



Advent House ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

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Advent House is an outreach ministry of Perinton Ecumenical Ministries Inc., a corporation of thirteen churches in Perinton. We are a non-profit comfort care home that provides an alternative living arrangement for the terminally ill when they can no longer be cared for in their own homes. Loving care is not only provided to them, but to their families and friends as well. We also make available bereavement services to the families of our Residents for at least thirteen months after their loved one has died.

There are no fees to our Residents and we receive no insurance reimbursement of any kind. While volunteers are indeed "the Heart of the Home", we could not function without the support of our community through donations of materials, finances, time, prayers and participation in and support of our fundraisers. We are always accessible to our community as a resource for information or support and welcome your calls or visits.

We consider all of you Angels and we take this opportunity to thank you for your past and continuing support. Without you, we cannot function. Whenever we have put out a call for assistance, you have risen to the challenge and met our needs. There are no words equal to the depth of our gratitude and the gratitude of those whom we serve.

In a world filled with uncertainty and dis - ease Advent House provides a safe, peace and love filled haven to those in need of our care. Thank you for allowing us to continue this life-affirming ministry to the dying. In the words of one of our Residents: "This is a blessed time for us, you have enabled us to enjoy every day and that is such a treasure and gift."

Peace,
Glenda Hastings, Director

2008 Advent House Golf Tournament

Friday, September 19th marked the date of the 16th Annual Advent House Golf Tournament. Over 125 golfers participated in a day filled with golf, prizes, great food and good fun! Victor Hills Golf Club once again graciously hosted this major fundraising event for the house as golfers enjoyed perfect September weather, while golfing for this worthy cause.

Special thanks to an enthusiastic committee led by co-chairpersons, Terrance Nulty and Dale Cameron-Kody! Committee members were Gerry Severynse, Bonnie Bergen, Sara Reczek, Vicki Deady, Ed Rosen, Cliff Donahower and Dick Trotta. We are especially grateful to the Country Club Wegmans (soda), Phil Cubiotti (beverages), Palmer Foods (steaks), Mario Alvarez (bottled water), Lanovara Bakery (desserts), Big Oak and of course, Jay Dianetti and the entire staff at Victor Hills!

Our deepest thanks go to our corporate donors, as follows: ALSTOM Signalling Foundation, Inc., Constellation Brands, Inc., PaeTec, Paychex, and Palmers. Many businesses donated raffle prizes, including: Lodge at Woodcliff, Wegmans LPGA, Mill Creek Golf Club, Cobblestone Golf Club, Terrence Nulty, Brookwoods Golf Club, IZZO Golf, L. David Salon & Spa, Big Oak, Hawk Frame & Axle, Bacardi (Bob Zasowski) and Golf Tec. This year, thanks to ALSTOM, we were able to raffle a 32 inch SONY HDTV as our Mega-Prize!

Our dedicated volunteers were there in force, including Mary Jane Gissin, Sue Weber, Helene Brache, Beth Feldman, Barb Pettis, Gean Becker, Jinny Schirmuhly, Lynn Goldstein, Shirley VanWuyckhuysen, Mike McCarthy, Suzanne Luce, Sara Reczek, Laura Race and Becky Roberts.

2008 Garage Sale Annual Report

The Advent House hosted yet another successful Garage Sale in August 2008. The multi-day event was held at the VFW Post on Macedon Center Road for the second year, which continues to be a tremendous facility for our largest fundraiser.

From the first start-up meeting to the time the last thank you note was written, the support from our volunteers and benefactors was overwhelming. I truly wish there were enough pages in this newsletter to list the wonderful men and women who devoted countless hours to the success of our sale...please know how grateful we are to our volunteers who sorted, priced, provided trucks, moved boxes and bags (to the barn and then back from the barn to the VFW!), made goodies, worked the sale, fed the workers, planned the layouts of tents and tables, ordered tents, manned the cash registers and holding area, managed supplies, as well as being there to the very end...the Cleanup! You are all such a tremendous demonstration of faith and love in action!

The Advent House wishes to thank the businesses, groups and individuals who donated items or services to ensure the success of the sale, namely, Bob and Pat McJury, DiCarolus Trucking, Fulkersons, Eastside Cafe, MasterCraft, Starbucks, Mario Alvarez, Troop 208 Boy Scouts, FHS Boys Football, Basketball, Lacrosse teams, FHS Girls Soccer team, McQuaid Volleyball team, Victor JV Soccer team, Robert Bootes of Clues Investigative Services, Hank Parker Rentals, Keenans, the Town of Perinton, and especially to the VFW Post #8495, who so graciously allows us the use of their building and grounds to conduct this enormous undertaking.

**2009 Advent House Dinner Dance and Auction
at Casa Larga Fundraiser Report**

The Fifteenth annual Advent House Dinner Dance and Auction was held at Casa Larga Winery on March 27, 2009. Nearly 200 guests participated in our annual Gala, featuring Don Alhart of Channel 13 as Master of Ceremonies, Carol Ritter Wright as Guest Auctioneer, the fun 50's dance band, Ruby Shooz, and our own Jack Muthig as emcee.

Exciting items such as Rounds of Golf at Cobblestone Creek and Monroe Golf Club, a week at a Florida condo, a catered Cocktail Party for 25 donated by Amy Jones, a chartered Fishing trip from Dream Catcher Charters, Red Wings Baseball "Batboy/Batgirl for a Day" certificate and a Finger Lakes Wine Country Limo tour and lunch were auctioned off.

As always, success is impossible without a hard-working committee. Core committee members: Sue Weber, Eva Smith, Becky Nickel, Julie Schwartz, Beth Feldman, Rita Haley, Laura Ferrari, Ray Wilcox, Dick Trotta, Glenda Hastings and Vicki Deady all contributed innumerable hours to ensure a wonderful evening for all! Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who donated time, talent, or items for our gala evening...with extra special gratitude to Casa Larga Winery and the Colaruotolo family, Chapel's Catering with Greg and Colleen Broman, Fioravanti Florist, Minuteman Press, and Al Ormiston.

Glenda, Carolyn and I are so very grateful to each and every one of you for incredible support and efforts on behalf of Advent House. Thank you so very much!

UNITED WAY DONOR CHOICE OPTION

Advent House is a United Way Donor Designated Option choice. We thank those of you who have designated us to receive funds through this choice and would encourage you to invite your friends and families to consider doing the same. We are not a United Way agency and therefore do not receive any funding from them. Please note that Advent House is listed as : Perinton Ecumenical Ministries dba Advent House. Our donor option number is **1800.**

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August 28th & 29th, 2009

VFW Post 8495, 300 Macedon Center Road
Fairport

Golf Tournament

September 18th, 2009
Victor Hills Golf Club
Victor, NY

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***We Remember Our Residents
June 2008 - June 2009***

<i>Geraldine Cole</i>	<i>Frances Jane Mann</i>	<i>Warren Phelps</i>	<i>John Simsic</i>
<i>Amy Spence</i>	<i>Jose Davalos</i>	<i>Norma Astill</i>	<i>Judy Campbell</i>
<i>Marie Rodas</i>	<i>Ted Ludwig</i>	<i>Marigrace Piane</i>	<i>Theresa McCabe</i>
<i>Frances Cassata</i>	<i>Ronia Feiner</i>	<i>Shirley Schwartz</i>	<i>Robert Parisen</i>
<i>Rita Alvarez</i>	<i>Ruth Pratt</i>	<i>Marie Aman</i>	<i>Daryl Holzhauer</i>
<i>Roy Steubing</i>	<i>Jane Roberts</i>	<i>Phyllis Whitney</i>	<i>Ruth Riley</i>
<i>Francesca Guli</i>	<i>Anne Huber</i>	<i>Kathleen Scheuerlein</i>	<i>Raymond Cleary</i>
		<i>John McNally</i>	<i>Janet Christie</i>

What an honor to have cared for these dear Residents and their families. Each person has left a lasting impression on Advent House and all who come here. The experiences they had were unique and personal, and our Volunteers ensured that this was so. We can offer Advent House as a choice for end of life care, because of the generous, dedicated individuals who come here. Each and every person who volunteers donates a precious commodity: *time*. So many hours go into operating Advent House and surely a cost can be applied. But the value of caring is immeasurable.

What are some of the many things Volunteers do? Maintain the physical structure of the House, prepare mailings, answer phones, assist with scheduling, organize fundraisers, solicit for auction donations, rake, mulch and maintain our property, shop for groceries, sort, price and move donated garage sale items, and so much more. All the while, 24 hours a day, there are caregivers at Advent House, tending to our Residents. Each and every volunteer is here because they are called to help and they answer that call.

There are so many challenges in the world and we all experience them during our day. Here at Advent House, those challenges can remain outside. People bring the best of themselves to Advent House, day in and day out. Volunteers come here because they care, and that care has built this peaceful haven for those who need us most. We are fortunate to live in a community filled with so many generous people. Our deepest gratitude and admiration goes out to all our Volunteers and donors. Thank you from the *House with a Heart*.

***It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put
into them that matters***

~ Mother Theresa