



Independent living for adults with physical disabilities
and traumatic brain injuries



April 2018



Words from Susan DiStefano, Executive Director

Why reinvent the wheel? We've all heard the expression before. I believe all nonprofits should be asking this question on a regular basis. Why ask? Nonprofits with mission statements can find themselves in a situation called "mission creep". Mission creep happens when an agency determines a need outside the scope of their true mission and acts upon it. For example, Hosanna provides housing and helps residents work towards independence. Independence might include job training, but that is outside the parameters of our mission. We do not have the expertise, staff, or experience to do job training well. What do we do? We don't try to add a new service that would be subpar. We partner with Tennessee Department of Human Services and Siskin Community Rentry Services to help provide expertise in job training. Partnership with other agencies for resident needs has enabled us to maintain our focus and stay true to our mission. We have partnerships with the Chattanooga Housing Authority, The Hart Gallery, Chattanooga Area Brain Association, Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Department, and Signal Centers, to name just a few. Partnerships help us to expand our services and allow us to be good stewards of our resources. We are thankful for all our community partners and look forward to new collaborations. They make us stronger and help us remember why we are here.



Molly and Beth in 2017

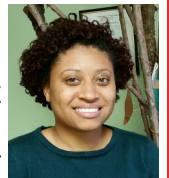
IN MEMORIAM: ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

There are so many wonderful things to say about Beth Williams and Hosanna. When Beth retired as my husband's secretary, she gave one day a week of her many skills to Hosanna as we had just opened our office. Our first house opened in 1996 and, who was there but Beth and her husband, Tad, donating their time to anything that was needed: cooking, cleaning, caring for resident's many needs. She always remembered their birthdays with a card with a \$10 bill inside and a gift at Christmas. When we hired a resident assistant from out of town, her home was opened for them to have their two days off per week. She was always a cheerful presence ready to laugh and have fun. Beth came on the Board of Directors and served as Secretary for many years. We both felt very honored when the Board designated us as Lifetime Members. Beth was an inspiration to all of us. Nobody has ever loved Hosanna more. She was special. I really miss her.

Molly Miles

As we have well entered into 2018, many new changes have taken place amongst our residents. Several have taken up various volunteer opportunities. Christina Sattler says, "This [volunteering] is a chance for me to give back and help others." Others have found hobbies and social groups to occupy their time and minds. I am so pleased to see our folks thriving and wanting to do more for themselves. The mission of Hosanna is *to foster independence for physically disabled adults living together in community, encouraging and enabling each other to grow physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually, and spiritually.* Although we have not fully "arrived" at having everyone be his/her best self, we are definitely on the path which, to me, is the best place we could be.

Tania Barry





WE LOVE THE CHATTANOOGA AREA FOOD BANK!!

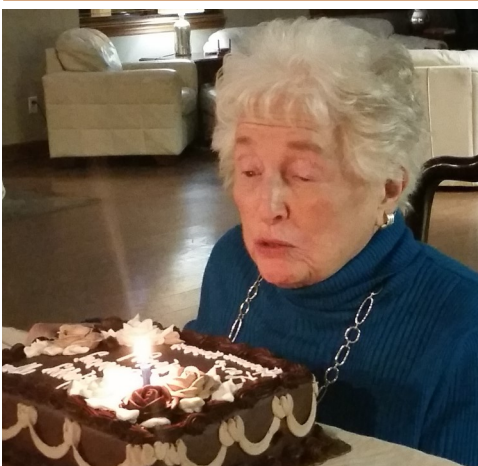
Hosanna is one of the agencies blessed by the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Above is just part of the fresh bounty we packed into the SUV a few weeks ago. Because we are able to shop at the Food Bank, we can provide a wide variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and proteins at a fraction of the cost at traditional grocery stores. We are thankful for the Food Bank and we are thankful for the support it receives from the Chattanooga community!



On behalf of Hosanna Community, Faith House resident Susan Evans accepts a \$500 check from Signal Mountain Lions Club president John Niemeyer and Hosanna Board and Lions Club member Ben Holt.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOLLY MILES!!!

We love a party! Below, Molly Miles celebrates a milestone birthday with the residents and staff of Hosanna Community: a delicious meal, lively conversation, a fantastic cake, and lots of wonderful memories revisited. The residents presented Molly with an original piece of art inspired by our Hosanna tree logo.



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At its annual board of directors meeting held in March, Hosanna welcomed several new members to its ranks: *Carolyn Boyd*, returning board member *Gail Chapman*, *Joe Galbraith*, *Beth Gray*, and *Jennifer Mingola*. Of course, some of us "old timers" are still here, working to help Hosanna become better and better! We are blessed with so many great people who have such varied careers, life experiences and wisdom. Hosanna's future is in great hands! Looking forward to working with all of you!

Carolyn Rice, Board Chair

For general operating support:

John & Mary Adams, Judy Byrd, Roger & Pamela Dickson, Warren & Susan Dropkin, Larry & Susan Fogo, Dawn Hewkin, Estelle Kimsey, Lanny & Jane McNabb, Mizpah Congregation, Cherrie Roberts, St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, James & Marion Steffner, Laura Strang, Marvin Stuart, Marie Thatcher, Ron & Bea Wade, Joan Williams.

Special Needs:

Jubilee Grant to fund our monthly art classes with the Hart Gallery—Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

Residents' Christmas—Suzanne Barels, Judy Barker, Janice Cruden, Sherry Paty, Carolyn Rice
Scholarship Fund—St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Signal Mountain Lion's Club



Resident Connor Roberts & LMS teacher Kim Hixson

Thank you, Loftis Middle School

Last month, residents were treated to a delicious meal and a wonderful production of the musical **Aladdin** thanks to the kindness and generosity of the teachers and students at Loftis Middle School. Not only did the students do a great job with the singing and acting, but the way they interacted with the residents at dinner was especially noteworthy. They were engaged, laughing at the residents' jokes, and asking questions. Our residents felt special and valued. Thanks to all who helped make this happen, especially teacher Kim Hixson for organizing it!



Hosanna residents with members of the cast.

In honor of:

Judy Barker—David & Carol Collins, Ann Deinhart

Bruce & Carol Bishop—Joe & Martha Davis

Molly Miles—Valerie Gibson

Hosanna Staff, Residents & Board—Judy Barker

In memory of:

Carolyn Gentry—Carlton Lee Thomas

James Hamill—Carlton Lee Thomas

Charlotte Inman—Carlton Lee Thomas

Rick Norris—Carlton Lee Thomas

Del Ottinger—Carlton Lee Thomas

Ernestine Weigel—Carlton Lee Thomas

Elizabeth Williams—Suzanne Barels, Judy Barker, John & Lynn Burrow, Joe & Bettye Cook, Steve Coulter, Janice Cruden, Charles & Marilyn Dammann, Mike Gannon, David Hackett, Hamilton County Republican Women, Ben & Ann Holt, Dean Jackson, Molly Miles, Sherry Paty, Claudia Paulsen, Beverly Payne, Sandra Stoddard, and Paula Thompson.

Legacy Society

As we look ahead, we are working hard to preserve our homes for future generations. One of the ways to do this is to continue to build our endowment through donations made in memory of or in honor of individuals. We also do this through legacy gifts. 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

Gail and Bill Chapman

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

We're having an
OPEN HOUSE

MAY 20, 2018, 1:00-4:00

6410 Grubb Road, Hixson

**FOOD & MUSIC!
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