

ADVENT HOUSE PEM BOARD REPORT

June, 2024

Advent House: We have welcomed 10 new residents since our last meeting in March 2024.

Staff: The primary staff, consisting of volunteer coordinator, business manager and fundraiser coordinator, are working efficiently and continue to do an outstanding job. We are still looking for a per diem HR representative to assist us with project based services, policy development (related to vacation time, disabilities, etc.) and recommendations for resolution of performance issues that may arise. We are also looking for a weekday on-call nurse (evenings/nights).

House Maintenance: Dave Voigt and Rob Kapal

We plan to replace the kitchen and dining room floor this summer during the house closure , along with repainting in the kitchen. Our shutters will be painted and our sign out front is in process of being updated and replaced.

Finance Committee: Continues to meet on a regular basis and is doing an incredible job of overseeing our financial status.

Fundraising:

- The **2024 Gala**, held in April, was a huge success. This year we used a mobile bidding platform, which was a big change from previous years. We also acknowledged our volunteers with 20 years of service or more at the Gala this year! We are thrilled to have had a significantly higher profit from the previous year.
- The **2024 House Golf Tournament** will be held on Friday, September 13th at Greystone Golf Club. This is a new venue for us.
- The Fairport Rotary Grant gave us a grant for \$1000. This money will cover the majority of the new front yard sign we are updating/replacing. We are following the town's permit requirements.
- This year at Fairport Canal Days we had a booth manned by our staff and volunteers to bring additional awareness to the community. We offered brochures, volunteer applications, and Sweet Charity information. This is a heavily trafficked event and was successful in our goal of bringing awareness of Advent House and Sweet Charity to our community.
- Another new fundraising activity that's being explored is a Pickleball Tournament at The Fairport Pickleball Club in Fairport. This will be held in January 2025.

Sweet Charity:

- Nicole continues to assist **Sweet Charity** with their marketing and social media needs. She also serves on the Sweet Charity Oversight Committee. She meets with Meg and Ward every Tuesday to discuss their needs and any upcoming sales. Extending the

hours of operation to include an extra day has proved to be profitable. We may also explore the idea of including one day in which the shop stays open a few hours later in the evening to capture people who are just getting out of work.

- Meg Sarnoff, Manager and Ward Pedde, Assistant Manager, have been doing an outstanding job.
- The Sweet Charity Oversight Committee has handled both the store and personnel changes with finesse and is a valuable new asset to ensure our largest supporter continues on a lengthy, upward trajectory.

Volunteers: Submitted by Susan Pauly, volunteer coordinator-

- Since my last report in March, we have welcomed 10 new volunteers! Our Harley students are wrapping up and we won't have the St. John Fisher students again until the Fall. This is how it goes; we gain 10 new and lose 10. We have been able to keep the schedule almost consistently full each week with the exception of a few shifts here and there.
- We also have a new Pet Therapy volunteer who will bring her adorable dog Hudson in for visits on request.
- We had a group of 6 volunteers from Arrow Electronics come on May 23 to help us with the gardens. They spread all of our mulch for us, front and back. It was a very fun day! We also have a volunteer from Hidden Valley Lawn care who mows our lawn for us all summer and weed whacks. This is so very generous of them!
- We have our annual Volunteer Picnic scheduled on June 17th. This year we are hosting the picnic for both Sweet Charity volunteers and the House volunteers together. This will provide a nice opportunity for us all to get to know each other.
- We had a professional photographer volunteer to make video for us using photos and video footage that we took. We shared it at the Gala. It is a beautiful tribute to show people what we do here at Advent House. You can view it on our Facebook page as well as our website.
- I am still enjoying my role here at Advent House and feel honored to play a part in this very important mission.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and support.

Peace,
Molly Shanto RN / Brenda Ferraro RN Co-Directors