

## Pem Board Report June 2023

I started my new position here on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everything has been going along wonderfully.

Since my last report in February, we have had 6 new volunteers start with us. All of them are hands on volunteers and doing a wonderful job! We have 5 other volunteer training right now and they will be ready to start within a week or 2. I have a Hands- On training scheduled for Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be led by Patti 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 had 7 students from the Harley student join us this year. They did a fantastic job and were a real asset to our volunteer base. A few of them have asked to stay on the roster to continue to volunteer with us through the summer.

We had 5 nursing Students from St. John Fisher join us as well. They each offered at least 16 hours of service. 2 of them have asked to stay on with us to continue to volunteer. They completed a community service project for us by organizing our storage area and bringing items we cannot use to Intervol and some area nursing homes.

A high school student from the area completed his community service project for us. He distributed volunteer recruitment flyer and our wish list to 52 house and returned to collect donated items. We received multiple rolls of paper towel and toilet paper, 5 bottles of laundry detergent, Kleenex, Postage stamps and bird seeds as well as multiple gift cards for Wegmans! What a wonderful job he did!

Ryan Moose completed his Eagle Scout project for Advent House. He replaced the railings on the side walkway, stained the entire thing and laid down new stone. It looks beautiful!

We had 5 volunteers come from Paychex this year on the United Way Annual Day of Caring. They stained the entire back deck for us and a picnic table. Wow what an accomplishment!

Our Snow team consists of 6 volunteers who kept our walkway safe and dry for us all winter.

We have a volunteer who is mowing the lawn for us this summer.

The Boy Scouts will be coming on June 10<sup>th</sup> to weed and clean up the back gardens.

All of these outdoor projects have been overseen by our 2 loyal volunteers, Mike Mathews and Dave Voigt. We call them our house husbands and we couldn't get along with out them! They help with many other things that pertain to maintenance of the home.

We have volunteers who come and clean the house weekly, grocery shop for us and make phone calls to fill in the schedule. We also have 2 volunteers who are helping Amy and Nicole with the new data base.

Volunteer Match Website has brought us 2 of our new volunteers.

Brenda and I are attending a meeting at the Perinton Retired Woman's club in the Fall to share our Mission here at Advent House and talk about our needs and volunteer opportunities.

I sent a write up to all of our supporting churches asking them to put it in their bulletins/newsletters indicating our need for more volunteers. I also sent this write to as many of the churches I could find in the Pittsford area in attempt to reach those residents who may have previously served at Benincasa which is a comfort care in Pittsford that closed this past winter.

I also bought a new sign to replace the old one by the road in front of the house. It says "Volunteers Needed "with our phone and email. It has brought in 3 of our new volunteers!

An Ice Cream social was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Perinton Presbyterian Church to celebrate our volunteers during volunteer appreciation month. 25 volunteers attended. Chaplain Andrew Schep from UR Medicine Hospice joined us to offer a discussion about spirituality in Hospice and how to help us better serve our resident and their families in approaching difficult conversations and handling them appropriately. It was a very meaningful and valuable conversation.

I am proud to say that even with the loss of Janet McAdoo who was paid staff for 24 hours a week, we have been able to get our schedule almost full consistently for the last few months. With the exception of just a few open shifts on occasion weekly.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pauly /Volunteer Coordinator