



Independent living for adults with physical disabilities  
and traumatic brain injuries



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## Words from Susan DiStefano, Executive Director

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. *DeAnn Hollis*

At Hosanna, we put special emphasis on connecting our residents to volunteer experiences. We believe there is a place for each resident in the volunteer community and it is important to 'give back' as much as you are able. One story I love to share is about a resident who is blind. She wanted to do something meaningful and loves animals. We got her connected with McKamey Animal Shelter where she is a 'cat cuddler' two days a week. She looks forward every week to go and visit both the cats and dogs. We also have a resident that volunteers 5 days a week at Siskin Hospital who works the front desk, counsels with patients and teaches Tai chi! In all, we have seven residents volunteering around the community: at the Creative Discovery Museum, the Chattanooga Food Bank, Chattanooga Parks and Recreation, McKamey Animal Shelter, Memorial Hospital, and Siskin Rehabilitation Hospital. As a community, we are extremely proud having so many residents at so many Chattanooga nonprofits, doing what they can do to help make a difference. Volunteering adds special meaning to their lives and we continue to encourage all our residents to be a part of meaningful volunteer experiences. If you would like a volunteer experience here at Hosanna, we would love to have you. Feel free to contact me at Hosanna at 423-870-6880. We will do our best to match you with a volunteer experience that will be meaningful for you. Additionally, if you could use a friendly face and a willing volunteer, let us know. We may have the perfect person to help you out!



Brooke Montague, from the Hart Gallery, comes to Hosanna once a month to introduce the residents to different art techniques, to freely express themselves, and to explore their inner selves. Their creations are proudly displayed on our walls for all to enjoy.

Used ink cartridges (to be recycled at Staples for a \$2 credit), pantry items such as canned vegetables & canned fruit, paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, tissue, and napkins.

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Susan visits with CABIA board member Kathy Wilder at our exhibitor's table at CABIA's 12th Annual Conference: "Brain Injury: Finding a New Rhythm".



## The House that Molly Built

Please join Hosanna Community in celebrating our Silver Jubilee this year. For the twenty-five years since Hosanna's incorporation, co-founder Molly C. Miles forged ahead to build two homes designed for those with physical disabilities, so they could live as independently as possible with plenty of social, cultural, volunteer and job opportunities, along with spiritual and emotional support. The best celebration was to honor Molly herself with a tribute luncheon *The House That Molly Built* held June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mountain City Club. Naturally, all were mesmerized with Molly as she reflected in her own words about Hosanna's earlier history. No sooner retired as a music teacher, Molly's dream of a normal retirement was not to be. Instead, Molly chose to help her friend Catherine Brown whose disabled son needed a home to live, but there was none. Together they founded Hosanna. Molly blossomed into a very successful business woman and consummate fundraiser. She became a driven visionary who instilled, inspired, and convinced individuals, community and government leaders, and more, to believe and invest in the vision and ministry of the Hosanna Community. Not only did her faith and prayer give her strength, but also Molly credits her late husband Dick Miles and family, especially her daughter Carol Miles, for their support. We are here to say thank-you for all that you have and continue to do for Hosanna these 25 years. Without you Molly C. Miles, there would be no Hosanna as it is today! Best wishes for further success with *The House That Molly Built*!

**From Judy Barker, board chair**

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## Legacy Society

We continue to work to build our endowment fund and I welcome the opportunity to speak with you about ways you can give to protect Hosanna's future. Call me! I'd be happy to 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 the future of Hosanna. I can be reached on my cell phone at 423-314-6921 or at the Hosanna office at 423-870-6880.

Susan DiStefano

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



## Special Needs:

Hixson UMC Ladies Solo Group—monthly meal and fellowship  
Memorial Hospital Foundation—transportation costs  
Nan & Kris Riefler—new bathroom flooring  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church—funding for a new refrigerator  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church—assistance with resident's rent  
St. Thaddaeus Episcopal Church—paper products  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Women of the Church—funding for electricity to the picnic pavilion  
Stuart Heights Baptist Church—monthly meal, fellowship, and weekly transportation to church services



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**HOSANNA'S**  
**HARVEST FOR HOPE**  
OCTOBER 12, 2017  
Privateer Yacht Club  
Heavy hors d'oeuvres from  
around the world,  
a silent auction, and  
music by Garcia & Scott

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calendars!**