

## **Advent House Report for PEM December 4, 2017**

### **Residents:**

Well this has been quite a year!! We admitted our 28<sup>th</sup> Resident today!!! This is a new record number of Residents in one year. To say we have been busy is a bit of an understatement! 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:**

Our weekend nurse, Patti Megerle RN has retired effect as of December 31, 2017. We wish her well in her retirement. We are happy to say she will continue to be available on-call and will do the Resident care training classes. We hired Deirdre Won-Short RN to take that weekend slot. Deirdre has had many years of hospice experience and is actually our VNS nurse as well. She is very familiar with the House so we are anticipating a smooth transition.

Nancy Loughran and Meg Sarnoff have been hired as co-assistant managers of Sweet Charity sharing a thirty hour per week position. They both come with retail experience and many Fairport connections making them a “perfect” match for our needs.

### **Finance Committee:**

Meeting in mid-September to discuss insurance issues; progress on Sweet Charity.

### **Fundraising:** See Vicki Deady’s report

The Golf Tournament on September 15, 2017 was a wonderful success with beautiful weather and happy golfers!!

Gala committee meetings have begun and as ever we have a wonderful committee filled with fabulous ideas. We are all very much looking forward to another incredible event and hope you all can attend filling a PEM board table!! It is at Monroe Golf Club on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at six pm.

Vicki and I have completed and mailed the Annual Appeal letter and ornament. Responses have been many and generous. It is always bittersweet for us as we read the names of all the loved ones and remember our connections to them.

### **House Maintenance:**

Furnace and generator annual maintenance completed. Fall cleanup of landscaping finished. Tree trimming and cleanup has been done so no worries now when parked in lot by woods! Many thanks to ATK Lawn and Landscape for so generously donating all of the lawn care and leaf care all summer and fall.

### **Sweet Charity: 650 Whitney Road, Suite C**

After many meetings, decision making sessions, designing and redesigning that Laurie and I had with Jim and Hannah Taylor and too many hours to keep track of setting up our Sweet Charity Shop is open!!! We have revised and reworked policy and procedure manuals, job descriptions for the paid employees as well as for the volunteers, established an organizational system for the pricing and sorting workroom, a process for accounting the daily sales records and survived our first four day in business in fine shape!!! Praise God!! The dedication ceremony was lovely and thank you to Kevin Cooman and Dan Juers for being our speakers. Both did a wonderful job as I knew that they would. Reverend Steven Becker came by on Wednesday morning before opening to say a prayer of thanksgiving and asking God’s blessing on this wonderful new adventure to insure the continued financial security of our beloved Advent House. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend and for the plant with the perfect angel statue.

### **Volunteers:**

Our volunteers remain our greatest asset and greatest need. We have a need for someone to assume the lead with overseeing the outside maintenance and yard care. (willing to give guidance to volunteers, day of caring groups etc.); housekeepers and hands on caregivers. 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.

We wish you all a most Merry Christmas and very Blessed New Year. Thank you for your dedication, support and all that you do for this Home and us as a staff.

Peace,  
Glenda Hastings, Director

