

FOCUS ON FILLING

Winter 2022



Nathan proudly displays the Mud Hens tickets and First Pitch voucher that he bid on and won at the 2021 Filling Fall Fling live auction! After taking 2020 off, the Women's Guild was back in action planning a wildly successful event to raise money to support Filling Homes' residents and clients! p. 3





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With Grace...In Gratitude...

Dear Friends, Families and Supporters,

As we come into a new year, 2021 will be remembered as the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic. A pandemic that changed our world and impacted our health care organizations more than any other. Not only the devastating health consequences suffered by so many right here at home and across the globe, but the economic, social and political aspects that have affected us all.

Despite these hardships, the ministries of LMM have been sustained by faith and the steadfast commitment to our work in this world. We know that God's grace has been present in our organizations, with the people that toil beside us and with those that we serve not only this year, but for as long as we have been doing this crucial work. He has made us exactly who we are meant to be and placed us in this moment, surrounded by people who we are intended to be with and given us the gifts to be free to care for one another.

Through teamwork and trust, our LMM affiliates have come together to reach across organizational boundaries to learn from one another and gain insights from a broader perspective. This point in time is one that has tested our resiliency but will reshape our organizations and position us to better empower and care for those we serve.

We want to thank you for your continued devotion, and we are blessed by your trust and support...gifts that make our work possible. Your generosity and commitment to the work of these ministries has enabled us to continue to fulfill our missions through this uncertain yet critical time.

In Gratitude,

With the theme of—By Grace...With Gratitude—planning is now underway for our LMM Annual Meeting, scheduled for March 14, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Pinnacle, Maumee, Ohio. Rev. Dr. Niklaus Schillack, Pastor of Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker. Both Bishop Beaudoin, from the NW Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson, President of the Ohio District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, also plan to attend. Registration for the meeting is underway, and we hope you will attend.

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GIVING TUESDAY

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2021

Clearly, #GivingTuesday has caught on! All of the people listed below generously contributed to Filling Homes on this Day of Giving. Thanks to the whopping \$5,000 matching funds pledge from long-time supporters, Ray and Marie Cox, gifts had double the impact this year! When the dust cleared, \$24,025 was raised!! The hope was to raise enough to fund the outfitting of Soaring Arts newest location for service where the specialty is pottery! Our Giving Tuesday funds will pay for a kiln, an adaptive throwing wheel and supplies. There was plenty left over to provide new carpet for one of our group homes in Bryan, Ohio, AND set us well on our way to another new vehicle as the remainder was put in Filling Homes' Transportation Fund. We are so grateful to be able to provide for the needs of those we serve and supply them with so many life-enriching opportunities—thanks to all of YOU!

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April 21, 2022
Returning to
Filling Homes
Community Center!



The Filling Fall Fling

A Record \$54,700 Raised for Transportation!

On November 6, the Filling Fall Fling returned to Filling Homes and the Women's Guild of Filling Homes fixed their eyes on a very big prize.

"It's always interesting," said Fling Chairperson and Guild President, Carol Dille. "You just never know what you're going to get." "I've been known to say 'I NEVER set a goal (for proceeds)', we just go with the flow. What I've really learned is, NEVER say NEVER!" she laughs.

That's because Dille and the ever-supportive ladies from the Guild knew that, when the news that Filling Homes' long-time donor and parent of resident, Cathy, Mary Ellen Nerod wished to match funds raised by the Fling—dollar for dollar up to \$20,000!—they knew they had set a goal.

"We've had challenges to meet before," Dille reminisced. "The year that Ray and Marie Cox donated the Cadillac was one of them. We had no idea what we were going to do with it, but we knew we weren't going to turn away a gift like that." And, just like that, Wheels for Wheels was conceived. The ladies came up with a clever idea and conducted a separate raffle for the car. The winning ticket was drawn at the Fling and the money raised equaled the Blue Book value of the Cadillac, which then went toward the adaptive van on Filling Homes' wish list—"Wheels for Wheels".

The thought of raising \$20,000 to reap the full benefit of the matching funds pledge from Mrs. Nerod

was, honestly, a little daunting. Especially, since to date the most ever raised at the event had been \$28,000 specifically for the attached greenhouse project to honor the Guild for 50 years of service to Filling Homes. Further challenges in the way of COVID-19 restrictions observed at the Filling Home added to the difficulty of the task. Not to be put off, the Guild determined to face the challenge head on and immediately set to work to reach that goal.

The results?

The Women's Guild not only met their goal, they raised nearly \$15,000 more for a grand total of \$54,700! While the hope was that a successful campaign would allow Filling Homes to deposit \$40,000 into the Transportation Fund for the future purchase of an adaptive minivan to transport clients to and from essential activities like work, day services and doctor's appointments, in reality, the Ladies raised enough money for Filling Homes to purchase the van immediately, as these funds were just shy of the \$56,000 price tag.

What an amazing achievement that would not have been possible without the Women's Guild or the many others who contributed in some way to the Filling Fall Fling! We are thankful to Mrs. Nerod whose generous matching pledge was a great catalyst for incentivizing donations; to the contributors of items for the live auction, online auction and raffle; to the volunteers who gave so much time whether in



preparing for the event or by working that day; and to our friends, who came, ate, bid and bought. We are thankful for ALL of you and want you to know that the Residents and Clients of Filling Homes truly are richer for having you in their lives.



Presenting the Fling proceeds to Lutheran Ministries of Mercy CEO, Terri Rodriguez, are Women's Guild members: Marie Baker, Denise Etzler, (Rodriguez), Carol Dille, Arlene Freytag and Donna Drewes.



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- A scholarship will be granted to a student aspiring to become a Licensed Practical Nurse or a Registered Nurse.
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- Applications are available through all High School Guidance Departments or online at fillinghome.org



A new face to remember at Filling Homes

Allicyn Mangas assumed the duties of Recruitment Specialist for Filling Homes in October. She has already been very busy learning the industry, our staff members and the on-boarding ropes as well as developing new and creative ways to attract great talent to Filling Homes. One new initiative conducted throughout the Fall was called Coffee and Careers and featured open-style interviews hosted at coffee houses located in all four of Filling Homes' counties of service. We were grateful to partner with Country Gourmet in Napoleon, Biggby Coffee in Wauseon, Jumpin' Beanz in Bryan and both Cabin Fever locations in Defiance to hold these events! Recruitment is a very big and important job for our organization, and Allicyn's talent is proving to be a great asset!



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Rev. Dr. Niklaus Schillack,
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Pastor Schillack was previously the Director of Congregational Engagement for Samaritas (formerly known as Lutheran Social Services of Michigan – LSSM). A native of Ann Arbor, Michigan, his degrees include a B.B.A. in Accounting from Eastern Michigan University, an M.Div. from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, and a D.Min. in Congregational Mission and Leadership from Luther Seminary. Pastor Nik is married to Whitney and they have two daughters. He enjoys history, economics, travel, kayaking, and miniature golf.

March 14, 2022

5:30 Doors Open

6:30 Meeting Begins

The Pinnacle

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(Clergy admitted free of charge)

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