

Advent House ANNUAL REPORT 2024- 2025

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Molly Shanto – RN Director
Brenda Ferraro – RN Director
Amy Hiller – Business Manager
Alison Brumm– Director of Fundraising
Susan Pauly- Volunteer Coordinator

Three years as directors now and we could not be more pleased to help lead the way for the continuance and growth of Advent House. We have a team of dedicated, heartfelt people who either behind the scenes or right up front keep our house of angels ever present to continue our mission for being that alternate place where their loved one can be cared for at the end of their life on earth. We have cared for 31 residents in 2024, more than last year.

Although we lose residents that we have grown to care for, the love we get to observe and experience within families is everlasting and motivates us to be present for others as well. Please look within your own heart and consider this rewarding volunteer opportunity for yourself. Mention to family and friends the existence of our “home” and let us continue to prosper!

Advent House is an outreach ministry of Perinton Ecumenical Ministries Inc. a corporation of thirteen churches in Perinton. We are a non-profit comfort care home that provides an alternative living arrangement for the dying when they can no longer be cared for in

their own homes. Loving care and support is not only provided to them, but to their families and friends as well. We also provide bereavement services to the families of our residents for at least thirteen months following the death of their loved one.

There are no fees to our residents and we receive no insurance reimbursement of any kind. While volunteers are indeed **“the Heart of the Home”**, we could not function without the support of our community through donations of materials, finances, time, prayers and participation in and support of our fundraisers. We continue to develop new and exciting avenues to support our home financially. Community support for these, especially our resale boutique shop “Sweet Charity”, allows us to welcome new residents and their families whenever we have the opportunity. We are dedicated to this mission of caring for the dying and hope you continue to walk with us in your support. We are always accessible to our community as a resource for information or support, and welcome your calls or visits.

We consider all of you **Angels** and we take this opportunity to thank you for your past and continuing support. Without you, we cannot function. There are no words equal to the depth of our gratitude and the gratitude of those whom we serve. Thank you for allowing us to continue this life-affirming ministry to the dying and their loved ones.

With Peace and Appreciation,
Molly Shanto, RN and Brenda Ferraro, RN - Co-Directors

2024 Benefit Golf Tournament

The 32nd annual Advent House Golf Tournament was held on Monday, September 23, 2024 at The Links at Greystone. It was a rainy day, but fun was had by all! This year’s committee consisted of: Amy Hiller, Nicole McClurg, Molly Shanto and Gian-Paul Piane.

Volunteers are integral to our success. Special thanks to Sue and Rich Towsley, Sharon Spencer, Peggy Martin, Pat Patt, Nora Green, Chris DiGiovanni, Diane Toth, Kathy Payne, Jennifer Nottell, and Susan Lucci for lending their time and talents to our fundraising efforts. Net profit was \$8342 a significant decrease from last year. Special thanks to our sponsorships:

- 📧 Tournament Sponsors (\$1,500)
 - o The Dolomite Group
- Gold Sponsors (\$1000)
 - o TLF Graphics
(<https://www.tlfgraphicsusa.com>)
 - o Previce Wealth
(<https://rmkc.ceterainvestors.com>)

- Silver Sponsors (\$650)
 - o McConville, Considine, Cooman & Morin
(<https://www.mccmlaw.com>)
 - o SEI Design Group
(<https://seidesigngroup.com>)
 - o John Kitka
 - o Amy and Curt McEntee

- Bronze Sponsors (\$150)
 - o Martin and Darceille Mucci
 - o Ronald Kendig
 - o Wilkins Insurance
(<https://www.walshduffield.com>)
 - o Maco Packaging
(<https://www.macopkg.com>)
 - o Marcy Matthes
 - o Neil Wiesner

Many thanks to Raymond Hodder, Lou Bovenzi, Kathy and Dennis Farrell, Cherie Hamed, Mary Jo and Maurice Wallace, Ken Zablony for their donations as well.

We look forward to the 2025 Golf Tournament being held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at The Links at Greystone. For more information regarding sponsorship or to participate in the tournament, please contact Alison at alison@theadventhouse.org or (585) 223-6112.

2025 Benefit Gala

Our spring benefit Gala is our largest fundraising event, held annually at Monroe Golf Club. This year we raised \$51,500 to benefit Advent House. Through the generous donors attending, and those who were not able to attend, we were able to raise \$3,500 above 2024.

The Gala Committee is the heart and soul of this event. Special thanks to **Mary Jo Coniglio, Karen Zachman, Pam Gambrill** for their hard work and dedication to making this event such a success!

Don Alhart and **Joe Lomonaco** served as our Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer, respectively. **Fioravanti Florist, Dolce Cupcakery** and **Chef Frank Mirabile** at **Monroe Golf Club** worked with us to provide an elegant evening!

This year we had dedicated and supportive sponsors:

- Platinum Sponsors (\$1,750)
 - **McConville, Considine, Cooman, & Morin** (<https://www.mccmlaw.com>)
 - **Jennings, Nulton & Mattle Funeral Home** (<https://jenningsnultonmattlefh.com>)
 - **MMB & Co Accounting** (<https://www.mmbaccounting.com>)
- Wine Pull Sponsor (\$1,000)
 - **The Sime Messerino Group at Morgan Stanley**
(<https://advisor.morganstanley.com/the-sime-messerino-group>)
- Table Scape Sponsor (\$750)
 - **Richard H. Keenan Funeral Homes**
 - (<https://keenanfuneralhomes.com>)
- Dessert Sponsors (\$500)
 - **Billitier Electric** (<https://billitierelectric.com/>)

A special thanks to: **Patty Curley, Christine DiGiovanni, Art Roberts, Terrill Smith, Raymond Wager** for their generous support of the 29th Annual Gala.

Sweet Charity Retail Shop

Our resale boutique, Sweet Charity, is our largest source of revenue, providing Advent House with a steady stream of year-round income. Since its inception in 2018, Sweet Charity has generated over \$1.5 million dollars in sales. Located at 650 Whitney Road (Fairport, NY), Sweet Charity is open 10am-4pm Tuesday through Saturday and staffed largely by volunteers.

- [Sweet Charity](#)
- [Sweet Charity Facebook](#)
- [Sweet Charity Instagram](#)

Sweet Charity's success is due in large part to the generosity of the greater Rochester community. A volunteer Moving Crew enables the shop to offer a pick-up and delivery service, and donations to support Advent House come from all over the region. Donation Guidelines can be found here.

[Here](#)

Sweet Charity is actively looking for volunteers to help in our backroom, and with furniture pick-up and delivery. Please consider and share this opportunity with those you know who may be interested!

2024 Pickleball Tournament

The Advent House Pickleball Tournament was held at Dinker's on Feb 1, 2025. In this inaugural event, we had a successful turnout with 46 players. The tournament raised \$2,242.32 for Advent House. A fun time was had by all and we are looking forward to our second Pickleball Tournament, keep an eye out for the event in Spring/Summer 2026. Thank you to all of our generous community support at this year's Pickleball tournament. Our Sponsors included: Lombardi's Gourmet Foods, RV&E Bike Shop, Bell Racquet Sports, Burd Physical Therapy, Previs Wealth, Sue & Richard Towsley

How Can You Help?

Advent House is an outreach ministry supported by Perinton Ecumenical Ministries, local churches, and the wider community. Our work is made possible through grants, United Way Donor Option, special events, memorial gifts, and individual donations.

You can provide financial support by making a pledge to enable the services of Advent House to continue. This gift can be made by check or via automatic transfer direct from your bank. All donations are tax deductible. If you are over 70 ½ and have an IRA from which you must take yearly required minimum distributions (RMD's), you may be able to make a qualified donation (QCD) from that IRA directly to Advent House and save on your income taxes. If this type of donation is an interest to you, please discuss further with your tax advisor.

Check out our Facebook page! Sharing our posts is a great way to help us spread the word about Advent House and recruit new volunteers! <https://www.facebook.com/AdventHouseFpt/>

United Way Donor Choice Option

Advent House is a designated Donor Choice Option. We thank those of you who have Designated us to receive funds through this Choice and would encourage you to invite friends and family to consider doing the same. We are not a United Way agency and therefore We do not receive any funding from them. Please note that Advent House is listed as: **Perinton Ecumenical Ministries dba Advent House**. Our donor option number is 1800.

Stock Donation to Advent House

Advent House has set up a brokerage account and is able to accept donations of stock. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Hiller, Business Director at 585-223-6112 and she will provide you with the necessary information.

Thank you for considering this option.

**The following businesses have donated their Services to us
free or at a reduced cost:**

Hidden Valley Lawn and Landscape

415-8063

Quick-Dry Carpet Care

202-3965

Michael Boccacino ~ Heating & Cooling

454-2120

Alan Cohen ~ Fair Winds Group

Danielle Ramirez Photography

A Plus Window Cleaning

585-381-3244

Sign Impressions

585-723-0420

Schwarz Decorating

585-223-8120

We at Advent House are very grateful!

Upcoming Fundraisers

**Golf Tournament
The Links at Greystone
September 22, 2025
Shotgun Start at Noon**

Dinner Dance and Auction for 2026

TBD

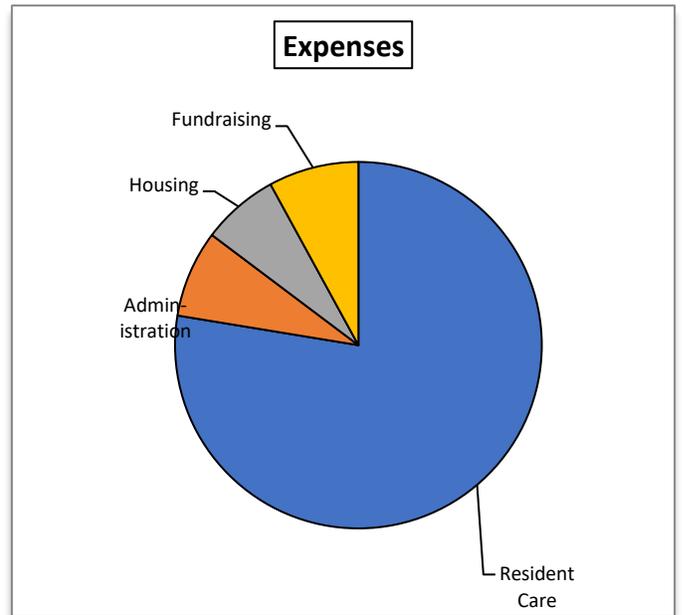
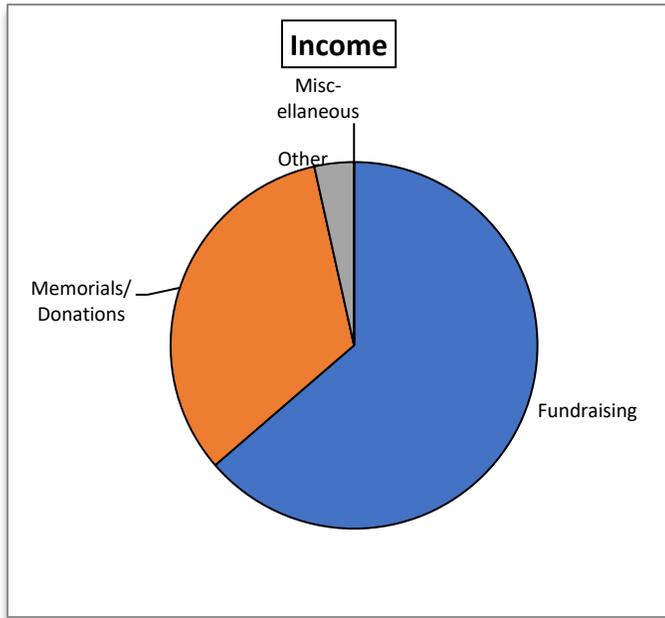
Corporate Matching Grant Programs

In 2023, a number of our volunteers took advantage of their company's Corporate Matching Grant Programs. Some companies, such as ExxonMobil, offer grants based on volunteer hours spent at Advent House. Other companies will match your donations given to Advent House. We would be so grateful if you would consider using a Matching Grant program if it is offered by your company. It is a fabulous resource and takes just a few minutes of your time to initiate the paperwork. If you have any questions regarding Matching Grant Programs and Advent House, please contact Alison Brumm, Advent House Director of Fundraising, at 223-6112 or via email Alison@theadvetnhouse.org

As always, please know how much we appreciate each and every one of our Advent House volunteers, you are just a blessing to us!

Finances

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025



	<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Fundraising	\$	262,468	Resident Care	\$ 299,899
Memorials/Donations		135,480	Administration	29,676
Other		14,359	Housing	26,193
			Fundraising	30,750
 Total Income		\$ 412,307	 Total Expenses	\$ 386,518

Remembering our Residents

2024

Gail Allen

Alan Agnello

Mary Bongiovanni

Jospeh Burnett

Mel Curren

Althea Desmond

William Dray

Phyllis Greenstine

Debbie Gurnow

Carol Harding

Sharon Higginbotham

Patricia Houlihan

Donna Iati

Olga Ilkiw

Verna Julien

Patricia Latona

Rhonda Mapes

Chuck Martello

Marian Mitchell

Yoshi Masumura

Dan Naugle

Joan Okey

Ann Parks

Norma Pagano

Alexander Perec

Diane Saunders

Jo Anne Schum

Laurie Signorelli

Eileen Steele

Ruth Stern

Connie White

A Special Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers



"In Quiet Rooms"

In quiet rooms where whispers fall,
Where time slows down to heed the call,
A hand is held, a sigh is heard,
And love speaks loud without a word.

With gentle steps and steady grace,
You meet the soul in tender space.
No need for grand or showy part—
You bring your presence, heart to heart.

You fluff the pillows, pour the tea,
You listen just to let them be.
You share a smile, a hymn, a prayer,
A silent promise: *I am here.*

No magic cures, no grand parade,
Just comfort in the beds you've made.
A sacred act, a quiet art—
To walk with someone as they part.

You hold the weight of one more day,
Then softly help them drift away.
And though you grieve when they are gone,
You light a candle, carry on.

So, here's to you, whose hearts extend,
Who show up simply, as a friend—
Hospice hands, both brave and true,
The world is softer, thanks to you.