



Independent living for adults with physical disabilities
and traumatic brain injuries



April 2017



Words from Susan DiStefano, Executive Director



21 years ago Hosanna opened the doors at Faith House and welcomed it's first residents. When conceived, the staffing plan was to have house managers who lived side-by-side with the residents. Together, they would run the household. As time passed, it became more and more difficult to hire people to "live-in" and we suspected that this model for staffing had become antiquated. We have now embarked on a new way to staff our homes. Still offering 24/7 coverage, we have hired individuals to work shifts: a day shift, two evening shifts that include preparing dinner and attending programs, and one shift that is overnight duty. This plan has proven to be a great solution and most importantly, the residents LOVE it. The unintended consequence has been that the residents feel they are living more independent lives. They are more responsible for their houses and make plans without staff input. As we continue to strive to provide as much independence as possible, this is just one more step to empowering our residents to live happy and full lives.



From Judy Barker, board chair

Of special note about our Hosanna Community is the fact that since its inception, there have been only 3 board members who have been "inducted" into the *Hosanna Hall of Fame* as a lifetime board member – Molly C. Miles Hosanna co-founder and active board member, Beth Williams

Hosanna active charter member and board secretary, and **Chuck Terrell** board member, who this past year retired as an inactive board member. Chuck has had a long history of some 14 years of service with the Hosanna board, including multiple terms as its board president. Hosanna's co-founder Molly C. Miles is quoted as saying, "Chuck has been a faithful and supportive member of the Board of Directors of Hosanna and has served with a great heart and love for its mission". In tribute to his many years of leadership and service, Hosanna board members will each consider a donation to the Hosanna Community in his honor. Anyone else who wants to show their appreciation to Chuck may donate a Hosanna gift "In Honor Of" Chuck Terrell. We all wish Chuck the very best!

Wish list

Plants: If you are separating plants we have a home for them. We are happy to accept any of the following:

hostas
Lenten roses
oak leaf hydrangeas,
ferns
flowers
shade garden plants
daffodil & spring bulbs

picnic tables
bird feeders, bird seed, and
sunflower seeds
black mulch
toilet paper & paper towels
manure for garden
(cow or mushroom)
tomato cages/stakes

USED INK CARTRIDGES
We can recycle these and
receive \$2 in rewards to be
spent at Staples!!

Numbers Talk! Carolyn Rice, Development Chair

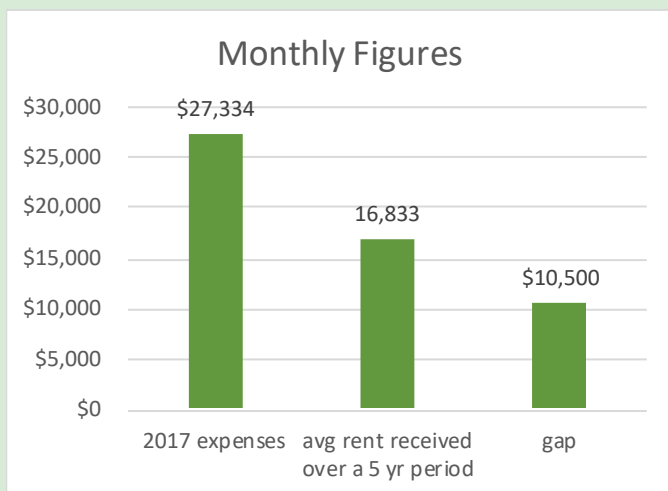
Why do we fundraise? Because we need to!

We are a number of things:

A non-profit organization. We exist to provide quality services to disabled adults, most of who have limited incomes and few options for affordable living situations. This means we serve people regardless of their ability to fully pay for our services.

We are blessed. Our property is paid for, our bank accounts are healthy, we have a small but growing endowment, we have a small emergency fund for events such as the flood of 2009.

We have a need. Every month. Always. Ongoing. The numbers tell the story.



That's right. We need an additional \$10,500 PER MONTH. Our residents pay a part of their rent, but there is still a gap of over \$750 PER RESIDENT PER MONTH.

We DO receive donations, grants, additional rent from families and we DO raise money through fundraisers. A substantial gap still exists.

This is why we ask for your help. And we ask often and repeatedly. Our residents need a place to call home. We need to be good stewards and pay our bills. We are a very lean organization. Frugality is the norm for us.

Your help is GREATLY appreciated! YOU COUNT! And the numbers keep talking!



2017-18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At our March Annual Board of Directors meeting, the following slate of officers and directors was elected:

Officers:

Chair—Judy Barker
1st Vice Chair—Carolyn Rice
2nd Vice Chair—Sherry Paty
Treasurer—Jennifer Funk
Secretary—Beth Williams
Imm. Past Chair—Suzanne Barels
At large: Paula Thompson & Steve Sherman

Directors:

Bill Chapman, Steve Coulter, Janice Cruden,
Rev. David Hackett, Ben Holt, Timothy
McClung, Molly Miles, and Barry Teague

Hart Gallery classes a hit!

At October's Harvest for Hope, attendees had the opportunity to purchase art classes for Hosanna from the Hart Gallery. Thankfully, this partnership continues, as Brooke Montague, far left, shares a variety of water color techniques with residents.



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

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Faith House resident Susan Evans accepts on behalf of Hosanna a \$500 check from Hosanna Board & Lions Club member Ben Holt and Signal Mtn. Lions Club president John Niemeyer.

Thank you, Board of Directors, for funding a trip to the Tivoli to see the Black Jacket Symphony perform Queen's *A Night at the Opera*!!



Special Needs:

Hamilton County Republican Women—restocking our pantry
Hixson UMC Ladies Solo Group—monthly meal and fellowship
Memorial Foundation—transportation costs
St. Peter's Episcopal Church—help with a resident's rent
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church—funding for a new vacuum cleaner
Stuart Heights Baptist Church—monthly meal and weekly transportation to church services
Women of St. Timothy's—funding for electrical repair work done on Treehouse

In honor of:

Gary Helton—Hixson UMC XYZ Group
Molly Miles—Juliana Ratliff, Allen & Amy Young
Connor Roberts—Don Lee Hartman
Chuck Terrell—Judy Barker, Ben & Ann Holt, Molly Miles, Beth Williams
Bea and Ron Wade—Doug & Beth Gray

In memory of:

Sally Betts—Carlton Lee Thomas
William B. Lacy Carter, Jr.—Terry & Michelle Stansbury
Jerry Ross—Penny Ross
Gordon L. Smith—Carlton Lee Thomas
Shelly White—Carlton Lee Thomas

Legacy Society

By now you should have received your Legacy Brochure by mail. As we look ahead, we are working hard to preserve our homes for future generations. It is essential for us to continue to build our endowment. Money left to us in estates will automatically go in our endowment fund unless otherwise specified. One of my favorite quotes is from David Trueblood: "It takes a noble man to plant a seed that someday will give shade to people he may never meet". I welcome the opportunity to speak with you about ways you can give to protect Hosanna's future. Call me and let's set up a time to meet and talk about options. We would love to welcome you to our **Legacy Society** by making a commitment to Hosanna's future. I can be reached at 423-314-6921 or at the office at 423-870-6880.

Susan DiStefano

Legacy Society
Susan and David DiStefano
Margaret Hubbuch
Carolyn and Jeff Rice
Elizabeth Williams

We love our new picnic pavilion!

Thank you to the Sherman-Hsu Family Foundation and St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church for the funding.





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THE HOUSE THAT MOLLY BUILT

Please join us in June as we celebrate our own Molly Miles and the house(s) she built! It was 25 years ago this year that Hosanna

was incorporated and we began the process of building what has become a picnic pavilion, an activities building, and two beautiful houses that are home to up to 10 individuals each on our beautiful 7 acre site.



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