

PEM BOARD NOTES FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ~ December 2018

In October, I scheduled a meeting with the other Volunteer Coordinators from the other Comfort Care Homes. We had a good turn out and shared many ideas on recruitment, retention, training and appreciation. I was pleased to find out the Advent House has more volunteers than most of the other homes. Our Fairport residents are so giving!

I also met with students from St. John Fisher and Nazareth who have been doing their internships here. Each student is required to complete 16 hours of hands-on care volunteering. Two of the ten students have stayed on with us after their hours were completed!

I met with the Harley Students and we will have 5 students this year. They all seem great and I am excited to get them trained and volunteering. They really help fill the gaps on evenings and weekends, which is where our greatest need is.

I have renewed our post on VolunteerMatch.com and have made signs for Sweet Charity to recruit more volunteers. Currently we are in desperate need of a person to clean our residents' suites as both volunteers left at the same time. I also have posters here that I designed and were printed for us by a group of Fisher students for a service project. Glenda was going to bring them to the last PEM meeting but forgot but said that you each would be willing to pick one up to hang in your church. They are here and waiting!

Glenda and I took our housekeeping and scheduling volunteers out for lunch last month to thank them for all they do for us. They were very delighted and it was a good time for us to be able to chat with them (especially those who come to the house in the evening to clean, whom we seldom see.) We are also hosting a Christmas Party for our volunteers next week at Perinton Presbyterian Church as a thank you for all they do. We realize that without our volunteers, Advent House could not continue this ministry and want them to know how important they are to all we do here.

Respectfully submitted,

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