

PEM BOARD NOTES FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ~ December 2018

We had two Hands-On training classes scheduled last month but both were cancelled due to snow storms. We are trying again next month! We will be scheduling a Death & Dying Class as well in the next month.

A new group of Fisher Nursing Students came on February 27th to do their internships with us. While they are only required to give us 16 hours, they certainly help with all of the open shifts we are facing and we have been blessed to have a number of them continue on with us after their stints were over.

I have asked volunteers to consider bring a friend to shadow them while they're here to get a feel of what volunteering at Advent House is like. Two have taken me up on that and as a result we now have 2 more new volunteers 😊 Also, several of our volunteers have offered to speak at their churches and through this we have recruited some new volunteers as well.

I will be attending the Fairport Library's "Community Volunteer's Open House" on Saturday April 13th. I will have a table set up with information about the opportunities at Advent House

The Pastor of Eastside Church came to visit us on February 27th and is going to let me speak at his church. I have also been invited to speak at Twelve Corners Middle school for their "Brighton Believes Day of Caring" on March 6th. They are hoping to make the students aware of the volunteer opportunities in the community and plant seeds for the future. I am also hoping that the other adults in attendance will take note of our ministry at Advent House!

I recently wrote to all of the other CC Homes in the community to ask about their volunteer status and how they handle open shifts. Almost all rely on either per-diem or scheduled paid help for evening and weekends. Both of those time frames are our most difficult to fill lately and staff has been stepping up to cover the holes. It has been taking its toll on us....

Glenda and I met with Meg and Nancy on February 14th to discuss the hiring of a new manager at Sweet Charity to replace Nancy when she steps down from that position next month. Thankfully she has said she will continue her wonder PR work for the shop as well as scheduling. She has been a true asset to Sweet Charity!

Respectfully submitted,

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