Share with God’s people who are in need; practice hospitality. Romans 12:13


On December 18th the Angels of Destiny blessed Hospitality Apts with gift bags and an assortment of goodies for every apartment. The best gifts though were the Christmas carols they led, while the residents present joined in. This really put everyone in a festive mood and it was so nice to see the Community Room being used again. We hope our supporting churches will be able to host dinners for our guests before long!

Thank you letter from a guest

I am a 7-year breast cancer survivor. I was a guest at your apartments in early 2015 when I was receiving treatment at MD Anderson. Your apartments were such a blessing to us. My family and I wanted to raise money for breast cancer awareness month, so we decided to have a bake sale. We made 13 cakes and 96 cupcakes in one weekend. We wanted to give back to some organization that helped us along the way. Please accept this donation on behalf of the Austin family from Florence, AL. Thanks for all you do!
Haley Plank

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. (Revelation 21:5)

Handyman needed!

Our landscaping work included a few decorative “permanent” flowers like the one above. Unfortunately its stem has snapped! If you have ideas about how to fix it, please contact us at hospitalityapartments@yahoo.com
Our Guests

In December and January we hosted 72 guests in our apartments.

They were patients at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (63), Memorial Hermann (1), and Methodist (8) hospitals.

They came from Texas (Alamo, Alton (2), Amarillo, Boerne, Briarcliff, Brownsville, Bryan, Caldwell, Cedar Park, Corpus Christi (3), Donna, El Paso (3), Galveston, Haltom, Harlingen, Horizon City, Kerrville, Leander, Lufkin, Madisonville, McAllen (2), Mission (4), Plano, Refugio, Rockport, San Angelo, and San Antonio), Alabama (Grand Bay and Mobile), Arkansas (Hot Springs Village (2) and Searcy (2)), Arizona (Kingman), Florida (Destin), Georgia (Johns Creek and Valdosta), Illinois (Round Lake), Indiana (Fishers), Louisiana (Anacoco, Delhi, Metairie, Montgomery, New Orleans, Olla, and Opelousas), Maryland (Upper Marlboro), Mississippi (Brandon, Ocean Springs, and Starkville), New Mexico (Las Cruces), Nevada (Las Vegas), Oklahoma (Cushing, Edmond, Lawton, and Oklahoma City (2)), South Dakota (Sioux Falls), Tennessee (Memphis and Nashville), and Vietnam.

Our deepest sympathies to the families of Janet Frame, a former office volunteer, and Douglas Hunter, a guest who died in January.

December-January Donations

In memory of
Franklin and Edythe Baker
Dillon Beebe
Charles Burgess
Jason Paul Carter
Don Childress
Jerry Davis
John Defibaugh
Eugene Floyd Sr.
Edwin Hightower
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Marion Jones
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Troy Thomas
James Whitehead
Joe Worley

In honor of
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January-February Volunteer Birthdays

Jeanne Whitehead 11/12
Ann Gearhart 11/19
Marcie Evans 11/20
Ann Mitchell 11/23
Barbara Rice 11/29
Vicki Copeland 2/3
Helen Wolf 2/12
Donna Hahus 2/20
The following donors made cash donations to Hospitality Apartments during 2021. Many others made in-kind donations. Thanks to all donors and volunteers who help make this ministry possible.

**Churches**
- Bering Drive Church of Christ
- Bethany Christian Church
- Christ the King Lutheran Church
- Covenant Church
- Grace Presbyterian Church
- St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church
- St. Mark’s Episcopal Church & Women of St. Mark’s
- St. Martin’s Episcopal Church
- Tallowood Baptist Church

**Companies & Groups**
- AmazonSmile
- Benevity Community Impact Fund
- CWA Retirement Club Local 6222
- Durst Image Technology US
- Fred’s Famous Peanuts
- Frontstream
- Marathon Oil
- Network for Good
- Nichols Farms (Irma & Pat Nichols)
- Reynolds & Reynolds
- Riverside Energy

**Foundations**
- Austin Community Foundation
- Eula Mae & John Baugh Foundation
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, Wolf Family Gift Fund
- Greater Houston Community Foundation, Carol Ann & Bob Paddock Fund
- Greater Houston Community Foundation, T.V. Rushing Family Fund
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- W.T. & Louise J. Moran Foundation
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- Shell Oil Co. Foundation
- Matching Gifts
- Wayland’s Way
- Windham Foundation

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- Patricia Burgess
- Johnnie Busick
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- Jeffery Cunningham
- Shelton Cunningham
- Judy Davis
- Pamela & Roger Davis
- Selida Dawkins
- Mary Ann Defibaugh
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- Peggy Flint
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- Sandra & Steve Floyd
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- Carol & George Ford
- Rocky Forshey
- Marcella Franzetti
- Linda Freeman
- Shirley Garner
- Ann Gearhart
- Joyce Gomez
- Glenn Griffin
- Dana & Max Grigsby
Every effort has been made to ensure that the list is accurate. We apologize if there is an error in your name.
Hospitality Apartment Statistics for 2021

53 years of housing ministry
9,157 out-of-town medical patients and their caregivers.
9000th guest moved in April 2021
More than 500,000 (half a million!) days that guests have occupied apartments
226 new guests checked in (254 total guests in 2021, including those who arrived in 2020 and left in 2021) (some guests granted an extension of length of stay due to COVID 19)
55 days average length of stay over 53 years
12 guests died in Houston (unfortunately others died after returning home, but HA doesn’t always get that information)
1006 applications taken by office volunteers
230 welcome bags assembled for new guests
27 states represented:  AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, MS, NC, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, WI
3 foreign countries represented:  Brazil, Kuwait, *Russia
7 hospitals represented:  *Alan Neuro Medical, Baylor St. Luke’s, *Children’s Memorial Hermann, M.D. Anderson, Memorial Hermann, Methodist, and Texas Children’s

3 new office volunteers
28 active office volunteers
4 maintenance volunteers
10 volunteer resident managers
1 holiday event – Christmas caroling
4 deliveries of gifts for guests: Valentines, toiletries, jigsaw puzzles, Christmas gift bags

8 new washers
194 new window blinds installed
4 new patio umbrellas donated by a guest
1 new BBQ donated by a guest
342 new plants, 30 cubic yards of mulch, too many rocks to count, in the courtyard re-do project

Many hand-made items donated by friends of Hospitality Apartments: afghans, lap quilts, winter hats
~340 monetary donations from individuals, churches, foundations, companies to Hospitality Apartments totaling ~$370,000 Thank you!!

* new in 2021