

**From the Executive Director, Ben Holt**

2009 was a wild ride for Hosanna Community.

The flooding of Faith house was a surprise! It happened so fast; we barely had time to get the residents out of the house. In true community fashion, the residents literally worked together. We had insurance which covered less than a third of the costs. Hosanna was blessed to have so many people and organizations come forward to help with drying and restoration, gifts of clothing, toilet articles, and of course money to help with some of the expenses.

Donations for nonprofits have fallen off significantly as a result of the economy, but many Hosanna donors have been very supportive during these trying times and helped us refrain from drawing heavily on reserves. Thanks to all of you.

Several of our residents moved out to live in more independent environments, which is always a major victory for them and for us. However, this does leave us with rooms open. It is always sad to think that there might be someone somewhere who needs a place like ours to live, but doesn't know we have an opening. You will read in another section about the board retreat. It was so encouraging for me to see the exciting new plans that the board has put together for this ministry over the next three years.

Finally, late in 2009, my wife, Ann, and I announced our retirement from Hosanna Community effective May 30<sup>th</sup>. As many of you know, my son Rob had a traumatic brain injury while serving in the Marine Corps. His miraculous recovery left us not only thankful, but looking for a way to serve this community. Six years ago, Hosanna came along at just the right time. It has been such a rewarding experience working with the Hosanna Residents, but also the Hosanna board, parents, service providers, volunteers and all the other people who support this ministry. It has been one of the best periods of our lives and we will be back as volunteers. Thank you.

Ben & Ann Holt



**RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT**



A life-long resident of Chattanooga, Joy Haskett is the most recent addition to Hosanna Community. Joining us in January, Joy feels quite at home already and is glad for the company of others, whether working, sharing a meal or socializing.

She enjoys attending Red Bank UMC, working out at the YMCA, bowling, and knitting. She is already hard at work on next year's Christmas presents!



**Resident's Corner**

**Outings**

The residents had many outings during 2009. Here are just two:

The residents spent a fun evening at the Warehouse on Dayton Blvd. owned by Bax & Velvet Walker. After a wonderful meal everyone had a great time taking advantage of the fabulous Karaoke facilities. This outing was compliments of Mr. and Mrs. B. H Yerby.

During warm weather the residents attended a Chattanooga Area Brain Injury Association boat trip and lunch on the Southern Belle. The scenery, food and fellowship made for a wonderful outing.

**New Jobs**

In our on-going effort to help the residents live more independently, we encourage them to seek employment. We are proud to report the following updates: Mark Voit is with D-1 Sports, Carolyn Raborn is working and volunteering at Siskin Rehabilitation Hospital, and Jake Fuller is now working at Long Horn Restaurant

## Thank you to these special volunteers:

- Margaret Hubbuch who faithfully spends time with the residents each Tuesday.
- Notre Dame High School students who come to help out each week.
- Stuart Heights Baptist Church for providing a meal each month.
- Siskin Hospital employees for providing a meal each month.
- To the churches that conduct paper drives for Hosanna, a partial list of which includes Rivermont Presbyterian and St. Paul's, St. Thaddeus, St. Francis, St. Alban's and St. Martin's Episcopal Churches.
- To the churches that provide transportation enabling our residents to attend services: Stuart Heights Baptist Church, Rivermont Presbyterian, and St. Peter's Episcopal.

### **EAT AT MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL**

On Thursdays in May, June, and July, from 5:00 until closing, Moe's Southwest Grill on Highway 153 is partnering in a fundraiser with Hosanna. Bring in the coupon on the back of this newsletter (or go on-line at [www.hosannacommunity.org](http://www.hosannacommunity.org) for more) and Moe's will donate 15% of your bill to Hosanna!

## What we need now

- **Paper & cleaning products drives**—We are continually replenishing our supply of toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, dishwashing detergent/liquid, window cleaner, all purpose cleaners, and disinfectant cleaners. Organizing a collection at your church or place of business is a great way for you to support us, as we use lots of these items and the products are not brand or time sensitive.
- **Painters**—We have several places that need a touch up.
- **Room renovation**—We have had to tear the wall board and carpet out of our exercise room and need to refurbish it. We will need help with materials and labor.
- **Vacuum Cleaners**—We need one upright and one canister with attachments.
- **Handicapped equipped van**
- **Jigsaw Puzzles, 1000 pieces and up**—There is always a jigsaw puzzle under construction here at Hosanna. Several of our residents (and sometimes staffers!) really enjoy putting them together. If you've got a puzzle you've already done or have given up on, consider donating it to Hosanna!

## BOARD UPDATES

At the annual board meeting in March, the Board of Directors elected the following to the executive committee:

*Amy Thomas: President*  
*Jennifer Kent: 1st Vice President*  
*Janice Cruden: 2nd Vice President*  
*Beth Williams: Secretary*  
*Dennis Blanton: Treasurer*  
*Hunter Huckabay:*  
*Imm. Past President*

We welcome Gail Chapman as our newest board member.

## BOARD RETREAT AND LONG RANGE PLAN

Hosanna Board members attended a retreat facilitated by the Center for Nonprofits in the latter part of 2009. They made an extensive review of Hosanna's current situation and then developed a three year plan to carry the ministry through 2012. Everyone is very excited, and hopes you will begin to see some changes soon

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

The board search committee, chaired by the Rev. Hunter Huckabay, is actively seeking a new Executive Director.

## NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

We are very pleased to announce that Katie Walters has joined Hosanna Community as Assistant to the Executive Director. In this position, she will handle bookkeeping, administrative responsibilities and serve as the volunteer coordinator. Next time you come by to visit Hosanna, be sure to stop by and say "hi" to Katie.

*Hosanna Community is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization which relies on the support of foundations, churches, businesses, and individuals to fulfill its mission. We, the staff and board, regard ourselves as accountable not only to you but also to God for stewardship of the funds you entrust to us. All contributions are tax deductible.*

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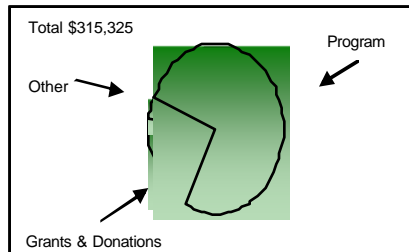
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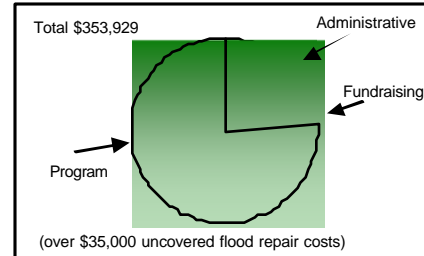
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As mentioned in another article, our income was down in 2009 and we had flood expenses to cover. Fortunately, due to aggressive expense controls and many generous donors in the three previous years, we were able to put money into reserves to cover just such a year.

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