



FOSTERING INDEPENDENT LIVING  
FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



Fall 2022



### Words from Susan DiStefano EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Something has transpired over the last few months that has really encouraged and touched my heart.

Part of Hosanna's mission, as stated in our mission statement, is to encourage residents spiritually. Our residents are from numerous faiths, but we have always encouraged them to attend church on Sunday if they desire. However, we have made it a point to let them decide how they choose to worship and do whatever we can to facilitate that without interfering.

A couple of weeks ago, I was in the kitchen and noticed two of our residents in the living room praying together. I knew one of them had had a very difficult day, and he approached another resident to pray with him. I have always known that on occasion residents had gotten together privately to pray. There was something so special watching from afar and seeing the "family" bond they were sharing.

Then something really amazing happened!

I recently stayed the night to help with dinner and eat with the residents. As always before we eat, we pray. I usually ask someone to pray so that everyone can have a chance. So...that is what I did. Then something magical and very unexpected happened.

Before praying, he asked for prayer requests and they went around the room asking for prayers. In my 13 years here, I have never witnessed this practice (or any other group prayer) initiated by residents. I was stunned. It was truly beautiful.

At dinner I asked when did this practice start? I was told they had been praying together for about the last two weeks. I told them I thought it was a wonderful practice and that I thought it set a positive tone for dinner conversation. It is nice to know that even after 13 years, I can be surprised by their depth of spirit and how much compassion our residents have!



### All the Best Molly Miles!

Here's sending you early and the most sincere wishes for a most wonderful birthday coming up in January. Molly, the Founder of Hosanna Community, will be celebrating her 95th year!

**From Hugh Jones Jr.:** "In honor of Molly Miles, a pillar since the very beginning of Hosanna, without whom this great ministry would never have gotten off the ground."



Thank you, Weldon F Osbourne Foundation, for a grant to purchase and install a much-needed hot water heater for Hope House.

We had so much fun shopping at the Samaritan Center Thrift Store - thanks to \$10 gift certificates given to each resident. Thank you, Samaritan Center!!



Thanks to the generosity of The Martin Family Foundation, Faith House has new shower units for each room AND Hope House has a new air conditioning unit.

## In Memory Of:

**Bobby Carnahan**

by Carlton Lee Thomas

**Jim Ireland**

by Carlton Lee Thomas

**Jay McFalls**

by Carlton Lee Thomas

**Charles Miller**

by Carlton Lee Thomas

**Joe Woodall**

by Carlton Lee Thomas

**Alan P. Kimsey and Janis Miles Kimsey**

by Molly Miles

**Bette Cook**

by Joe Cook Jr.



Hosanna families: thank you for your many donations of fruit, fresh veggies, cleaning supplies, food, paper items, special outings and so much more!



Many, many thanks to St. Alban's Episcopal Church for inviting Hosanna to your monthly Saturday Pancake Breakfasts. The hospitality was unbeatable, and the pancakes always delicious!



## In Honor Of:

**Susan DiStefano**

by Janice Cruden

**Michael Bishop**

by Ann and Ben Holt

**The birthday of Drew Glidewell**

by Carl and Lee Ann Glidewell

**Molly Miles**

by Hugh B. Jones Jr.

**Bill and Kathy Wilder**

by Mr. and Mrs. Steven L. Frost

## Thank you for thinking of us ....

- Gearhiser, Peters, Elliott & Cannon, PLLC - Loads of copier and printer ink cartridges



- Teresa Laymon, Murphreesboro, TN - Stacks and stacks of women's clothing

- Pamela and Russell Scott, Chattanooga - Dishwash pods and liquid and a case of paper towels





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### Special Needs & Gifts

**St. Timothy's Episcopal - Ministry of the Month**

**Rob & Patricia Fowler - Gift of a 2003 Subaru**

**Women of St. Timothy's - Resident needs**

**Sammy Gooden Sunday School Class: Hixson United Methodist Church) - Paper products**

**Martin Family Foundation - Replacement of Faith House Air Conditioning System**

**St. Peter's Church - Resident needs**

**Solo Ladies of Hixson United Methodist Church - Hope House resident dinners and entertainment**

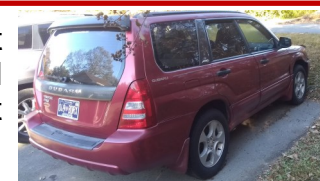
**Ladies from Stuart Heights Baptist Church - Faith House dinners**

Thank you to Fairview United Methodist Church, for the \$100 gift card from Weigel's for \$100.



Thank you to Hixson United Methodist Church for a generous donation of paper products!

A huge and heartfelt 'thank you' to Rob and Patricia Fowler for the gift of a 2003 Subaru!



### Legacy Society

In order to continue the work of Hosanna Community, it is essential that we grow our endowment. By doing so, we ensure that we can preserve and improve our houses for future generations of adults who live with disabilities. Please consider including Hosanna Community in your estate planning. Money left to us through estates goes automatically into our endowment fund unless otherwise specified. I welcome the chance to talk with you about this opportunity.

Call me! Let's talk about options. Reach me at 423-314-6921 or 423-870-6880.

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