

Advent House Report for PEM June 4, 2018

Residents:

We have welcomed nine Residents this year. Our resident who presented as quite imminent on admission did return back home and is planning a cruise on the Danube this August!! We just never know how these stories will turn out! Caring for these dear ones and their families remains the greatest and most humbling experience. It is such a privilege that we are entrusted with caring for these Residents at this most fragile and precious time of their life journey.

Staff: We are dealing with an extreme Resident care volunteer shortage. Laurie, myself and the weekend nurses have been covering multiple shifts in addition to our regular duties ~ sometimes working until midnight and then having to return in the morning for the 7AM shift. Each week to fill the schedule requires 56 four hour shifts and 7 eight hour shifts. The midnight to 8AM shift is covered by the home care agency aide through our Residents' hospice benefit. This week there are 22 openings and next week there are 37 open shifts. Needless to say, it has been difficult. Many of the other Homes are experiencing the same issues and several are closing for the summer or admitting only one Resident instead of two.

Finance Committee:

Meeting in May. Annual budget proposals completed for Advent House including Sweet Charity.

Fundraising: See Vicki Deady's report

Gala incredibly successful beyond our wildest dreams!! So much fun and as ever, Vicki and her committee did an amazing job.

Plans for Golf tournament underway September 14th at Victor Hills always a fun event please encourage attendance.

House Maintenance:

In good shape; fingers crossed!!

Sweet Charity: 650 Whitney Road, Suite C

Our sweet shop is up and running and doing so much better than our initial expectations! Getting positive feedback from our customers. The co-assistant managers are doing a wonderful job and we are starting to get the volunteer slots filled to ensure adequate staffing. We continue to promote the store through facebook, the Pennysaver and the churches reminding all of our ongoing need for donations and shoppers!

Volunteers:

Our volunteers remain our greatest asset and greatest need. As we had hoped, Sweet Charity is already expanding our base of community knowledge of the Advent House and several shoppers have expressed an interest in becoming more involved. See Laurie's report.

Peace,

Glenda Hastings, Director