



Solace House
OF THE OZARKS

Word from our Chairman

Leisa Matthews

Dear Solace House Supporters,

As I reflect on this past year, I am so grateful for the progress that we have made to reach our goal of opening our end-of-life home to serve the community. We have made some great strides that I would like to share with you.

#1 *Held three successful fundraisers resulting in over \$20,000*

#2 *Continued to grow our list of wonderful supporters*

#3 *Created an endowment fund through Community Foundation of the Ozarks*

#4 *Sold our investment property that was gifted to us by an anonymous donor*

#5 *Partnered with Representative Lane Roberts to create a legislative bill that supports our social model home*

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I would like to thank each one of you that has supported us financially, attended our fundraisers, donated items for our auctions, volunteered your time and have lifted us up in prayer! We are meeting early next year to have a **“2020 Vision Day”** and with your continued support, I believe that our dream of opening our end-of-life home will soon become a reality.

Sincerely yours and with deep gratitude as we continue to serve God together with you!

Leisa Matthews

Chairman, Board of Trustees, Solace House of the Ozarks

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Legislative Committee - Megan Spiering, BSN, RN, CHPN

Rep. Roberts to run again

BY JOE HADSALL
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Missouri state Rep. Lane Roberts announced on Monday his intent to seek a second term next year.

Highlighting his experience, Roberts, of Joplin, announced his reelection campaign as a Republican for House District 161, which takes in parts of Jasper and Newton counties.

"Conservative values, my oath of office and life experience have guided my decisions on whether to vote 'yes' or 'no,'" Roberts said. "It is rare that such a decision is simple, and every decision deserves careful consideration."

In a news conference



Roberts

held Monday in Joplin, he cited his support of successful issues during his first year in office, including a bill that created a framework to establish a museum district in Joplin, and a state budget that provided an increase to elementary and secondary education as well as for colleges and universities.

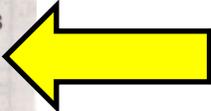
Roberts was elected to his first term in 2018. He was chief of the Joplin Police Department from 2007 to 2014, and in 2015 he was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon to serve as the director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety, a position he held until 2017.

He is the vice chairman of the House's subcommittee on appropriations for public safety, corrections, transportation and revenue, and also serves on the House's budget committee, professional licensing and special committee on criminal justice.

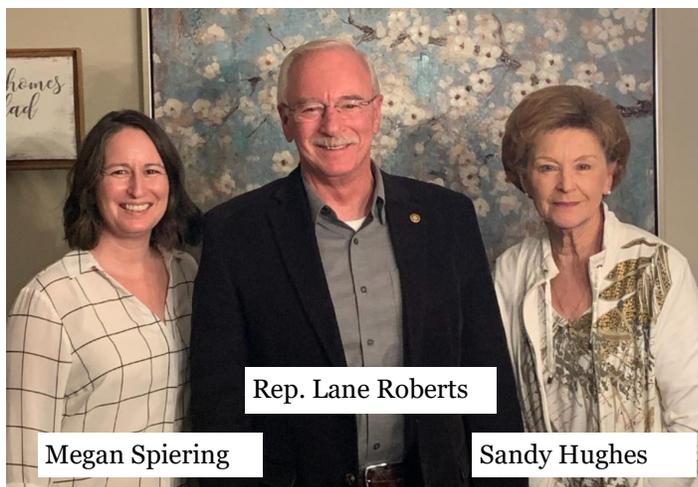
For 2020, he intends to file bills regarding law enforcement and prisons, as well as an end-of-life care bill.

He also said he would help support a prescription drug monitoring program. Missouri is the only state to not have such a program, which is viewed as a tool to help fight against opioid abuse.

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Silver Haired Legislator, Barb Ittner, is committed to following our bill as it is presented and lending their support as it moves along through the different entities in Jeff City.



Representative Roberts sponsored our bill last year and plans to sponsor it again this year. We have plans to file the bill soon and start the legislative process again, our board members had great things to say after meeting with Representative Roberts and hearing his passion for establishing end-of-life care homes while maintaining the dignity of the people we seek to serve.

“A Cause Can Never Be Lost or Delayed”

Written by Kristian Ostergaard

The following poem was written by the great-grandfather of Paula Stewart, a supporter of Solace House of the Ozarks. Her great-grandfather was a widower with 6 children who lived in Denmark and became a pastor and a writer and poet. Paula has so generously shared this poem with us to pass on to you. Thank you, Paula!

A cause can never be lost or delayed,
Which takes the course that our God has made.
And doesn't rely on walls and towers,
But slowly grows from seed to flower.

Each righteous service that men have brought,
Was first conceived in a fruitful thought.
Each worthy cause with its future glorious,
By simply growing becomes victorious.

And so a cause like a tree it shows,
That high it reaches as deep it grows.
For when the storms are its branches shaking
It deeper root in the soil is taking

Hold then no fear of the storms that blow,
The Lord may use them his seeds to sow.
And if a tree by their might they shatter,
What then if thousands of seed they scatter.

So winter, even though cold and white,
Is for the plants but a restful night
When wrapped in mantles of snow securely,
They waken anew in the spring most surely.

Founder's Corner—*Susan Lincoln*

Who Knew!

I was very happy to find out that cutting and saving the UPC labels from Best Choice products can add money to our Solace House fund! It's amazing how fast they add up. This is a way everyone can help. 3 cents for every label! Stores that carry Best Choice products are Food For Less (Joplin) and Harps (Airport Drive) and Cash Saver (Joplin and Carthage). Cut and save in an envelope and give to one of the board members when you see them or bring to a fundraiser or call one of us and we'll come by to pick them up when you have about 200 saved up.



AND

I was particularly excited about the “*Amazon Smile*” connection when ordering from Amazon! That really adds, too. I order so much from Amazon and my Prime membership is still honored. No problems there! Why not have Amazon



donate to Solace House every time I order something from their site?

I'm so excited about being back in our community! I will be back by the first week or so in January. Give me a call if you have a need for a program for your civic or church group. I can tailor it to the time you have available. I can bring a power point and handouts....whatever you'd like to have. We really need to get the word out to everyone about what we're offering.

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I'm very excited about our upcoming “*Vision Day*” the Board of Trustees is having in January. We will be fleshing out some of the ideas and plans that we have been discussing in committee. If you have any thoughts or ideas of your own that you would like to share with us, talk to one of our board members and they will pass it along.

The “rubber is getting ready to hit the road” folks!



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

The nature of the fundraising process for Solace House of the Ozarks has broadened in a wonderful variety of ways these last few months and creativity is providing many opportunities to increase the treasury of Solace. Our September “Evening at the Emerson” was a very successful event that included fabulous food and an active auction of generously donated items which garnered \$10,061. The Emerson is such a beautiful venue and we thank Michael Clark for his hospitality in making us welcome!

Several of the Trustees have gone online with Facebook postings asking for donations to Solace in honor of a birthday or special event. This has been a great addition to our menu of fundraising ideas as well as an auction of handmade wreaths that was managed online at the beginning of the fall season.

Solace was gifted with a vacant lot that has now been sold and a generous addition has been added to our treasury....\$15,000! We also were given a variety of merchandise that sold on a fall rummage sale which netted Solace \$250. We ask our supporters to remember Solace as they have items of value, whether it be land, a vehicle or our most-wanted gift, a home to begin serving our clients!

One supporter has indicated that she would like to host an event for friends in order to highlight Solace as she feels Solace is critically needed in the Joplin area. You may contact me at lanadnelson@hotmail.com or call me at (417)437-3746 to share your idea

for an event within your “sphere-of-influence” and I will do everything I can to assist you in making it happen! A Mardi Gras meal, St. Patrick’s Day gathering, Mother’s Day tea, Oriental Cherry Blossom luncheon, the possibilities are as varied as the individuals who choose to host on behalf of Solace. We can provide a speaker or just offer materials that inform and promote our cause. Thank you for considering his idea!

Lastly, the most exciting event that is in the future for Solace is “SOUNDS OF SOLACE”, an event that will feature art and music together. An ambassador for Solace has offered his rare collection of religious art, many pieces hundreds of years old, to be displayed locally for the benefit of Solace. We plan to make this event public in the next newsletter with more details of the location, music participants and examples of some of the framed art that will be displayed

Lana Nelson, Fundraising Chair

Solace House of the Ozarks is open to all hospice companies in the region, all hospitals, all churches and Chaplains. We do not choose any one over the other. Those choices are made by the guests and their families. We appreciate everyone’s participation as we strive to come together to do the Lord’s work in our community.

Solace House of the Ozarks Gives Back

By Sandy Hughes

About half of all Americans live with at least one chronic illness and would benefit from ongoing palliative care to enhance their quality of life and that number is projected to increase by more than 1% per year by 2030. A palliative care nurse has often been referred to as an “angel on earth”. These amazing care givers focus on patient comfort rather than recovery when getting better is no longer an option. When you think of a palliative care nurse remember these words: COURAGE, HOPE, LOVE. Their goal is to optimize your loved ones’ quality of life because every moment matters. They coordinate compassionate care for pain and symptoms while offering emotional and spiritual support.

On October 15, Solace House of the Ozarks wanted to honor Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Day by recognizing these special “angels” of our community. So Sandy Hughes and Leisa Matthews, Board of Trustee members, delivered lunch treats and other specialty items to five hospice offices in Joplin.



HOSPICE DAY OBSERVANCE

Solace House of the Ozarks, based in Joplin, recently marked Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Day with a delivery of specialty items and lunch treats to five hospice offices in Joplin. Lori Kingry, office receptionist for Cox Medical Home Care, shows off a shirt that was included in the delivery at her location.

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SHOTO would like to say a word of “Thanks!” to Thrivent for helping with the cost of these deliveries.

“The Solace House Project”

A unique way to look at our progress!

Recently, Lana Nelson shared with me her thoughts on the progress with our plans. She used the analogy of a construction project as she explained. I loved it and wanted to share it with you.

Solace House of the Ozarks is “UNDER CONSTRUCTION” and the Fundraising Committee is one of the main “SUB-CONTRACTORS”! Yes, you may think that’s an odd way to view SHOTO, the social model end-of-life care home, but my point is that Solace is still in the “BLUEPRINT” stage.



We have a treasury that would allow us to sign a lease on a rental home in order to “OPEN THE DOORS” to our first guests. If a generous donor were to gift a home to Solace, we could renovate and receive our first guests within weeks.



We have **NOT** been forced to “YIELD” to “ROADBLOCKS” or ‘SLOW DOWN’ because of non-support.

THANK YOU!



After 4 successful fundraisers, Solace is moving “FULL STEAM AHEAD” to achieve our dream!

We see no “DETOURS” in our future and as we look to the Missouri State Legislature to grant us “RIGHT OF WAY”, a bill that will pass creating the social model end-of-life home envisioned by our founder, Susan Lincoln.



Another “SUB-CONTRACTOR”, Omega Home Network, is a nationally recognized entity which provides guidelines and blueprints for members across America. Our vision will become a reality in 2020! Watch for news of our “BUILDING PERMIT”.



Thank you, Lana!

Board of Trustees

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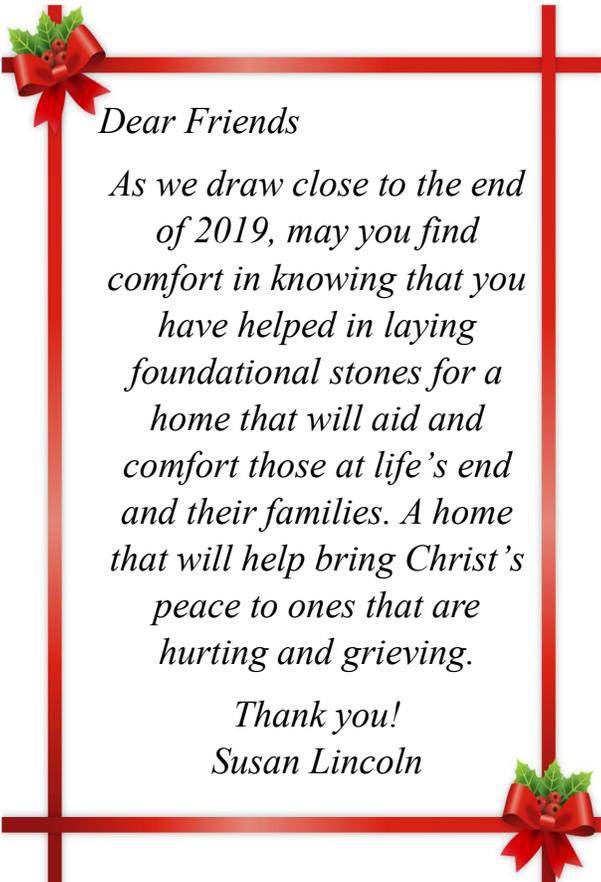
Lynne Duffield, BSN, RN, CPN

Susan Lincoln, BME

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.



Dear Friends

As we draw close to the end of 2019, may you find comfort in knowing that you have helped in laying foundational stones for a home that will aid and comfort those at life's end and their families. A home that will help bring Christ's peace to ones that are hurting and grieving.

*Thank you!
Susan Lincoln*

Volunteer Opportunities at the Home

As we are nearing the opening of our home, we are developing the lists of folks who are willing to help in one or more of the special areas of need. As you look at the list, call me, Susan, if something jumps out at you as something you'd really like to do. Help in any increment of time is welcome!

And we need help 24 hours a day!

Cooking
Cleaning
Yard work
Sitting nearby to "just be there"
Praying
Hospitality
Laundry
Organizing
Decorating

Fixing things
Building things
Moving things
Secretarial help
Greeting/Answering the phone
Shopping
Any talent you have, we can use!

Volunteer Opportunities on the Board.



Did you know you can still volunteer with Solace House of the Ozarks even though our home is not opened yet? It is a big task to lay the groundwork prior to opening a home. We are seeking volunteers to join various committees and taskforce groups. This process is vital to the success of our home.

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

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.



From our Board of Trustees.....

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues."

Cicero

Many thanks to all Solace supporters thus far and may our efforts grow with trust in
"God's Work, Our Hands"

I could not be more thankful for the opportunities this community has provided to Solace House to raise funds towards our mission. We are grateful every day and look forward to fulfilling our mission in the coming year.

Thank you very much for all your gifts to Solace House of the Ozarks this past year. Your generosity has put us in a position of serving our first guests soon. May God richly bless your kind and giving hearts!

"It's a great honor to be apart of such a wonderful organization as Solace House, especially in these early stages. I am beyond thankful for the people who see the need, believe in the vision and have supported us thus far. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

Dr. Amanda Harrell




GOOD EATS
FOR A **GOOD CAUSE**

10% OF YOUR TICKET WILL
BE DONATED TO


SOLACE HOUSE OF THE OZARKS
WHEN YOU PRESENT THIS FLYER WHILE ORDERING.



SOLACE HOUSE OF THE OZARKS
GIVE BACK EVENT
TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2019
FROM 11:00 am TO 9:30 pm

CHILI'S CHILI'S - 1430 S RANGELINE ROAD, JOPLIN, MO 64801
417 621 0148

Mention or show the Give Back Event Flyer with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount with flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.

Take a look at the above flyer and notice that if you go to Chili's on December 3 and take a picture of this flyer to show them, they will donate a percentage of your meal to Solace House! Plan a date on January 18 to Texas RoadHouse and the another gift will be given!

Thank you, Chili's and Texas Roadhouse for your generosity!

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.

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Margie K Myers—Treasurer

Local Bank Account \$20,800

\$17,610.98 invested with Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Facebook donations -\$3,797.

Amazon Smile \$7.59

\$5,000 of the above funds has been received as memorial donations. Thank you!

\$10,000 in our endowment fund.

\$31,040.50 was raised during our four fundraisers.

Contact info and ways to donate:

*solacehouseoftheozarks@gmail.com

You can donate with Pay Pal on this site

*417-208-9262 (Google Voice—leave a message)

*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!

