

## Advent House ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

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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

## *An Evening at Advent House*

*A beautiful woman leaves this world with dignity and peace - faith filled - sure of her place with God. Her legacy a loving husband, wonderful children, adoring grandchildren, devoted friends and extended family. Always the protective mother, she died when no family was here. The family is notified and begins to arrive at the House. Tears flow freely at the realization that this beloved woman has died. "Did she suffer?" "Was she alone?" "How did she die?" Reassurance that she was peaceful, comfortable and did not suffer eased their concerns. This scenario repeats itself many times as her family continues to gather.*

*Eventually, the adults gather in the living room to reminisce, write an obituary, make funeral arrangements and attend to the necessary business following a death. Incredibly wonderful Volunteers provide tissues, hugs, pizza, snacks and beverages keeping a watchful eye on anyone needing extra support or reassurance. Conversation and games with the children allow their parents to concentrate on the tasks at hand.*

*One by one, the grandchildren of all ages - young twenties to preschool - are drawn back to their Grama's room. They begin exchanging stories about their Grama. All the while stroking her face, her hair, holding her hands commenting matter of factly about the changes they are noting in her appearance and body temperature. When asked about their favorite memories the answers come quickly: "Always be clean and dress nicely; she let us play with her cosmetics and jewelry; she took us shopping; she remembered all of us - and there are a lot of us - at Christmas and our birthdays. One time she gathered us all together and we went out to eat; there were more than fifty of us! It was wonderful! She taught us about God." " You know this is just her body, her soul is with God and she has no more pain." And on it went, cousins sharing love and sorrow for the Grama who influenced them so greatly.*

*Many hours pass; now late at night and the funeral directors arrive. Finality looms. Quiet sobbing, free flowing tears, final kisses and I love yous as all realize that it is time to part. A teenaged granddaughter says we need to pray. The grandchildren join hands forming a circle of love around the bed. The prayer begins. Family members quietly fill the room; the circle grows as all unite in prayer, love and sorrow. The prayer concludes with thanksgiving for the life of such a wonderful woman and a final amen.*

*A much beloved mother is escorted by all to the waiting hearse. The door is closed, a final pat on the window and she is gone. There is sadness, deep faith that she is no longer suffering and a sense of gratitude for her life and the love they share. They spray her perfume, remember another story, thank us profusely and say goodbye.*

*This is only one of many similar stories repeated many times over. None of this would be possible without your incredible generosity to this Home. Whether it is volunteer support, financial support, donations of goods, attendance at one of our fundraisers, saying a prayer~ we could not do this without you. You may feel that there is "not so much I can do." Every bit of support matters - every bit enables us to provide care to those in need no matter their financial situation. You touch hearts, you change lives, and you restore people's faith in humanity. We are forever grateful. Peace, Glenda*

## **2009 Advent House Golf Tournament**

Friday, September 18th marked the date of the 17th Annual Advent House Golf Tournament. Nearly 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 “almost rain-free” September weather, while golfing for this worthy cause.

Special thanks to an enthusiastic committee led by co-chairpersons, Beth Feldman and Dale Cameron-Kody! Committee members were Gerry Severynse, Gian-Paul Piane, Vicki Deady, Ed Rosen, Cliff Donahower and Dick Trotta. We are especially grateful to the Country Club Wegmans (soda), Jay Barber and Lake Beverage (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., Wal-mart, the Thomas Huber family and Palmers. Many businesses donated raffle prizes, including: Lodge at Woodcliff, Wegmans LPGA, Mill Creek Golf Club, Cobblestone Golf Club, Terrence Nulty (Cobblestone CC), Mark Nickel (Monroe GC), Brookwoods Golf Club, IZZO Golf, L. David Salon & Spa, Big Oak, Hawk Frame & Axle, 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 Molly Kundin, Nancy Davis, Helene Brache, Barb Pettis, Jinny Schirmuhly, Lynn Goldstein, Shirley VanWuyckhuysse, Mike McCarthy, Sara Reczek, Laura Race, Becky Cokelet, Brian and Charlotte Williams. Nearly \$9,000 was raised in a year where corporate donations were down and many other tournaments reported a reduction of ¼-1/3 of their golfers in attendance. The Advent House continues to be fortunate to have so many faithful participants. Thank you to all the churches who provided a “golf advocate” that secured so many wonderful golfers. This program (which began in 2008) also worked well this year. This year’s advocates were Vince Palumbos, Dave Lindahl, Betty Shamblen, Barb Pettis.

## **2009 Garage Sale Annual Report**

The Advent House hosted yet another successful Garage Sale in August 2009. The multi-day event was held at the VFW Post on Macedon Center Road for the third 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, DiCarolis Trucking, Fulkersons, Eastside Cafe, MasterCraft, Starbucks, Mario Alvarez, Troop 208 Boy Scouts, FHS Boys Football team, FHS Basketball team, FHS Girls Soccer team, McQuaid Volleyball team, Victor JV Soccer team, Robert Bootes of Clues Investigative Services, Hank Parker Rentals, 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.

### **2010 Advent House Dinner Dance and Auction at Casa Larga**

The Sixteenth annual Advent House Dinner Dance and Auction was held at Casa Larga Winery on March 26, 2010. Nearly 180 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, Handcrafted Mission Style End Tables, a Peyton Manning Autographed Football, a casino night

from Upstate Vegas Events 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, Kate Leackfeldt, Julie Schwartz, 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 amazing Auction Chairs, Sue Weber and Eva Smith, are stepping down after many years in their leadership positions...each year they have created such beautiful displays of our Silent Auction items. We cannot begin to thank them enough for the countless hours, creative energy and loveliness they bring to the event...please know how very grateful we all are to you both! A number of you responded to our call for new solicitors...special thanks to Gary Brown, Lara Ellingham, Janda Hemming, Donna Jencik, Maryann Nisson, Ani Pierson, Peter Pratt, and Sarah Townsend. Your ideas and enthusiasm were tremendous! 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.

Save the date for the 2011 Dinner Dance and Auction at Casa Larga Winery... Friday, March 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.!

Glenda, Laurie and I are so very grateful to each and every one of you for incredible support this past year!



***We Remember Our Residents  
June 2009 - June 2010***

***Richard Brown***

***Desmond Sidney-Smith***

***Bobbie Schloff***

***Ann Marchese***

***Almira Orsi***

***Jeanne Rowley***

***John Sexton***

***Vincent Vanscott***

***Joseph Stein***

***Patricia Foehner***

***Bonnie Fratcheric***

***Audrey Curtis***

***Jerald Steves***

***Barbara Angarano***

***Mildred Quill***

***Susan Consler-Vera***

***Robert D'Amico***

***Angela Renz-Bouwens***

***Anne Whiting***

***Carolyn Lewis***

***Frances Vaccaro***

***Eileen Metter***

***Judith Malley***

Each of the names listed above represents not only a person but also a family that we here at the Advent House have had the privilege to minister to this past year. And it was in touching their lives that ours were also touched in the most profound ways as we shared the love of God through the hands and hearts of our many volunteers.

From the time they begin their journey until its completion – our dedicated volunteers make sure that our residents and their loved ones feel at home and at peace as they face one of life's most difficult challenges. They do this in so many ways...through hands-on care-giving, lovingly tending the beautiful gardens, keeping the house clean and inviting, keeping the kitchen stocked, and the schedule covered, maintaining the house itself and all the various duties that come with our fund raising endeavors that allow us to be able to offer our residents a place to call home during their final days – at no cost to them.

Our deepest gratitude and admiration goes out to all of our Volunteers and donors. Without your continued support, the Advent House would not be here. Thank you from the ***House with a Heart***.

***It's the circle of life, and it moves us all, through despair and hope,  
through faith and love, 'till we find our place, on the path unwinding.***

-- Elton John, The Lion King --

Advent House 2009-2010 Fundraisers

**Garage Sale**

August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

VFW Post 8495, 300 Macedon Center Road  
Fairport

**Golf Tournament**

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Victor Hills Golf Club  
Victor, NY

**Dinner Dance & Auction at Casa**

**Larga**

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Casa Larga Winery  
Fairport

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**.



**PLEASE REMEMBER ADVENT HOUSE**

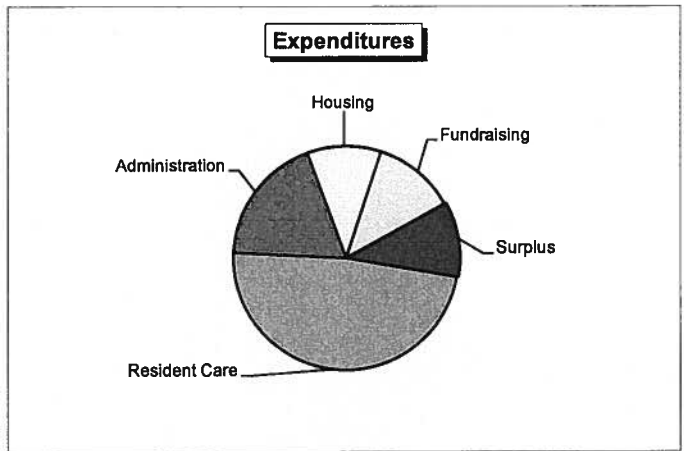
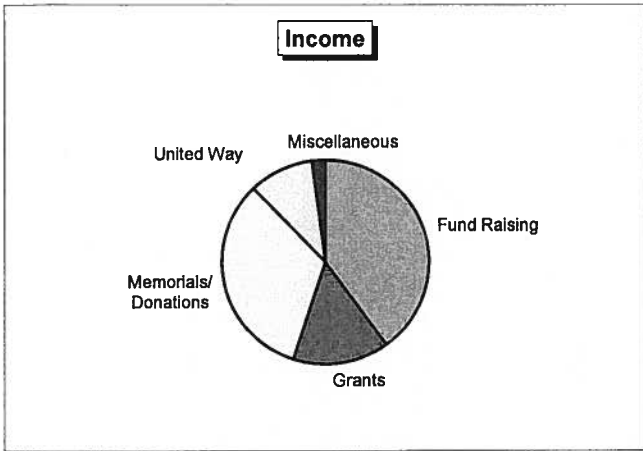
We would be most grateful if you would consider naming Advent House as a memorial beneficiary or in your will. Your gift would help to ensure the continuation of this care giving ministry to the dying . What a wonderful legacy to leave for future generations who have the need of an alternative to hospital or nursing home for terminal care.

Your attorney can provide you with the necessary information needed to make this decision. Please give this option serious thought and discuss it with your family to ensure their comfort with your choice. If you have any questions regarding Advent House please call 223-6112. Thank you for thinking of us.

**No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.**

~aesop~

**Finances**  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010



<u>Income</u>	
Fund Raising	\$ 84,908
Grants	32,103
Memorials/Donations	69,634
United Way	21,492
Miscellaneous	<u>4,475</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 212,612</u></b>

<u>Expenditures</u>	
Resident Care	\$ 102,040
Administration	39,578
Housing	22,646
Fundraising	25,397
Surplus	<u>22,951</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 212,612</u></b>