



*Solace House*  
OF THE OZARKS

## Word from our Chairman

*Leisa Matthews*

Dear Solace House Supporters,

I am SO excited and pleased to announce that our dream has become a reality and we will OPEN our end-of-life home SOON! We couldn't have done it without you!

You have made it possible! We have leased a house located at 2425 S. Mina Ave. in Joplin and are now transforming it into a home for our guests and their families. Our goal is to open March 1. Many of you have already purchased items on our "housewarming" registry found on our Facebook page. Thank you so much.

Many have signed up to volunteer...but there's still more folks needed. You'll see more about the Volunteer Orientation in the pages of this newsletter.

There's one more thing that would really help. Would you consider making a monthly pledge ...actually be a "Sustainer"? Your gifts will bring comfort to so many. Thank you!

On behalf of our Board of Trustees....THANK YOU!

Leisa Matthews

Chairman, Board of Trustees, Solace House of the Ozarks

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Volunteer Opportunities

## Education Committee News

Sandy Hughes, our Board of Trustees Secretary, recently spoke to a widow's group in Neosho about the mission of Solace House of the Ozarks.



Susan Lincoln also continues to speak around the community. We welcome opportunities to talk about SHOTO! (more pics p. 4)

## Volunteer Orientation— *Susan Lincoln*

*Our first Volunteer Orientation will be held on February 18 at the Board of Realtor's Community Room at 712 S. Florida, Joplin from 6-8 PM. If you think you'd like to participate with us as a volunteer in some capacity, come for this informative evening. We will be answering your questions and begin our work on scheduling. Light refreshments will be served.*

### Thank You, Carla!

We're sending out a big "thank you" hug to Carla Scott for donating her decorator time and expertise to help us get everything ready for our pilot home on 2425 S. Mina! Carla has been the interior decorator for numerous projects in the area,

most recently she has served as stager for Schuber Mitchell Homes. She has been a joy to work with and has put in a lot of time and leg work to get everything perfect! And is it every coming together beautifully! Can't wait for you to see it!

Thank you, Carla!

## You Are Not Alone

Danny Mullins, Chaplain, Board of Trustees

In more than 16 years of hospice chaplaincy, I have seen almost every kind of loss related to terminal illness. I've been present at the death of extremely wealthy people and I have seen people of extreme poverty pass away in squalor. I have been witness to the last breaths of toddlers and centenarians, humble heroes and proud warriors, innovators and artists, moms and dads, brothers and sisters and even some of my own friends and family. My colleagues and I have provided care to those who are loved by many and to those whose funerals I will officiate in a nearly empty funeral parlor.

I am comforted in these moments of terrible loss by this simple truth...God

was present with each and every one of them and He is present now. You are not alone! He reminds us in scripture, "I will never leave you or forsake you". In Romans 8, Paul reminds us that "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." This is a promise that I cling to. At Solace House we are committed to providing a safe and comfortable place for those who are on the final journey, where one can feel the love and comfort of home and with dignity and peace of mind. We are blessed to be a part of the Four State Community and thank you for partnering with us either financially or with your volunteer time and effort.

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

***“Sights and Sounds of Solace”***

***Saturday, March 28, 1 PM!***

This event is a one-of-a-kind afternoon consisting of two parts. At 1 PM a concert of wonderful music, all centered around the Easter season will be presented to you by performers from across the region. Some of the performers are, Murray Hollis from the Vintage Gospel Lads, The Q, Peter Frost playing Bach on the magnificent pipe organ in the sanctuary, Glenda Austin and Gloria Sandborn playing a piano and organ duet, .....Following the concert, beginning at about 2:30 a magnificent art collection will be viewed for the first time in its entirety The antique manuscript and art print collection of Tal Crim will be on display . The oldest manuscript, dating from the time of Joan of Arc, 1420-1430, is an original leaf from the medieval

“Book of Hours”, hand-scripted on animal vellum. These personal prayer books, created by the finest craftsmen are not only works of art but cultural documents of their time.

Tal’s full collection of framed prints including “Genesis”, 7 Days of Creation”, “The Life of Jesus Christ”, “The Miracles of Jesus” and “The Life of Moses” will depict various parts of the Bible, this extensive collection has never ben on display for public viewing. Tal invites you to share his passion and his faith for the benefit of Solace House of the Ozarks.

Saturday, March 28. This event will be held at the First United Methodist Church on 4th and Byers in Joplin, MO. Tickets \$25 each. Students with current ID \$10. Check out our Facebook page to see all the places tickets are sold and the variety of ways you can buy them. Thank you!

***Our hearts are overwhelmed***

with gratitude for all those who have donated to make the opening of Solace House of the Ozarks possible. There’s a risk when we start trying to list everyone to be sure because there are so many generous folks...so many.....and we do not want to forget anyone.

But having said that...I just have to thank Tony Picket from Metro Appliances for donating the washer and dryer for SHOTO. Thank you, Pat Lincoln for buying a couch and matching chair for one of our living areas. Thank you, Thrivent for all the times your company has given grants to us for all our various projects.

Such generosity is amazing.

Others who have participated in our housewarming through Target and Amazon to date: Kelley Wheeler, Jillian Leiva, Jennifer Shobe, Judy Owens, Juah Johnson, Karen McGlammery. These are the ones whose gifts I have personally “handled”. There are many others who have sent checks that I am unaware of at the time of this writing.

This community is so kind and generous and your gifts are making our “home away from home” for our guests a reality. **Thank you!**



***Thank you,  
Texas Roadhouse!!***

for allowing us to have a bake sale  
AND to have a portion of Solace  
House supporters' meals  
contributed to our Mission!

## Announcement!

Solace House of the Ozarks  
is now a member of the  
Joplin Chamber of  
Commerce!



Solace House makes a presentation  
to the Widow to Widow group in  
Neosho. The ladies took up a love  
offering for our grand opening!

***Thank you, ladies!***

# SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF SOLACE

## WHEN

**March 28, 2020**  
**Concert: 1-2 pm**  
**Art Show**  
**Following**

## WHERE

**First United  
Methodist  
Church**  
**4th and Byers,  
Joplin, MO**

## TICKETS

**General: \$25**  
**Student: \$10**  
*(with valid Student ID)*

## WHERE TO BUY:

### *In person at:*

**Webb City Sentinel 8 S Main St., Webb City, MO**  
**Avalon Hospice 2024 S Maiden Ln, #202, Joplin**  
**Metro Appliance 5571 N Main St, Joplin, MO**

### *Mail your payment to:*

**Solace House, PO Box 4497, Joplin, MO 64803**

### *Or online at:*

**[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SOLACEHOUSEOFTHEOZARKS](https://www.facebook.com/solacehouseoftheozarks)**  
**[HTTPS://WWW.SOLACEHOUSEOFTHEOZARKS.COM/](https://www.solacehouseoftheozarks.com/)**

## GLORIOUS EASTER MUSIC PERFORMED BY LOCAL

**MUSICIANS** (ORGAN,  
PIANO, VOCAL AND DRAMA)

**Murray Hollis**  
**Peter Frost**  
**Phil Mehrens**  
**Glenda Austin**  
**Gloria Sandborn**  
**The Q**

## SACRED ART COLLECTION

**Antique manuscript and  
art print collection of Tal  
Crim will be on display in  
its entirety for the first  
time. Including a manu-  
script dating from 1420  
(from the Book of Hours)**

**THE ENTIRE MUSICAL  
PERFORMANCE WILL BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGN  
LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**

## Board of Trustees

**Chairman—Leisa Matthews**

**Vice Chairman—Amanda Bearden**

**Secretary—Sandy Hughes**

**Treasurer—Margie Myers, HCC**

### **Members Alphabetically**

Dr. Chris Black, MD

Cortnee Eaton, SHCC

Dr. Amanda Harrell

Susan Lincoln, BME

Danny Mullins, BBL, BCE

Lana Nelson, GRI

Philip Mitchell

Kelley Wheeler, MPS

### ***Advisors Alphabetically***

*Chuck Brown, JD*

*Lane Clevenger, CFP*

*Brandon C. Davis, CPA*

*Lynne Duffield, BSN, RN, CPN*

*Dr. Adam Fahrenholtz*

*Megan Spiering, BSN, RN, CHPN*

*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 maintain 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.*

**Things we're working on:**

**Phone and fax number and equipment for the home.**

**Front door security and entry system.**

**Lock boxes for guests in their rooms.**

**Lockers for Volunteers as they minister.**

## 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! 417-827-3555  
And we need help 24 hours a

day!  
Cooking  
Cleaning  
Yard work  
Sitting nearby to "just be there"  
Praying  
Hospitality  
Laundry

Organizing  
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.

### *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.

### Virtual Open House

When all of our furniture and décor gets set up in the home, we will make available to you a Virtual Open House so that you can see the home without having to get in your car! We have decided to do this so that the guests and their families are not disturbed and so that the neighborhood is not overrun with people and cars all at once.

### **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.



### **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!