



Word from our Chairman

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Welcome Teresa Deardorff! See her article beginning on page 2 and continued on page 8.

Dear Solace House Supporters,

I am SO excited and pleased to announce that we plan to open our home on JUNE 1! Thank you for your patience as we made the decision to delay our opening due to COVID-19.

We have been so blessed by several private donations as well as chosen to be a recipient of the annual Keller Williams' RED Day project. Wow! We were blown away by their generosity! It was challenging to hold back tears as we watched a parade of cars and trucks roll up our street full of gifts for our home! We cannot say "thank you" enough to everyone who has supported us!

There are still ways to get involved though as our mission begins:

1. Sign up to be a volunteer!
2. Purchase items left on our house registry
3. Become a monthly pledge donor to ensure our sustainability

On behalf of our board, I would like to thank each one of you who has supported us financially, attended our fundraisers, volunteered your time and lifted us up in prayer.

With warm regards and serving God,

Leisa Matthews—Chairman, Board of Trustees

Volunteer Orientation— *Susan Lincoln*

We have had two Volunteer Orientations in the last couple months. And we have about 60 folks who have declared their interest in helping at the home. The volunteer schedule link is:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18YiEhuqRBg55WRUT4ap-UWVm2xmv2n4qQ1zKei61DSo/edit?usp=sharing>

If you are uncomfortable in signing up for a work time in this way or have questions, please call me, Susan Lincoln at 417-827-3555 and I will help you get plugged in exactly where you want to be.

If you do not already have a copy of your background check with the State of Missouri's Family Care Registry, be sure to go to their website and get signed up. We will reimburse you for the \$14/\$15 that this registry costs. Just provide us a receipt whenever you can. We need a copy of your registry for our file.

- **Please note:** If you are willing/planning to serve in a caregiver capacity for a guest, we also need a copy of your current drug screening test for our file. You may already have both of these documents on file at your workplace. A current copy from there will suffice.
- Questions? Susan 417-827-3555

Welcome, Teresa Deardorff!



We are so excited to be working with Teresa. See below an introduction to her and her heart for our work.

“My first introduction to Solace House of the Ozarks was orientation to become a volunteer. I have experienced firsthand the positive impact of end of life care support when my parents passed away. I knew Solace House and the people creating it were special and I knew I wanted to help. I am a senior in the Social Work program at MSSU. The capstone event of our program is choosing and applying for our field experience/practicum for the upcoming year.

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Friend and Fund Raising Committee - *Members are Kelly Wheeler, Amanda Bearden, Cortnee Eaton, Leisa Matthews and Lana Nelson (Chairman)*

“Sights and Sounds of Solace”

We are patiently waiting to find out when the First United Methodist Church will be open for events to be held in their building. Our plan is to reschedule the program line-up as it was, hoping that all performers will be able to be in attendance. We will be spacing the seating to meet safety requirements. We will let everyone know as soon as we know.

Please note: those who bought a ticket for the March 28th event, that ticket will be honored at the rescheduled performance. If you bought a ticket and cannot attend the rescheduled date, we will refund your money to you if you wish.

Garage Sale

We are having a garage sale on Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27 at 115 Gum Rd., Carl Junction at the home of one of our Trustees, Amanda Bearden. If you have nice clean in good working condition-type items that you would be willing to donate to this sale, please let us know. NO CLOTHES, please.

Continue to check out our Facebook page periodically for online auction items.

Special Note: Doug Hall has once again donated a beautiful print of one of his works of art for online auction. Check our Facebook page for the details!

Thank you, Carla Scott, from the bottom of our hearts for all the time you have spent in serving as our interior decorator! You have been so careful to find the very best deal possible, which meant a lot of extra leg work. Your heart for our mission is evident! Our home is not only beautiful but also comfortable and peaceful.

Thank you for your sacrifice of time!



Jodie Cantrell, from *Keller Williams* came to Solace House and videotaped our lovely home. You will find a link to this “virtual tour” of the home on our Facebook page. Please take a look.

Thank you so much, Jodie for doing this work for us! It helps us more than you know. This way our supporters and others in the community can see our home without disturbing any guests.

Thank you, again, Jodie and *Keller Williams* for your generous gift to us!



Keller Williams “Red Day”
“Give Where You Live”

Thank you to Keller Williams and the whole community for your donations to Solace House of the Ozarks! We love you!







Precautions we are taking during this
Covid-19 time.

Thought you might be interested in some of the precautions we are taking to protect our Volunteers and visitors/guests during this time. We have altered our policies slightly for now and will re-evaluate them on an ongoing basis as needed. See below some of the steps we've taken.

We are limiting the number of visitors each guest may have per day to two.

We will check temperatures of all those entering the building each day.

We HIGHLY recommend that all visitors and volunteers wear face masks.

Frequent handwashing is required by all as they move around the home.

Visitors movements will be limited to the guest room and the bathroom. Volunteers will bring drinks and/or meals (as it applies) to the guests' rooms.

Only Volunteers will be allowed in the kitchen area.

We will loosen these restrictions as soon as it is deemed safe by our advisors.

As a recommended precaution by health officials, Solace House will be sanitized by UVC lighting prior to opening day.

A hearty "Thank you very much!" goes out to Susan and Ivan Eck. This couple has helped us with everything from cleaning to hanging pictures and mirrors and advising us on the inner workings of our home! Susan is a retired RN and has had experience in hospice care!

Welcome to the team, Susan and Ivan!



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A word about our Board of Trustees and Advisors List.

You will notice that the names of the Board of Trustees and Advisors change slightly annually. That's because, from the beginning we designed our board to continually accept new people while maintaining continuity. We are interested in fresh perspectives as well as "the wisdom of the ages"...so to speak. So even though people move off the board for a time, they stay actively involved in the work as committee members and as advisors until and if they desire to come back to the board.

Mission and Vision

Our objective is to provide a safe dwelling for persons nearing end of life who cannot or do not wish to stay in their own homes until death; to convey a sense of home by showing love, comfort and support during the final days of living.

Solace House of the Ozarks will be a home filled with loving-kindness for those at life's end, and a haven of support for caregivers.

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Teresa Deardorff

The timing was just perfect and my partnership with Solace House seems meant to be. I will use the knowledge and skills I have learned in our program to serve and support the families, staff and volunteers of Solace House. I look forward to learning and growing with Solace House of the Ozarks and I am so thankful for this opportunity!"



Volunteer Opportunities at the Home



With June 1 just around the corner, we are needing to fill in the hours at the home with volunteers.

Call Susan at 417-827-3555.

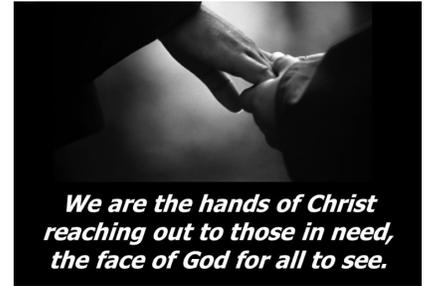
Help in any increment of time is welcome! Our greatest need right now is people willing to JUST BE THERE to assist if needed.

*And we need this help
24 hours a day!*

Check your schedule to see if you could spare a 4 hour segment of time once a week.

If all our volunteers would donate their time to fill one 4-hour segment each week.....we could have the home fully “manned” without too much strain on any one.

Thank You!



*We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.*

Volunteer Opportunities on the Board.

Education Committee

Be an ambassador for Solace House of the Ozarks by reaching out to community groups to present information about our mission. The goal is to meet new contacts who can support Solace House through volunteer hours, finances, and expertise

Business Plan/Budgeting Taskforce for Home Operation

Investigating pricing for budgeted items as well as future building/expansion plans.

Grant Writing

Discovering and securing appropriate grants and funding.

Media Relations

Work with local media to promote Solace House events and education related to the need for end-of-life care homes.

Virtual Open House– click on the link below and enjoy!

<https://www.solacehouseoftheozarks.com/home-pictures-virtual-tour>

Solace House of the Ozarks is:

- A home filled with loving-kindness for those at life's end, and a haven of support for caregivers.
- A home that provides a safe and peaceful environment for those at the end of life.
- A home where life is celebrated and the dying process is regarded as a precious time for the resident and their family.
- A home where each resident and their family will know unconditional love and will be treated with respect and dignity.
- A home where volunteers come together with servants' hearts, intending to treat each resident as we would want our own family member treated.

A great many folks have been unbelievably generous...buying things for the home that will make the guests and their caregivers safer, and feel more like home! We can't thank you enough!

Please take a look at our virtual tour, courtesy of Keller Williams. See how your gifts have impacted the home.

Would you consider being a regular monthly donor to Solace House? Any amount would help our sustainability. Basically you, the community, is our only income stream. You are the funders, the backers, the sources of all the grants, fundraisers, endowments and gifts we receive. YOU are making this mission possible. ***Thank you!***

Contact info and ways to donate:

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You can donate with Pay Pal on this site

*417-208-9262

*P.O. Box 4467, Joplin, MO 64803

*<https://www.facebook.com/solacehouseoftheozarks/>

You can donate and contact us here as well. Don't forget to "like" us!

****This is really great!*** When ordering stuff from Amazon, go to Amazon Smile and order through there if possible, specifying SHOTO as your charity. They will make a donation to Solace House of the Ozarks! every time you buy something!

