

PEM Board Report February 2023

I started my new position here on January 3rd. Laurie was with me for the first two weeks to train me. She made this very easy for me, as everything was so well organized and she has the protocol down to a tee! Everyone here at the house has been so welcoming and kind. The volunteers I have met are wonderful people and I am still in awe of how blessed this house is with so much generous support from this community. I am still getting acclimated, but overall, I feel comfortable and supported by our staff.

I have met and interviewed 5 new volunteers. 4 are hands on and 1 new clerical volunteer to make phone calls for us on Fridays. 5 of the new volunteers have already done at least one shadow shift and should be ready to go on their own very soon! There are 2 other volunteers who met with Laurie that are almost ready to start on their own as well. I have a Hands- On training scheduled for February 16th. This will be led by Peggy Megerle (one of our weekend nurses). I plan on attending the class as well so I will be able to provide support to volunteers when needed.

We have 7 students from the Harley school. Most have done their shadow shifts and are ready to start. 3 of them will be on their first shift this weekend. These are such great kids. We are lucky to have them join us.

I will be meeting with 4 nursing students from St. John Fisher College next week. They will be offering 16 hours each, this will be a huge help for us! They also will be working with us to come up with a project that their group can do to support our CCH in some way.

I will be attending the University of Rochester: Panel Comfort Home/Hospice Event for HOPE Edu event on Monday, February 13th. The **HOPE Edu** student organization is a student group focused on learning and experience in hospice and comfort care. This will provide an opportunity to share about our work and organization and help students catch a vision for how they might be involved with us in this mutual area of interest.

I am looking forward to helping with the Gala this year and working on hard on encouraging friends and family to come as well.

I am grateful for this opportunity to be part of Advent House.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pauly /Volunteer Coordinator