Advent House Report for PEM March 2, 2020

Residents:

We have welcomed six Residents this year. Families continue to express such gratitude and relief that their loved one is being cared for so tenderly in such a beautiful home. As ever, we receive so much more than we give.

<u>Staff</u>: Additional staffing required for the months of January and February since I broke my right wrist and had very limited use of hand and arm! Many thanks to Patti Megerle, Laurie Eisele and Vicki Deady for all of their support and assistance. Also, we have, per Finance Committee and PEM prior approval, added the Resident Caregiver position to every evening 8PM til Midnight. We had been trying only Friday, Saturday and Sunday but have found that that shift is no longer a viable option for volunteers. So very thankful for the amazing staff that we have.

<u>Finance Committee:</u> January dinner meeting at Midvale Country Club. Many thanks to Ray Wager for hosting us in such a lovely venue. As ever, we are so blessed by Ray's dedication to this Home. Continued discussion of future investments and it was determined to bring this to PEM board.

<u>Fundraising</u>: See Vicki Deady's report. Gala planning in full swing and it looks to be another amazing event!! Please post the posters at your churches and encourage attendance for April 18, 2020! Always a wonderful evening.

<u>House Maintenance</u>: The Resident room toilets have been replaced with handicapped assessible ones thanks to a grant specifically for that purpose. The family room sliding glass door in the lower level has been replaced and is a major improvement. We are taking a good look at things that have been here since originally built in 1995 and making improvements as we see fit to ensure that our Home remains in the best possible running order!!

<u>Sweet Charity: 650 Whitney Road, Suite C</u>: Continues to be a wonderful success and absolute blessing to the House. We had a 20% sale off everything in the store to welcome 2020 and a 50% glassware and dish sale in February both of which were very successful! Please continue to promote our shop for quality donations. We are dependent on the wonderful generosity of our community and so very grateful!

<u>Volunteers:</u> Weekends and evenings continue to be challenging. Thankfully the students have returned and look to be a promising group. Laurie continues to pursue many different options and we have welcomed some wonderful new folks!

Please pardon the tardiness of my report. Just free of cast and back from vacation! Many thanks for all that you do.

Peace, Glenda Hastings, Director