Harbor House MINISTRIES Spring 2024

"...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10



Mark your Calendars!

May 14, 2024 Spring Celebration Dinner

May Work Day - Stay Tuned!

June 12, 19, and 26 HHM Home Reunions

> June 21 Move-a-Thon

July 16 Go Fish Tournament

August 8 All Abilities Dance

September Work Day - Stay Tuned!

> September 21 Fall Festival

October 13 Celebration Worship Service

Find more information online at www.harborhouseministries.org /events/

Or call Rachael at 616-797-0810

From the Director's Desk

Wow, 20 years goes by so fast! In June of 2004, several inspired families stood at the front door of the first Harbor House home and were amazed by what God had done. Two decades later, our expanded Harbor House family is still in awe of God's timing, provision and leading.

As we launch the next 20 years in service, we continue to seek God's guidance in our learning and growing.

Renovations on two of our homes are underway with plans for renovation of the last home. These changes will ensure that the people who live at Harbor House will have access to living spaces that are even more specifically designed to meet their changing needs.

As we look forward to changes ahead, one thing remains constant the way the Lord leads this ministry through all of you.



Your partnerships in giving, volunteering, and praying for this ministry have made Harbor House what it is today.

Thank you for growing with us! We look forward to working alongside you to make sure everyone has the opportunity to live abundantly.

by Peggy Driesenga



Lowered counters allow for increased participation in meal preparation and clean up, smoother floor surfaces provide easier mobility and cleanliness.

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Celebrating every day!

At Harbor House, we talk about *living abundantly*. That is, celebrating life and living it fully with joy, purpose, service, and worship.











"People who genuinely love our daughter and want to make her as comfortable as possible are meeting her needs in an excellent and caring way. We feel that we have gained a new larger extended family in the Harbor House staff and the families of the other residents."

(guardian comment)





Good Giving vs GREAT Giving

Just paid your taxes and looking for simple and legal ways to do reduce your income taxes next year?

Consider leaving some of your TAXABLE assets (IRA's, 401(k)'s, etc.) to charity, while leaving the TAX-FREE assets to your kids!

Those under age 70 can save on capital gains taxes by giving appreciated *stock* to charity, rather than giving a check from your bank account (which you have already paid taxes on.) You get the full deduction for the Fair Market Value, without having to pay tax on the capital gains!

Remember, You should always consult your tax adviser before making any gifts to Harbor House or any other charity! Tailored just for you!

Part of the Harbor House Ministries mission is that each person's care is tailored to his or her unique abilities and gifts with activities that are purposeful and meaningful to the individual.

We achieve this by creating an Individualized Care Plan for each person who moves into Harbor House. The Care Plan gives guidelines to caregivers about how to provide the best care for an individual. It outlines how each resident lives their life.

Creating and updating the care plan involves a team of the resident's choosing. Usually the individual, the guardian(s), and members from the clinical care team come together to reflect on how they communicate, how/what they eat, how they move around, what they like to do, and what level of assistance they need to do these things as well as any ways we can serve them better in the upcoming year.



r Lynden Riddering RN, Clinical Program Director

Care Plans are updated annually (or as changes are needed) at the resident's yearly planning meeting.

Staff Spotlight

The Smile on His Face

Kristen tells about this favorite time while working at HHM: "Each day is a reminder of how special working at Harbor House Ministries is to me. Working alongside the residents and watching joy be brought to their lives by things that might be simple and small to us but to the residents it's everything.

If I have to choose one story, it would be when I would sit in a past resident's room on my lunch break and watch Toy Story with him. Not because I hadn't seen Toy Story for the 10th time that month but because the smile he got on his face telling me everything that was happening in the movie as if it was my first time watching it."



Kristen Home Supervisor

Part of the HHM Family since 2013

She describes her time at HHM as: Rewarding and Enriching

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by Ken Puzycki, HHM Board Member



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