



*Independent living for adults with physical disabilities
and traumatic brain injuries*



July 2018



Words from Susan DiStefano, Executive Director

Hosanna's Board has started the new year with a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement. They started with an assessment Board meeting in May which was followed up with a Board retreat in June. With Board Chair Carolyn Rice's leadership, the Board is exploring several ways to become more self-sustaining while continuing to assist residents, many of whom are on fixed incomes. The hope is to expand what we have, offer residents more options, and become financially secure. It sounds like a lot to hope for, but with the right planning, organization, and

leadership, it may be possible to achieve our goals. As the planning process continues, we hope to reveal plans in the not too distant future of what you can expect to see. As for now, I want to thank all our Hosanna Board members for their dedication and desire to make Hosanna a better home for residents with disabilities. For me personally, I could not do my job without their advice, suggestions, encouragement and direction. To our Board: thank you for your gifts of time, treasure and talents. Hosanna is a success because of your dedication!



Tania Barry, Social Worker

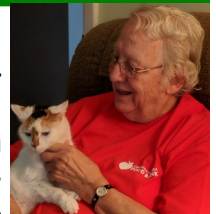
Can you believe that half of 2018 has come and gone? I like to think of June as a "super" month. Besides being my birthday month (which automatically makes

it awesome), June also celebrates Wonder Woman Day on June 3 and Superman Day on June 12. Did you know that Wonder Woman was the first female superhero specifically created to be a feminist icon? Her creator, William Marston, believed that women would rule the future because men were too immersed in violence and war. While Wonder Woman was designed as a hero, Superman was originally thought by his creators to be a villain. Of course that idea was canned in lieu of a cape-wearing alien who saves Earth time and time again. As we reflect on the fun we've had thus far this year, let us not forget to be daily heroes to those we can. Our families, our friends, neighbors, and strangers. At the very least, let us be kind because everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.

Why I Made A Legacy Gift

I have been a volunteer with Hosanna Community since my nephew, David Hines, was on the Board in 1996. David was hit by a drunk driver which left him a quadriplegic. David was an inspiration to the Board as well as to me. He helped raise funds to build the first house. Unfortunately, David did not live long enough to see all his hard work come to fruition. He died in January 1996 and the first house opened in March. Prior to his death, I had taken care of David on Tuesdays. To honor his memory, I volunteer at Hosanna every Tuesday. I have had the opportunity to know the residents well. They are like family, so much so that they call me "Aunt Margaret". I know what a wonderful place Hosanna is and have continued to watch it grow and flourish. In addition to volunteering, I am a committed donor. Although I see my donations utilized to support Hosanna's mission, I wanted to do more, make more of a lasting impression. I felt the best way to ensure that David's legacy continues was to leave a legacy gift to Hosanna's endowment. I am proud to be part of Hosanna and gratified that it will continue to provide housing for the disabled long after I am gone.

"Aunt" Margaret Hubbuch



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In Honor of the Rev. Robert Childers—
Carrington & Shelby Montague

In Memory of Carolyn Gentry –Ferber&
Carol Tracy

**In Honor of Elizabeth Williams and in
Memory of G. Chambers Williams—**
Roderick & Karen Williams.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Our open house in May was another memorable event. Thank you to **Sugar's Ribs** for donating delicious barbecue and all the fixin's. Thank you to **Southern Class Band** for donating an afternoon of wonderful music. Thank you to **all of you** who joined us, even though it was really warm! And thank goodness that the rain predicted all week held off until everything had been cleared away and folks had made it safely home!

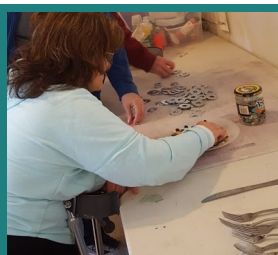


THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

The Board of Directors gathered recently for a retreat. Besides great food and a gorgeous setting, board members enjoyed productive discussions on a variety of topics including Hosanna's mission statement, opportunities and challenges facing us, and dreams for the future. Standing LR: Gail Chapman, Beth Gray, Carolyn Bond, Barry Teague, Sherry Paty, and Ben Hot. Seated LR: Jennifer Mingola, Carolyn Rice, Bill Chapman, Janice Cruden, and Joe Galbraith. *Not pictured: Suzanne Barels, Steve Coulter, David Hackett, Kailen Kehoe, Molly Miles, Sharman Sherfey, Steve Sherman*



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Chattanooga is blessed with a rich variety of free or inexpensive activities. Here are some our residents enjoyed recently: Art-Ventures with Therapeutic Rec. Dept., SonRise Easter pagent, Dreamnight at the Chattanooga Zoo, and the Shine Prom.



Special Needs:

Residents' Christmas: Bill Chapman, Steve Coulter, Jennifer Funk, David Hackett, Ben Holt

Scholarship Fund: Dawn Hewkin, St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Household furnishings: Pat Taintor and Family, Steve & Eleanor Frost

Garden plants: Paula Thompson

Pantry items & resident needs: Fairview United Methodist Church

Legacy Society

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". As we look ahead, we are working hard to preserve our homes for future generations of adults with disabilities. One of the ways to do this is through legacy gifts. Money left to us in estates will automatically go into our endowment fund unless otherwise specified. 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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Hosanna's Harvest for Hope

**Thursday, September 20, 2018
5:30pm-8:30pm**

Privateer Yacht Club, Hixson, TN

**Great food, complimentary wines,
a unique silent auction,
themed activities, and
music by Garcia & Scott**