



FOSTERING INDEPENDENT LIVING  
FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



Summer 2021



## Words from Susan DiStefano EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Having been at Hosanna for almost 13 years, I often feel I have already written about everything. But an experience recently helped me, once again, to “reframe” all the things we do here. I received a call from Fr. David at St. John Divine Episcopal Church in Sun City Center, FL. He had a youth mission group in Copper Hill, TN. He told me their scheduled mission project had been cancelled. He was anxiously looking for a project to substitute. He wanted something the kids could do that would be meaningful - and he needed to schedule it for the following day!

Normally, I could not have come up with a project, gotten everything together, and been able to accommodate a youth group of around 20. But, a ‘God thing’ happened. The morning before Fr. David called, I had talked with someone about building us new vegetable beds because the wood in ours was rotten. He was happy to build them, but said he generally just dropped them off. He did not dismantle the rotten wood or move the dirt. If we wanted that, we would have to pay him per hour.

Always looking for ways to save money, I told him I would see if I could find volunteers to do the work. It is very hard work, and I honestly was concerned. But then Fr. David called! I told him, “Sure, we have a project for the morning, and we would do lunch for the kids after they were done working.” This is what happened that made me rethink ways Hosanna contributes to the community at large. The kids worked hard, but the residents came out and visited with them throughout the morning. It was amazing to see these kids connect with the residents and the residents with the kids.



It became apparent in my mind that one thing we do at Hosanna is educate kids and adults about people with disabilities. They saw that our residents are just like anyone else except with maybe a few more challenges. Fr. David said when they ‘unpacked’ what happened that day, they would be discussing the difference between sympathy and empathy.

What a wonderful lesson! When we, at Hosanna, can facilitate the process of understanding for a group of young adults about the disabled, then we throw a pebble in the pond that hopefully has a ripple effect throughout their church, and just maybe throughout their community. It is fun and rewarding to think about how we can bring change. So now, get out there, and throw some pebbles of your own!



**To All Past and Present Board Members: Just a reminder that the Homecoming Luncheon scheduled for Sept. 2 has been postponed due to current community Covid case numbers. We will keep you posted on a rescheduled date.**  
**Thank you for your understanding!**





Thank you to Syd Tindall from Rivermont Presbyterian Church for helping to stock our pantry shelves the past few months. Week after week, he tirelessly and single-handedly delivered box after box of food items - bags of onions, apples, carrots, hotdogs, cartons of milk and sour cream and so much more. Thank you also to Red Bank Baptist Church for providing the food boxes.



Thank you, Sheila Hixson and all our supporters at Fairview United Methodist Church for the donation of toilet paper.

Many thanks also for the boxes and boxes of empty ink cartridges! What a stockpile we have for our Staples Rewards points!



Thank you to Amanda, Andrew and Cecelia Womack and parishioners of St. Martin's of Tours Episcopal Church for its "Coupon Clipping Ministry." Church members clip coupons that church member Amanda Womack parlay into great buys for the benefit of Hosanna. The Womacks delivered loads of useful items in the past couple of months: a rolling cooler, dish and laundry detergent, feminine products, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, and more. Thanks to St. Martin's and the Womacks!

Thank you also for the donation of tomatoes and green beans harvested from the gardens of St. Martin's families. They were delivered by Fr. Jim Wallace, rector of St. Martin's.



Thank you, ladies of Stuart Heights Baptist Church, for delivering and serving dinners at Faith House. Good to see you again!

Thanks, Janie & David Cardwell, for canned food, dishwasher detergent & trash bag donations.

Thank you, Earl Morgan, for coffee supplies and personal care items!

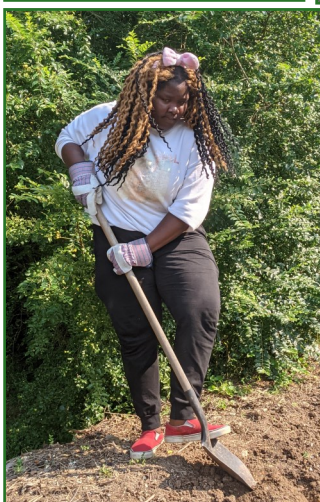


We're grateful for the in-person return of the Solo Ladies of Hixson United Methodist Church. They deliver and serve dinners at Hope House every month.

We also appreciate the generosity of Pam Helton, Judie Neel and all the members of the Sammy Gooden class at Hixson United for donations of soap, paper towels, body wash, napkins and more.



Many thanks to our Sun City Center, FL, angels: The youth group from St. John Divine Episcopal Church. What a huge help they were in dismantling our raised garden beds. It was quite a project!



Thank you, Bright & Shiny Blinds, for sharing your time, skill and expertise in hanging blinds in our resident rooms.



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(Happy Birthday, Chuck!)

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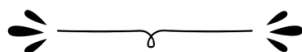
## Special Needs & Gifts

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
- 2021 Outreach

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**  
- from the men of St. Timothy's

## Wish List

Used ink/toner cartridges  
Paper Towels & Napkins  
Toilet Paper  
Trash bags (13 gallon)  
Liquid hand soap  
Laundry/Dishwasher soap/pods  
Fresh fruits & vegetables



## Legacy Society

What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden we never see. Here at Hosanna, we enjoy the gardens we see with green plants, blooming flowers and ripe vegetable. And we work hard to preserve our homes for generations. It is essential that we continue to build our endowment. Money left to us in estates goes automatically to the endowment fund unless otherwise specified. All donations made in honor or memory of someone are earmarked for the endowment fund. I'd love to meet with you to talk about ways you can help protect Hosanna's future. Call me and let's meet: (423) 324-6921 or (423) 870-6880.

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