



HOUSE OF MERCY

Fall & Winter 2018 News

Providing a Home and 24-hour Care since 1991 for Persons Living with AIDS

Where Are They Now?

New Video Highlights Past and Present Residents

Many of our residents have been featured in this newsletter over the years. We've read about their struggles with addiction, their loss of family support, and the hope they received once they arrived at the House of Mercy.

One such resident is Ms. Brenda (pictured in the left column) who was featured in this newsletter in 2014. Flash forward to today, and Ms. Brenda is still thriving at House of Mercy. With the help of caregivers, she receives her daily medication and is taken to her regular doctor visits. Brenda takes pride in her gardening, feeding the birds and setting up the highly-anticipated bingo games at the House.



The outside garden at the House of Mercy gives residents an opportunity to get some fresh air and relax in a natural environment. Ms. Brenda has a green thumb when it comes to gardening!

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Ms. Doris continues to live her dream of "a normal life" after recovering at the House of Mercy!

Through the advancement in anti-viral medications, and the great care received at House of Mercy, some residents are able to leave the House and make a life on their own. One such success story is Ms. Doris. Doris was also featured in this newsletter in 2014. At that time Doris had been living in her own apartment and working for two years after leaving House of Mercy. Today, despite being legally blind, Doris continues

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Retirements and Anniversaries!

On October 31, 2018, Stan Patterson will retire as President of House of Mercy following twenty-one years in his position. Stan has worked with ministries of the Sisters of Mercy since 1982. In addition to his duties with House of Mercy, he also managed numerous construction projects for the Sisters of Mercy in Belmont and also served as President of Catherine's House for seven years.

"I have really enjoyed working with the Sisters of Mercy and their ministries because they provide opportunities to help those truly in need," said Stan. "I'd like to thank everyone that has supported me and the mission during my time as President of the ministry."

"Stan has been passionate and committed to the mission of House of Mercy for all these years," said David Guidry, Board Chair. "He has helped build it into the organization it is today. It has been a pleasure to work with him and we are fortunate to have Stan leaving us with a strong foundation to take House of Mercy into the future."



Stan Patterson retires after 21 years of dedicated service to HOM!

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to live on her own and work at a job she loves. She has a new grandchild who she is “over the moon” about, and finds joy in the normality of day-to-day living.

One of our most famous former residents is Mel Tomlinson who was a dancer in the New York Ballet Company. He came to House of Mercy in 1995 after the disease had weakened him so severely everyone, including him, thought he was near death.



Picture of Mel from the front cover of his new book.

However, he made a miraculous recovery here with the help of our caregivers and his strong will to live and serve a greater purpose.

Since leaving the House of Mercy, he has finished up a doctorate degree in theology and Christian counseling, and just recently had a book written about his life!

All three of the current and former residents will be featured in a new short video

about the House of Mercy. The video will make its debut at the end of November and be available for viewing on our Facebook page and on our website!

Cont. Anniversaries and Retirements . .



Shirley Stowe, Director of Nursing, celebrated 20 years of service with House of Mercy in July. Her medical expertise, compassionate heart, and unwavering dedication to our mission have touched and bettered the lives of hundreds of residents and families. “You truly are our greatest blessing

and the closest we could have ever come to having Catherine McAuley walk among us,” said Board member Maggie Baucom. Thank you for your 20 years of extraordinary employment with HOM!

Sr. Jill Katherine Weber, current HOM Board Member, retired as a physical therapist with Holy Angels after 29 years of service. Sister Jill plans on spending more time in her ministry in Haiti.



House of Mercy 2018 Report

Low-income Residents Living with AIDS at House of Mercy were Provided

- Individual care plans (physician approved)
- 24-hour care; coordination of medical care by our Director of Nursing
- Transportation to over 190 doctor visits
- 1,765 days of care
- Pastoral care services

House of Mercy Earned

- 4 Star rating (highest) for Family Care Homes by the NC Dept. of Health & Human Services
- Excellent ratings by our residents
- BBB charitable accountability certified
- Favorable CPA Financial Review

2018 Resident Demographics

- 40% Male • 60% Female
- 80% African-American
- 20% Caucasian/Other
- All residents on AntiRetroviral Therapy (ART) had improved CD4 counts and reduced viral load

House of Mercy Expenses

- Program Services, 71%
- General/Administrative, 19%
- Development, 10%

**The Sisters of Mercy provide funds sufficient to cover all administrative and development expenses.*



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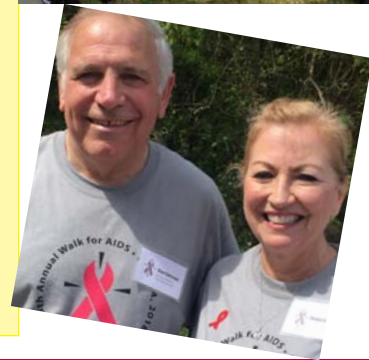
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• **Meet House of Mercy New Board Member** Cicely Johnson.

Cicely is a Director at FiServ in Charlotte. "The House of Mercy's mission was one of the many reasons why I was honored to join the Board. I am passionate about serving and assisting others in need. Furthermore, I am excited about evolving the House of Mercy's mission and continuing to serve others in future years to come."



• **House of Mercy appreciates recent grants** from Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Inc., Catholic Human Services Foundation, The Dover Foundation, The Dowd Foundation, Carolinas Care Partnership, First Gaston Foundation, Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, Kent R. Hofmann Foundation, The Howe Foundation, The Leon Levine Foundation, The Jerry R. Licari Foundation, MAC AIDS Fund, Merancas Foundation, The Charles & Irene Nanney Foundation, Sisters of Mercy NC Foundation, Titmus Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation and The Westerman Foundation.

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- ✓ Donated meals and drinks: bottled juice, soda, Kool Aid, Crystal Light, tea bags, Gatorade
- ✓ XL garbage bags, liquid laundry & dish detergent, Clorox, Lysol, Mr. Clean
- ✓ Arsley Grand Cinema movie tickets (*Charlotte*)
- ✓ Gift cards: WalMart, Cook-Out, Pizza Hut, Golden Corral, Tony's Ice Cream, KFC, local restaurants

We are in need of a new Christmas Tree for the residence. We have found an artificial, pre-lit tree that would work perfectly in the living area. If you are interested in helping us purchase this tree, call (704) 825-4711, email: development@thehouseofmercy.org or send your gift via the reply envelope provided, indicating "Christmas Tree Fund" on the envelope.



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