

Advent House Report for PEM September 9, 2019

Residents:

We have welcomed ten Residents this year. Unfortunately for us but very blessed for them two of our Residents were discharged home after being here for three months. One has since died, but the other has just been declared brain tumor free!! Miracle really. So, we are eager and most happy to welcome our two new Residents and get back to the business of caring for the dying! 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.

Staff: We continue to deal with a Resident care volunteer shortage. Laurie has been actively pursuing many different options and a few of our hand on caregivers have also stepped up to actively do recruitment. We are still actively investigating other options for volunteers and Laurie is once again in contact with the local colleges and we should be getting some students soon. They are always a blessing.

Finance Committee: Meeting in September. Ray Wager, Jeff Baker and myself met with Gary Wilkins to discuss insurance options and Gary was able to get us a decreased cost Directors and Officers policy.

Fundraising: See Vicki Deady's report. Golf tournament planning in full swing! Please promote at your churches. Many thanks to Vicki for her continued dedication, enthusiasm and hard work.

House Maintenance: Expenses in this regard continue to increase. In August, we have completed thorough general housecleaning and carpet cleaning. Unfortunately, we were not able to finish the deck or kitchen floor due to scheduling conflicts. One tree has been removed with the remainder in wait and see what they look like in the spring mode. Sadly, Dave Hebert has found he is no longer to be able to be our House Maintenance manager. So, I am in need of someone to fill those very big shoes.

Sweet Charity: 650 Whitney Road, Suite C: Continues to be a wonderful success and absolute blessing to the House. We did indeed purchase our truck which will be personalized soon! Keep your eyes open!! We will continue our First Fridays through December which will be our holiday open house. Steve's is no longer doing Friday evenings so our customer base as decreased quite a bit on these evenings. We will reevaluate in the spring. As of this writing, we are not expanding the storage area of the shop. We were not able to come to an agreement with Taylor management regarding a reasonable rate of rent.

Volunteers: See Laurie's report. Weekends and evenings continue to be very short staffed.

As ever, I am so grateful to all of you for your dedication to this wonderful ministry and your support and prayers.

Peace,
Glenda Hastings, Director