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FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



July 2020



### **WORDS FROM SUSAN DiSTEFANO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

We now approach week 15 (or 16, I've lost count) of our Hosanna Community Covid-19 lockdown. Things have become very different here at Hosanna.

On days before the lockdown, many residents were coming and going to work, volunteer jobs, job training, appointments, and more. To keep everyone safe, we ended all outside contact. Now we have 15 residents here on the property all day. So far, everyone is safe and well, and we have no one sick from Covid-19!

One resident is working from home, but the others have nothing to do....so, Beth, Mary and I have now become Hosanna program directors. It definitely has been a change! Generally, we try to schedule and plan two activities every day - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We have recently completed a 30-day meditation challenge, and we do yoga and conduct exercise classes. There are lots of baking activities. (Last week, we picked blackberries on the property and made a cobbler). We do lots and lots of crafts, science experiments, soap making, etc. We've had scavenger and treasure hunts, which were big hits! You name it, we have probably done it.

In many ways it has been a special time for all of us. We have really gotten to know each other and appreciate our strengths and embrace our weaknesses. I want to say that the residents have been amazing during this difficult time. They participate in activities with positive attitudes, help each other, and raise each other up at sad times. I cannot not pretend that everything is perfect. We do have the occasional bad attitude and arguments, but they are actually pretty rare.

Residents obviously miss spending time with their families. But, our Hosanna families have been so tremendously supportive, helping in numerous ways. We could not do this without their help. We have an amazing and outstanding group of residents. I am proud to be part of their extended family.

We have several people who want to move in. We are hopeful that covid virus will end soon so we can add to our Hosanna Family. Thank you for your prayers and support. Stay safe out there!

Susan



### **From Carolyn Rice, Outgoing Board Chairman:**

All I would like to say is what a great time it has been to chair the Hosanna Community Board. It has been my privilege to be a part of encouraging this great cause through this difficult yet very blessed time.

Here's hats off to Sherry Paty and the new Board Chair! I know she will do an excellent job!

### **Just a Reminder....**

Due to recent increases in COVID-19 numbers in Hamilton County, Hosanna Community has made the difficult decision to reinstate some restrictions :

- Residents cannot leave our campus unless it is for an essential doctor's visit. Doctor visits that are not essential will need to be rescheduled
- Families can visit but must remain 6 feet apart, wear a mask, disinfect hands and stay outside. If food is brought along, please sit 8 feet apart.
- Please call the Hosanna office to schedule a visit or contact Susan DiStefano: (423) 314-6921
- NO ONE will be allowed in the buildings other than staff and residents.

**Thanks for Understanding and Helping Hosanna Residents Stay Healthy!**

### **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

We appreciate all the many ways that families, board members and others have helped us keep Hosanna residents happy and healthy. From donating fresh fruits and vegetables to delivering restaurant meals to our doors to stocking our shelves with hand sanitizer, fun art supplies and rolls and rolls of paper towels, you have helped to make these past several months so much easier for all!

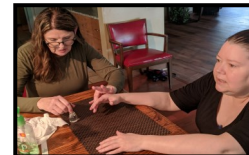


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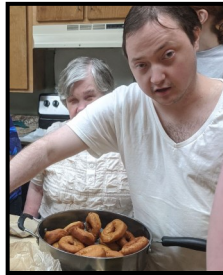
Hosanna residents have been "out of the public eye" for awhile, but they have been plenty busy with at-home activities: arts and crafts, baking and cooking, games by the hundreds, visits with friends and family.

*Here's a sampling:*

April Arts-n-More!



June Food & Fun Days!



A Sparkling July!



May Days: Memorial Day Parents Parade!





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## General Operating Support:

Karen Claypool, Susan and Jo Colmore, Phillip Fuller, Albert and Betty Jones, Bobby and Beverly Merritt, John and Shannon Mowrer, Russell and Jane Nemec, William and Kimberly Peters, Jim and Lynda Sattler, Gene and Sally Sieg, Sam and Donna Smartt, Melissa Smith, Marvin Stuart, Kathy Tugman, William and Margaret White, Bill and Kathy Wilder

## Wish List

Used ink/toner cartridges of all sizes from copiers and desktop printers. Staples lets us return 20 a month for \$2 "reward credits." This makes a huge difference to our office supplies budget!

### **Additional Needs:**

Rubbing Alcohol to Make Hand Sanitizer  
Arts and Crafts Supplies  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Canned vegetables  
Fresh fruits and vegetables  
Kitchen Trash bags (13 gal. size)  
Napkins  
Hand dishwashing liquid  
Dishwasher pods  
Laundry pods

## In Memory Of:

**Mary Kathryn Bowen**

by Carlton Lee Thomas

**Joseph P. Cofer**

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**Bette Cook**

by Gary Helton

**Ken Galloway**

by Carlton Lee Thomas

## Special Needs:

**Anonymous:** Generosity Trust

**Bishop Brian Cole:** Discretionary Fund

**Robert Crates:** Endowment Fund

**Dawn Hewkin:** Scholarship

**Jennifer Mingola:** Programming and Food

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church:** Outreach Committee, General Support

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church:** Women of St. Timothy's (WOST), 4th and final installment for all our new energy efficient light fixtures



One of my favorite quotes is from theologian and writer David Trueblood: "It takes a noble man to plant a seed that someday will give shade to people he may never meet". Looking ahead, we are working hard to preserve our homes for future generations of adults who live with disabilities. One of the ways to do this is through legacy gifts. Money that is left to us from an estate automatically goes 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.

## Legacy Society

### **Legacy Society**

**Suzanne and Ed Barels**

**Gail and Bill Chapman**

**Robert Crates**

**Susan and David DiStefano**

**Margaret Hubbuch**

**Molly Miles**

**Carolyn and Jeff Rice**

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**COMING SOON!**

"Harvest for Hope, Mask'-querade":  
A Stay-Home, Stay-Well Fundraiser  
to benefit the  
Hosanna Community  
Scholarship Fund