

# PULSE

FALL 2019



*Bekki & friends*



“So, in Christ, we, though many, form one body...”

Romans 12:5



Adam

The past few months at David’s House have been busy and full of life...

With 43 individuals now calling this community home, and 25 individuals in the greater Grand Rapids community that are served through our Community Living Services, it feels like we are always on the go. Summer parties, outdoor concerts, community outings, work and volunteer opportunities, Whitecaps games, and church gatherings have made the summer months fly by.

At times I wonder how we are able to accomplish all of this?

We have an amazing and dedicated group of men and women providing care and extending God’s love to those who call David’s House Ministries home. Without this group, David’s House would not be able to exist for sure.

We are also blessed by an amazing group of volunteers who give of their time and talents to come alongside our staff and residents. This summer we had walls painted, grass planted, vans washed, rooms cleaned, water fight parties, and many games and craft sessions done with help from volunteers. You’ll see a list representing many of the churches, businesses, and schools that have partnered with us this year.

We have families who come and help plan parties (give us a good reason and we will plan a party around it!), assist with transportation, attend fundraisers and continue to share the story of David’s House and our mission.

Several weeks ago, we held our annual Walk-a-thon at Frederik Meijer Gardens. We had a group of nearly 300 people representing all these groups.... a community of believers coming together as one. It was an amazing morning on a beautiful Michigan fall day and one of my favorite events of the year.

We cannot continue this mission without all of you and thank God every day for the support we receive whether it’s financial, time, talent, or even a phone call just to let us know you are praying for us. Please know that we are thankful for you all.



Casey Kuperus  
President

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This year, we raised over \$165,000 at our Annual Heart & Sole Walk-A-Thon! This HUGE success would not have been possible without our generous participants, donors, and sponsors. We could not have done it without you.

The money raised at this event helps us to continue providing quality, Christian care to all our residents. An important part of this care is providing residents with the freedom to enjoy individualized and group activities of their choosing in settings where friendships can be cultivated and strengthened.

Thank you to all our residents and their families for all their hard work, our participants that came out and walked with us, our staff, our sponsors, and our volunteers who all helped make this such a successful and fun event!





# Feed the Gator

Recently, David's House began participating in a paper-recycling program called PaperGator. Recycle all your newspapers, catalogs/magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, and hard and softcover books and earn funds for us. No Cardboard is allowed. Drop-offs can be made anytime right here in our green PaperGator dumpster (wood enclosure across from Willow Tree). By recycling paper, not only do you save the environment and reduce waste in landfills, but David's House earns money for every pound of paper you help us collect. The PaperGator is part of our 'Go Green' initiative.

We also have a team of residents that collect cardboard and recyclables from each house. Every week they take these items to the Grand Rapids Recycling Station!



## Gifts were given in honor of:

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| Bekki L    | Joel M         |
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| Dan Rogers | Lisa Glover    |
| David D    | Mark Witteveen |
| Fred C     | Warren T       |
| Greg N     |                |



## Gifts were given in memory of:

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| Dorothy Viening  | Matthew Mast |
| Earl Steenstra   | Ron Koning   |
| Eric Robleske    | Sue Holwerda |

Warren



Crystal, David, Brach & Jeff



Melissa & Matthieu



Jimmy



# Summer Fun

Summer is always a fun and busy time here at David's House. This year it included a Whitecaps baseball game for Father's Day, many volunteer groups, summer camps, and so much more! We had volunteer groups throughout the summer doing everything from grounds upkeep to crafts. We had several water fights to help beat those hot and humid days that residents, staff, and volunteers all joined in on. And, our annual summer concert series included a surprise concert from Nashville recording artist, The Kari Lynch Band!





# Resident Spotlight

Jeff moved to David's House 25 years ago and hasn't stopped moving since. He is very involved in sports – playing basketball, softball, and dance. This year, his softball team took 2nd place! Jeff also works and volunteers during the week. He volunteers at Calvary Church two days a week and works at CareLinc Medical Equipment and Supply three days a week collecting trash, cardboard, and sweeping. When he gets back from working and volunteering, Jeff usually walks around to each house and offers to take the trash out for staff.

If Jeff isn't working, you will most likely find him taking a walk with Terry, another resident, or riding his bike. Jeff is also an artist and creator. He loves to make different crafts for David's House parties, holidays, and gifts for people. He also enjoys drawing and painting, especially pictures of animals. When asked why he works so much, Jeff replied, "I like working. I like helping people. I want to stay busy."

*"I like helping people..."*

Thank you to our community partners for giving their time and talents this year – over 600 volunteer hours have been given this year!

Adtegrity — Dirk & Lily — DISHER — Kari Lynch Band — Ada Christian Schools — Bradshaw Family — Harbor Churches Youth Week — First Baptist Fremont — East Grand Rapids Public Schools – Vanguard Fire & Security Systems — Allegro Coaching — Ada Bible Youth Group — Brookside CRC Serve Groups — Christ Church — Moline Christian School — Algoma Christian School — Airway Oxygen — Blythefield Hills Baptist Youth Group — Jamestown Baptist — David's House parents and families — Boone Jackson — Sheryl Boonstra — Lyric Avery — Doug Clark

## Upcoming Events

**December 3** is Giving Tuesday, an international day of giving. Keep an eye on your email, Facebook, and Instagram for more details on how to participate in #GivingTuesday.

Our Spring Gala will be held **March 23, 2020**, at The Goei Center.

Our next Walk-A-Thon will be **Sat. September 12, 2020** at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.



# Community Partners

# Staff Spotlight

Steve has spent a third of his life working at David's House, so we decided to sit down with him and ask about his time here!

**How long have you worked at DHM?**  
Eight and a half years! I started in March of 2011 at House 3, first as Direct Care and then as Team Captain, and was there for a year-and-a-half. Then, I moved into House 1, where I was the House Manager for five years! At the same time, I also managed House 4, which had just opened. Since 2017, I have been the House Manager for both House 4 and House 2.

**How did you first get involved with DHM?**  
A friend of mine had an uncle who was a resident here and at the time, I needed a job.

**Why have you stayed at David's House?**  
When I first started here, David's House was just starting to really grow. House 3 had just been built, and with that came a lot of changes, and the ministry has done a great job getting better and improving with the growth. I also feel like I am doing meaningful, important work. I care deeply about David's House and the residents and staff. It has become more than just a job for me.

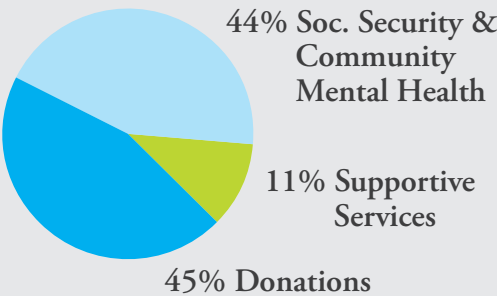


**What's one of your favorite memories?**  
I think a favorite memory would have to be our old House 1 harvest parties. Some of the guys would dress up in costumes, we would eat junk food, and sit by a bonfire. It was always a good time!

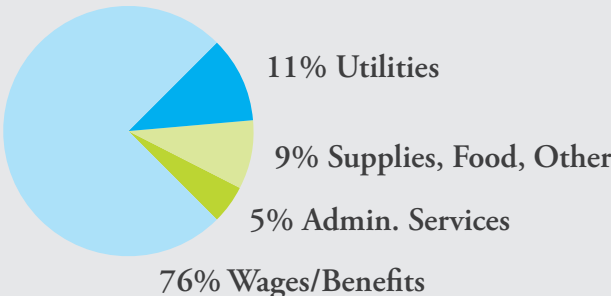
**What is one of your favorite activities at DHM?**  
It's not so much of an activity, but I love our walk-a-thon's. I enjoy being there with all the residents and families and my family joins me. It will be a family tradition of ours for sure!

**What are some of your interests?**  
I love the outdoors and I guide wilderness trips. Living in Holland lets me take full advantage of the amazing West Michigan outdoors.

## Revenue



## Expenses



## Development & Finance

Your financial support helps cover average weekly expenses for things like this and many more!

**1,500** Miles of Travel  
**250+** Loads of Laundry

**25** Gallons of Milk  
**24** Boxes of Gloves





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