



FOSTERING INDEPENDENT LIVING
FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



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WORDS FROM SUSAN DiSTEFANO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Meaning of Community

We talk a lot about Hosanna *Community*, but maybe not always considering what *Community* truly means. I had an experience the other day that truly reminded me how important community really is and why Hosanna is such a special place.

Several days ago, Susan Evans found out her mother had passed away. Susan's mother was, in fact, her foster mother who raised her from infancy to adulthood. She was the only mother Susan had ever known, and she and Susan were very close. Her foster dad had passed away years before, so her mom, Rosie, was the only family she had left.

It was very difficult news for Susan to receive as anyone knows who has lost a parent. Susan had been planning a trip to Knoxville to see her mom, but never had the opportunity to visit with her one last time. But sometimes, out of our most difficult challenges, something beautiful can happen and that is what I saw the evening Susan received the news about her mom.

I had been outside doing some work. When I came inside, all the residents were gathered around Susan in the living room right before dinner just giving her hugs, words of encouragement, and support. Many shared stories of when they had lost their moms. I did not intrude. It was their time to console Susan. But what I observed from afar warmed my heart and made me ever grateful that we have a community like Hosanna where people such as Susan can share grief (or joy) and know that they are loved and accepted by the "family" of residents with whom they live.

From Carolyn Rice, Board Chair

What's New?

You and your ideas are! Soon you will receive a short survey asking your opinions on what the needs and wants are at Hosanna Community for the near future and for long term as well.

We absolutely value your input. Your ideas will be taken into consideration by the Board of Directors and will be evaluated in order to make the best possible decisions for our present and future. We will also survey the residents. They are the ones who benefit from our planning so it is vital to receive their input. As we strive to help them lead their lives as independently as possible, we also greatly value their input and insights as to how we might better serve them. So, please take the time to give us your ideas.

We look forward to seeing what options might be available!



- Volunteers needed to paint resident rooms and other areas around Hosanna. Great project for Sunday School classes and students who need community service hours.
- New ink/toner cartridges for HP Envy 4520 Copier/Scanner/Printer
- Used ink/toner cartridges of all sizes. We can recycle up to 20 per month for \$2 each at Staples. Small change means big change to our Hosanna budget!

Thank you to Brooke Montague of The Hart Gallery and the other members of the Gallery's dedicated staff. Brooke has often visited the Hosanna campus to help residents tap into their creative spirits. Recently, Hosanna decided to "switch it up," and make the experience an outing.

Hosanna residents will travel to the Hart Gallery on the first Friday of every month for a variety of art experiences working with different art mediums, such as painting and collage. The Hart Gallery focuses on serving the non-traditional artist.



When I took on the job of Executive Director nine years ago, I had a good understanding of what my job would involve. What I didn't know is that several years later, my job would also entail building contractor! Lucky for me, my personal home is 135 years old so I was prepared for my additional role as Hosanna Community contractor/designer. Since Hosanna is approaching 27 years old, we need multiple building updates. If you have been unable to find me in my office or connect with me on the phone, chances are I am out picking up carpet samples, paint samples, flooring samples, counter samples....well, you get the idea.

It has been extremely gratifying to see all the housing changes taking place. Keeping the buildings up-to-date and current is a priority for staff and the Hosanna Board. Our current list of items that have been updated is as follows:

Faith House – Repaint the exterior, new granite counter tops, new flooring throughout the house, room carpets cleaned, new paint and touchups

Hope House – New roof, new flooring downstairs, new carpet in upstairs hall, new painting downstairs, new resident living room furniture, changes to the air and heating system (to come)

Craft Room – New roof, new dry wall, paint and shelving to organize art projects and supplies

Almost all of these projects have been completed since the beginning of the year, so needless to say, we have been very busy! We always have a "to do" list, but being able to knock out so many of these big projects at one time has been a blessing. The buildings have never looked better, and we invite you to stop by and see all we have done. Our residents really love the changes, and we continue to add more projects on our list. Stay tuned for our building updates!

Check out the photos on the back cover of this newsletter to see some of the updates and finishing touches for yourself.

~ Susan DiStefano, Executive Director

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For Special Needs:

Fairview United Methodist Church—toilet paper!
Memorial Hospital Foundation—transportation needs
St. Peter's Episcopal Church—rent assistance
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church—new countertops at Faith House

Legacy Society

We invite you to join our Legacy Society by including Hosanna in your estate planning. Your membership in the Legacy Society will encourage other potential donors to follow your example. Should you wish to remain anonymous, we will respect your wishes but urge you to let us know your plans.

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. Additionally, all donations made in honor or in memory of an individual are earmarked for the endowment fund. 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. I can be reached at 423-314-6921 or at the office at 423-870-6880.

Susan DiStefano

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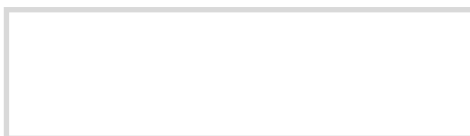


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