

Advent House Report for PEM December 7, 2015

Residents:

The House has been very busy. We have been privileged to care for twenty Residents and their families so far this year. A very busy spurt when we had five Residents in seven days! The pace has been quite demanding both physically and emotionally. Keep us in your prayers!!

Staff: Marcia Buckley RN has resigned her weekend on call position to spend more time with her newly retired husband. Brenda Ferraro has been hired as her replacement. Brenda is an RN, knows the house well since she has been a dedicated hands-on caregiver for many years. She has a wonderful understanding of our mission and philosophy. We are very relieved and pleased to have Brenda join our staff; she is a perfect fit.

Finance Committee:

Meeting held December 2nd followed by holiday dinner Thank you Ray!

Continued efforts to enhance fundraisers and grant opportunities

Annual Appeal letters have been mailed and initial response is promising

Patricia Dunn, CFP, Senior Vice President, Morgan Stanley and hands on caregiver has agreed to join our Finance Committee Trish is very dedicated to the Advent House ministry and will be a wonderful asset to this committee

Fundraising:

September 18, 2015: Golf Tournament; Victor Hills. Wonderful success. See Vicki's report.

April 9, 2016: Dinner / Dance Gala at Monroe Golf Club. Please ask your churches to "save the date" and encourage attendance. House twenty-five year anniversary will be theme of the evening so should be extra special!

Super Sale: St. John of Rochester has graciously invited us back in 2016. The dates of the sale will be August 15th and 16th. One week earlier than our usual schedule at the request of the school. We are thrilled to be able to use this wonderful facility again.

House Maintenance:

Living room walls and ceiling repair and repainting completed. Bigger job than anticipated due to ants and mold.

Shutters repainted; lightbulbs replaced with high efficiency ones purchased with grant monies designated for that purpose. The volunteer office walls and ceiling repairs from water damage will be tended to over the holiday closing.

Furnace has had multiple expensive issues; most recent replacing blower motor. Seems to be working well now.

Thank you to the Hill and Dale Garden Club for decorating the house for Christmas. They always do such a lovely job and we are most grateful.

Volunteers:

See Laurie's report. 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.)

We wish you all a most blessed Christmas and happy, healthy New Year. We so appreciate all of your efforts on behalf of the Advent House. God bless.

Peace,
Glenda Hastings, Director