



# PEACE HOUSE COMMUNITY

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## Mission:

The goal of Peace House Community is to offer a non-violent, welcoming and inclusive community for poor and marginalized women and men who are seeking companionship, safety from the streets and personal affirmation. PHC provides a platform for expressing beliefs, hurts, desperation, hopes and fears too long hidden in so many bruised and broken hearts. Community members are affirmed through mutual sharing, respectful listening and appreciation of each person's value and worth.



# 2020 Year End Newsletter

## A Huge Success!

A special shout out to Mike Hazard, Delane Cleveland, CCX Media, Green Jeans Media and especially to Terry and Jim Joyce for their wonderful contributions on our video. If you haven't had a chance to watch the event, you can see it by going to our website or directly to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62XaVxYTRKg>.



We are grateful to our sponsors for their generous donations and contributions to the exciting prize drawings: the Kozlak family; Fogo De Chao; Home Works Plumbing, Heating and Air; Virginia Randolph Bueide; Mike Murphy and Ed Hasselman.

The lucky winners of the prizes drawn during the October 17th event are: Jacquelyn Blankemeyer, Mary Ellen Halverson, Nancy Azzam, Lisse Regeher, Christine Phelps, Donald Hall, Eileen Leo and Joseph Garry. And the winners of the prizes from the second drawing held on October 31st are: Robert Joyce, Ann Biggar, Ed and Betsy Hasselman, Sharon Snyder, Brad Colbert, Tim and Mary Sheehan, Mike and Patricia Morandi and Mary Ellen Halverson.

**Congratulations all!**

## Welcome to Loaves and Fishes

Peace House Community is excited to partner with Loaves and Fishes! Beginning January 4, 2021, Loaves and Fishes will serve meals out of PHC's building each weekday evening. This partnership will expand both agencies' impact in the Phillips neighborhood and will meet more community needs. PHC has wanted to get more use out of our building on behalf of our neighbors, and now that goal is becoming a reality.



## Warming Hearts and Bodies

As the temperatures drop, PHC continues to adapt. Our latest project: installing infrared heaters on our porch to warm our community members during the coldest parts of the year! The heaters will allow us to serve outside while the building remains closed, and after we reopen the porch will be an enjoyable place to relax. We have also added temporary windbreakers to the porch to protect the community members from wind and snow.

# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

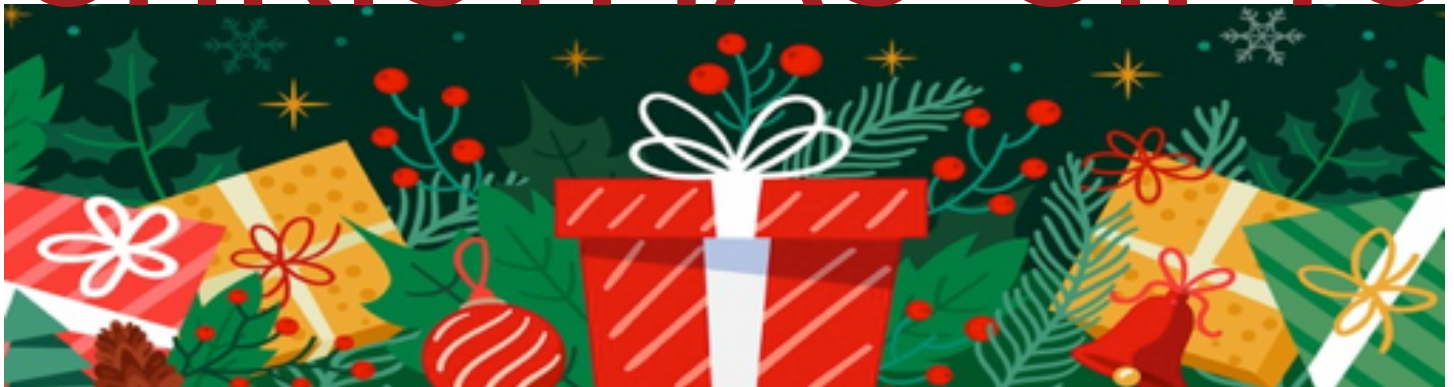
I was filling out a grant application recently and came to a question asking how the grant funds would enhance PHC's ministry. I had to think for several minutes before I could find the words to convey my answer. After all, we've had to cut back on our services during covid. The funds we were asking for would support what we are doing but would not help us reopen the building or add new services, at least until there is a covid vaccine.

As I considered the question, I realized that while our ministry won't change, the context in which we provide our services has changed dramatically. Our community members have always faced economic hardships and social marginalization, but now:

- Covid threatens their health
- Libraries and other places where they spent their time or received basic services are closed
- Most of their mental health and case management services have moved online, meaning that those without reliable internet connections can't get the help they need
- They struggle to stay warm on a daily basis
- Darkness is taking over as we move into winter.

PHC will carry on the mission we received from our founder Sister Rose, but we will do so realizing how much more important PHC is during this time. I want to personally thank everyone who has been able to support us this year, and I invite everyone to join us, whether through donations or by sharing this newsletter with others who share our values. PHC cannot exist without your support, and we will never meet our community members' needs without you. As our community members' needs grow, so our need for you grows too.

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS



As always, Peace House Community will give out Christmas gifts this year, but we have a new system to make it easier for our supporters to purchase the presents. PHC has set up a gift registry at Target.com that allows you to see exactly what we need for our community members. To donate items for this year's gift bags:

- Go to <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/>
- Click on "Search for an organization"
- Type in "Peace House Community" and click "Search"
- Click on "View registry"
- Click "Buy gift" under the items you wish to purchase. (If there is a "View item" button instead of a "Buy gift" button, you can search Target.com for that item to see if it is available. If it is, you can purchase it and have it picked up using the steps below. Please let us know if you do this so we can track how many of each item has been purchased.)
- After you have selected the items you want to buy, click on the shopping cart in the top right corner.
- Select the number of each item you want to donate.
- Pay for your purchase. Please note there is free 2-day shipping on all orders of \$35+. Otherwise a standard flat shipping fee of \$5.99 will be added to your order.
- Click on "Shipping to the address on Peace House Community's charity register" and your order will be sent to our volunteer "Santa's Helper" that will deliver the items to the PHC.
- Please place your orders by Friday, December 11th so we have time to put the gift bags together.

This is the first time we have used Target.com, so we are learning as we go. If you have any questions or problems with the registry, please feel free to contact us at [Contact@peacehousecommunity.org](mailto:Contact@peacehousecommunity.org) or 612-870-7263.

*2020 has been a year like no other. As we say good-bye to 2020 and welcome a more peaceful, healthy and compassionate 2021, the Peace House Community sends our deepest gratitude and love to all of our generous supporters!*