HOUSE OF MERCY

Fall & Winter 2019 News

Providing a Home and Compassionate Care for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS

House of Mercy residents and staff celebrated the end of summer with a pontoon ride.

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Strength Through the Storm

Each December, we observe World AIDS Day with a reception honoring those who have found a home at House of Mercy.

During House of Mercy's World AIDS Day celebration in 2018, a young man stood in front of the crowd, singing with feeling and strength the words:

I am stronger, I am wiser, now I'm better…
I made it through my storm and my test
Because you were there
To carry me through my mess

~Never Would Have Made It,
Marvin Sapp/Matthew Richard Brownie, 2007

This young man and others with similar stories have found a home at House of Mercy during their storms and tests. One third of House of Mercy's residents in the last year have been young people dealing with any number of challenges. For these young residents, most entered the hospital very sick and only then learned of their HIV diagnosis. At House of Mercy, they found the compassionate care they needed to recuperate, often moving on from here to places of their own.

With the support of donors and volunteers, House of Mercy exists to carry those in need, serving the most at risk populations who fall through the cracks of other systems. It is our hope that one day each and every resident will sing of the healing they found at House of Mercy, and of having made it to the other side of the mess.

Retirement and New Faces!

Connie Hastings, Director of Administration & HR Services, retired from House of Mercy on August 28, 2019, after 23 years of devoted service to the organization. During her time with House of Mercy, Connie singlehandedly shaped the administrative processes that keep everything running smoothly here, and she has been a consistently positive and capable presence every step of the way. Her contribution to House of Mercy during her many years here is nearly impossible to describe, and we will miss her dearly. She has promised to come visit and volunteer once in a while, though, and we wish her the best of luck in her new adventures.

Connie with her retirement gift from the Board of Directors – a two-night stay in the mountains!

Ashley McDaniel (left) Director of Development & Communications

Lea Glaze (right) Director of Administration & HR Services

House of Mercy has also had some new additions to our administrative staff in the past several months. Ashley McDaniel joined us as the new Director of Development & Communications in May 2019, following Krystyna Sarrazin's transition to Coordinator of Volunteers & Resident Recreation. Lea Glaze came to House of Mercy in August 2019, as the new Director of Administration & HR Services, after Connie's retirement.

House of Mercy

2018-2019 Highlights

152 volunteers gave:

* resident activities
* resident holiday celebrations
* haircuts and makeovers
* newsletter/mailing assembly
* fundraising/event support
* grounds beautification
* board service
* pet therapy

2,070 Hours

General and Community Service

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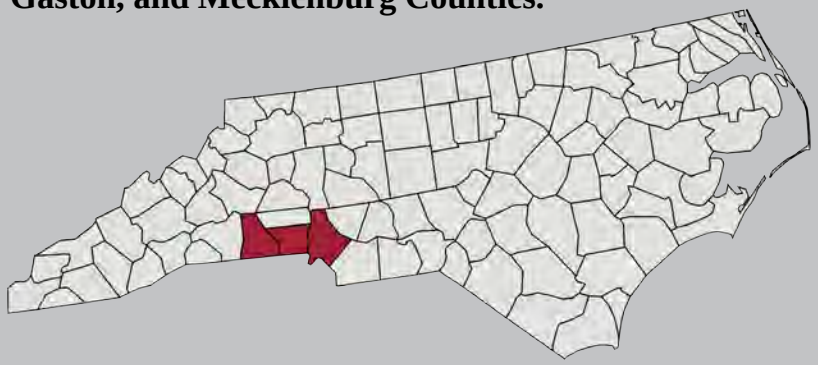
Residents served were from Cleveland, Gaston, and Mecklenburg Counties.



Resident Demographics

56% male
44% female

67% African American
22% Caucasian
11% Asian

33% age 20 –29
0% age 30 –39
22% age 40 –49
45% age 50 and older

Stats

Total patient care days: 2,017

377 days of charity care

Daily cost of care: $380 per resident

Services funded by:

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

Thank you to those who donated to House of Mercy from 7.1.18 to 6.30.19

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Krystyna Sarrazin, Coordinator of Volunteers & Resident Recreation (center left), and Shirley Stowe, Director of Nursing (center right), accepting a grant check from Ernest Sumner (left) and Erin Wiggins (right) from the Community Foundation of Gaston County. CFCG's Community Grant Program funded furniture reupholstery at the House of Mercy residence.

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Residents playing a game of Jenga at their July Fourth celebration, an event hosted by the Sarrazin Family.

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Volunteer Chantelle Hurst and her therapy dog, Finn, are two of the residents' favorite visitors!

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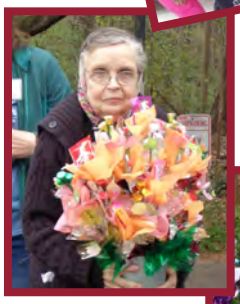
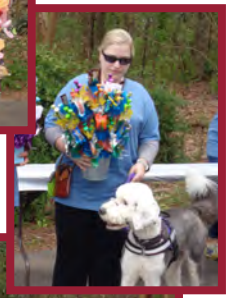
Contributions of food, household items, and other goods make a huge difference at House of Mercy. The value of these in-kind donations is almost $15,000 annually!

2019 Walk for AIDS





Together, we raised $46,722!

Top Fundraising Team
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

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Team Maggie (Maggie Baucom)

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House of Mercy residents enjoying a peaceful day out at the US National Whitewater Center.

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Executive Director of HR Operations and People Analytics, Ally Financial

Sarah Flaherty
Digital Project Manager, AXA Equitable

Michael Osterhout
Technology Relationship Manager, Wells Fargo

- **Congratulations to Krystyna Sarrazin**, on her new staff position! She now works more closely with the residents as our Coordinator of Volunteers and Resident Recreation.

- **Sponsorship opportunities are available for our annual World AIDS Day reception**, held on December 3, 2019. Visit http://bit.ly/326dFKj to learn more or submit your sponsorship form.

- **House of Mercy appreciates recent grants** from Carolinas Care Partnership, The Dover Foundation, The Howe Foundation, MAC AIDS Fund, Sisters of Mercy of NC Foundation, Walmart Foundation, and Wells Fargo Foundation.

- **Please consider a donation to House of Mercy** via the reply envelope or credit card at www.thehouseofmercy.org. All donations go directly to fund care for those we serve.

RESIDENCE WISH LIST

Items can be dropped off or delivered to the House of Mercy residence, located at 304 McAuley Circle, Belmont, NC. Questions? Call 704-825-4711.

- ✓ Meals and drinks (bottled juice, soda, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light, tea bags, Gatorade)
- ✓ Individually wrapped snacks, fruit cups
- ✓ Pantry staples, canned foods
- ✓ Gift Cards: WalMart, Ayrsley Grand Cinemas, Cook-Out, Pizza Hut, Golden Corral, Tony's Ice Cream, KFC, local restaurants
- ✓ Personal Care Products: Dove soap (bar or liquid), Dove body wash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, triple-blade razors, Vaseline, Chapstick, flushable wipes
- ✓ Cleaning Products: liquid laundry & dish detergent, Clorox, Lysol, Mr. Clean
- ✓ Household Items: XL garbage bags, toilet paper, towels, washcloths, paper towels, hand sanitizer, Kleenex

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