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Shout Out

Resident Assistance

Although we have a lawn service which performs routine mowing and trimming, our extensive campus often needs additional TLC.

Last month, Lala Rakotomalala weedwhacked the underbrush throughout our campus. Kudos!

Maintenance and Repairs Updates

Just like your own homes, we have ongoing needs:

- Fix toilet in 2E
- Fix dryers in 207 and 211
- Purchase commercial -grade dehumidifier for 207 basement
- Clean vents in all nine residences
- Fix dishwasher in 211



HAVEN HAPPENINGS

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Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer

Mission Haven Newsletter When God's People Are In Need, Be Ready To Help Them. Always Be Eager To Practice Hospitality. – ROMANS 12:13

Annual Meeting Nominees

This year's annual meeting will again be virtual. Board members are required — and PW presbytery moderators are encouraged — to attend on Wednesday, October 27th. Look for details in your inbox in the coming weeks.

In addition to reviewing annual reports and attending to business, we will elect and install two leaders:

Judy Grieve has graciously accepted the nomination to be our Vice President this year and our President next year.

Ellen Mayes has been nominated to a second term as our secretary/historian.





Behind the Scenes Preparing our Residences

What happens after one missionary family leaves Mission Haven for their assignment abroad and before another family arrives to live here?

Even though our residents are asked to clean the house/apartment before departure, a deep clean is very difficult as they are so busy packing and planning under time constraints. After departure, many other details must be addressed by our local volunteers. Just to name a few, linens and kitchen items need to be inventoried and returned to their original locations. Supplies and missing items need to be replenished. Often, we need to re-arrange furniture and re-paint or touch-up walls. Broken items need to be repaired. Sometimes the incoming family requests different bedroom configurations, so beds/dressers need to be taken into/out of storage and moved out of/into the residence. A final cleaning - and sanitizing during Covid - is also a necessity to refresh the residence.

What happens when two -- or three -- families are moving within the space of a week and multiple residences need to be prepared?

That's when our dedicated volunteers go into overdrive, as happened this month. It is truly a labor of love, one that requires energy, experience, and a positive attitude. Please continue to pray for our volunteers, and ... if you live in the greater Atlanta area, consider whether you feel called to assist with these transitions. We can definitely use more volunteers to make our homes and apartments "PW worthy"!

Board Spotlight Meet our incoming president, Martha Ann Hogrefe

Among Martha Ann's goals are to increase awareness of Mission Haven among our PW sisters and to encourage additional financial support from our supporting churches! She has many other ideas, so stay tuned!

As a past state representative, Martha Ann recruited women to issue a fundraising challenge for the PW in her presbytery. With a focused goal to renovate the bathroom in "their" adopted residence, the Presbytery of Mississippi successfully raised over \$10,000. Martha Ann is a true believer in telling our story and identifying specific projects when making donation requests.

Martha Ann has children and grandchildren who live in the greater Atlanta area, so a trip to Mission Haven is not exactly a hardship for her and her husband!





Shine a Light Arise, shine, for your light has come! -Isaiah 60:1 Click here for a poster.

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