

## **Advent House Report for PEM December 5, 2022**

**Advent House:** We have welcomed twenty-five residents since March. It has been a very busy and challenging time. It is so wonderful to be open and serving our mission. As ever, the Residents and their families bless us. Such a privilege to be invited to walk with them on this journey to God.

**House Maintenance:** In pretty good shape. The new hospital beds are ordered and will be installed during the Christmas break. We have put the old ones on Craigs List for resale. Continue to have some outside lighting issues so have contacted an electrician. The gardens have been cleaned and winterized. I am working with an Eagle Scout candidate for a project that he is considering.

**Staff:** Sadly, Laurie Eisele is retiring as of January 13, 2023. She has been her thirteen years and has done an incredible job. She will be dearly missed. The happy news is that her sister, Susan Pauly, who has been the Volunteer Coordinator at VNS has accepted the position. She will start January3, 2023 and work with Laurie for training. The other wonderful news is that we have finally hired a Fundraiser. Her name is Nicole McClurg and comes with great experience working with volunteers and creating fundraising events. We feel so thankful to have these positions filled.

**Finance Committee:** Continues to meet on a regular basis doing an incredible job of overseeing our financial status. No small task. I am so very grateful to these dedicated professionals who donate their time and talent so generously. We are facing many challenges financially. Ray is investigating a new payroll company. We have had multiple issues with PayChex that just don't seem to ever get resolved.

**Sweet Charity:** Our lease has been renewed for the next five years. We remain blessedly busy and grateful for the financial stability this shop provides for the House. In July and August there was a great decrease in the amount of furniture donations we received and this was reflected in a financial loss. However, we celebrated our five-year anniversary with a 25% sale which was incredibly successful and now with the holiday sales we are back on track. Donations have increased in all areas for which we are most grateful.

**Volunteers:** See Laurie's report. She has done a great job getting the new volunteers oriented, scheduled, and appropriately computerized! Despite all these changes the schedule remains with many open possibilities every Saturday and Sunday. Please continue to encourage folks to volunteer.

Thank you for your faithfulness to this Home. I am grateful for your support. Have a most blessed Christmas and New Year.

Peace,

Glenda Hastings, Director

