



FOSTERING INDEPENDENT LIVING
FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



Spring 2021



WORDS FROM SUSAN DiSTEFANO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For the past year, our mantra has been “this too shall pass.”

In all honesty, we were naive. We thought Covid would only last a few months.

We locked our doors in March 2020 and got serious about educating the residents and ourselves about what a pandemic was and what we could do to protect ourselves. We watched videos on hand washing. We put ‘DO NOT ENTER’ signs on all the doors. We kept hand sanitizer at each door. And we had residents give up work (unless they could work at home) and volunteer jobs. We realized early on, if all the residents were going to be at home all day, it would be necessary to change the way we did things at Hosanna.

Our plan was to keep the residents so busy with exercise classes, crafts, cooking classes and ANY other activity we could think of so that no one would be thinking too hard about Covid. Thank you to all staff members for using their creativity, changing their job roles and keeping residents occupied during this difficult time. Special thank you to Beth and Mary who planned and executed all our daily activities. It has been different, but also has been fun. Most residents are actually in better shape from daily exercise, and they really enjoyed all the activities. Even though we were all locked down together, the residents had amazing attitudes, and we all worked together to get along and support each other. We NEVER thought we would be going through the holidays here at Hosanna with all the residents here, but it gave us a unique opportunity to make this time together special.

Well, it is a year, almost exactly, that we have been able to open our doors. I am proud to say that as a result of Hosanna teamwork, we did not have ANY Covid cases here at Hosanna (including staff). Everyone has now had their vaccine shots, and we are semi-resuming some of our outside activities (with caution).

In retrospect, I know we are fortunate that the worst of it only lasted a year.

Although difficult, it has had its silver lining. We know each other better. I believe we are more compassionate, and we all truly thankful knowing how fortunate we have been to get through a pandemic!

Also special thanks to so many individuals, especially friends and family members, who provided the supplies we needed when we couldn't shop. There were donations of essential items such as paper towels, food, disinfectant, craft supplies, meals carried in from restaurants, and even Christmas gifts! They all allowed us to stay safe.

Each of you was an important and key part to our success. Thank you!

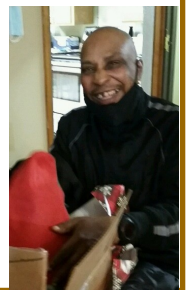
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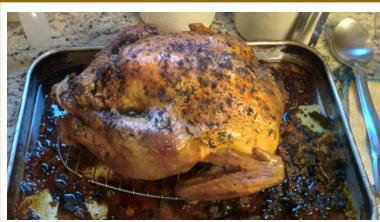


Thank you to our many generous supporter for helping us celebrate a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Members of the Hosanna Board of Directors - Gifts for each and every Hosanna resident
United Methodist Church Solo Ladies - Gift cards for each resident & meals for Hope House
Theresa and Al Trantham - Gift cards for each resident
Paula Thompson - Financial support for "Dine In Restaurant Meals"



A Work of Art Straight from the Heart!
Thank you to Hosanna Board Chair Sherry Paty, Ruth Cote and Sheila Ellis for their gifts of beautiful framed Christmas tree jewel art for residents and staff members.



That's a beautiful bird!
Thank you to Bruce and Carol Bishop for donating turkeys for our holiday meals. They were a thoughtful donation and enjoyed by all.



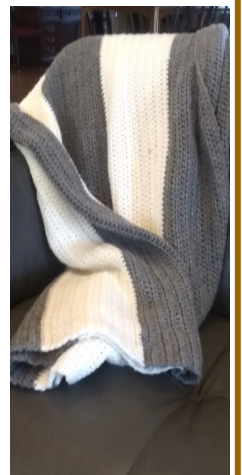
Thank you, Signal Mountain Lions Club, for remembering Hosanna with your Community Outreach Program. Your support provides much-needed resident scholarship assistance.



Advent Tea: A Hosanna Community tradition celebrated each Friday afternoon during the weeks leading up to Christmas. Thank you, Bill McGee, for providing us with a tasty assortment of teas, a treat for a special Advent season.



Thank you, Mary Jones and family, for two handmade afghans. They're lovely, and the story behind them is as warm as the covers themselves. Mary and her siblings decided for their father's Christmas gift to make items to donate in his name to places that are meaningful to him. Her father, the Rev. Hugh Jones, is a former Hosanna Board President and past rector of St. Alban's, Hixson. Mary said she spent much memorable time with her father at Hosanna Community.



Harvest for Hope 2020 Donors, October - December

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Used ink/toner cartridges
 Rubbing Alcohol
 Paper Towels
 Paper Napkins
 Toilet Paper
 Canned vegetables
 Fresh fruits
 Fresh vegetables
 Kitchen Trash bags (13 gal. size)
 Hand dishwashing liquid
 Liquid hand soap
 Dishwasher soap and/or pods
 Laundry pods
 Scrub sponges



In Memory Of:

David Crippen by Roberta & Sam Miles
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Norma Hubbuch by Herbert & Jean Thornbury
Jody Mowrer by Carlton Lee Thomas

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We're vaccinated, and we're open!
Thank you to everyone who helped us make it through!!

