual Appeal has made the budgeted amount. We are currently planning for a 25th Anniversary Capital Campaign for the spring of 2016. Monies donated to this capital campaign will be designated for future significant home repairs/upgrades (like the roofing project from last August).
3. Planning is underway for the 2016 Advent House Dinner Dance & Auction to be held on Saturday, April 9th at 6 p.m. at Monroe Golf Club. I hope that you will consider attending. If you are able to solicit for one or two items or program advertisements, we would be most grateful. We are grateful as well for the faithful support of Rick Hill who places an advertisement in our program booklet each year as well as past attendees Larry Vanderveer, Judy Burgson, Dave Wideman, Ray Buchanan and Becky Orsini. You might not realize how the contacts in your everyday life could be a part of this event and the auction committee is always looking for new and interesting items for the Silent Auction. Please consider contacting one or two businesses on our behalf...just let Vicki Deady (theadventhouse@frontiernet.net) know in advance so I can confirm that there are no “double requests”. We have about 17 volunteers who call & visit businesses on our behalf to secure donations. A few years ago, we decided to change things up a bit (instead of having 5 people ask for 20 items, we are closer to our goal of having 20 volunteers ask for 5-7 items). However, my personal list has over 50 items which makes for a busy January/February timeframe.
4. I have met with Karen Higman, a volunteer who has helped me explore if there are any grant options to help allay the new roof costs. Unfortunately, we have only identified the Greater Rochester Health Foundation to apply to as it is very difficult to find grants that will pay for capital improvements. I will submit this grant request in March 2016.
5. Since our Xerox lease had completed, I met with our Eastern Copy/Xerox rep to discuss the financial benefits of a new copier. We were able to bring in a new, smaller leased copier that saves us approximately \$35/month. Also, I continue to assist our business manager with her year end work that involves our Filemaker databases and of course, spent significant time weeding through old files to streamline our files.

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