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Toni & Trish House

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Historical Information

The Toni & Trish House opened their doors in March of 2008

Over 900 guests have stayed with us during their end of life journey

Guests and families are never charged for the services they receive

Cost to provide care for each guest is \$225 per day

On average 5 guests stay with us at one time, with 6 bedroom capacity

We are always welcoming new volunteers. 45 volunteers are needed each week

History of Hospice Care

Reasons why people seek hospice care

Hospice is not just a place, it is a service. There are many reasons why people seek hospice care.

- *The guest wants to maintain quality of life until the end*
- *The guest does not want to die in a hospital or nursing home*
- *The guest no longer wants to continue with proactive medical treatment*
- *The guest is unable to have needs met in their home*
- *The family is unable to provide care in the home*
- *The guest does not have family in the area to care for them.*

A message from our director, Jo Ellen Strieter

"It is an honor to be the Executive Director of the Toni & Trish House. Each guest and their family are welcomed into our house, and this gives us the opportunity to become their extended family. Family members continue to participate in providing care to their loved one in cooperation with the staff and volunteers at the Toni & Trish House. We always thank each family for sharing their loved one with us. Every guest, family member, donor, staff member and volunteer just add to our family. Thank you for being part of our family."



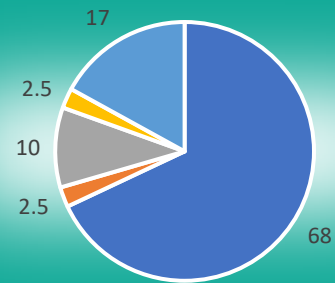
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Toni & Trish House Income Information

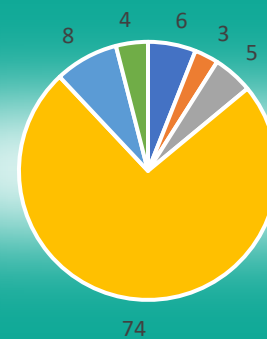
Donations provided by:

- 68% General Donations & Memorials
- 2.5% Churches
- 10% Grants
- 2.5% Businesses/Organizations
- 17% Fundraisers



Expenses:

- 6% Household Maintenance
- 3% Commercial Insurance
- 5% Office Supplies & Computer Services
- 74% Payroll Expense
- 8% Employee Benefits
- 4% Miscellaneous



"I will always be grateful for the care provided to my mother and for the opportunity to be with her, which was not an option at the nursing home."

"I can't thank you enough for making our dad's last days very comfortable. Toni & Trish House is fantastic all the way around. May God bless you as you bless others."

STORY HIGHLIGHTS >>>



In 2019, we had a guest who mentioned to the Director that she would like one last convertible ride before she passed. The Director told her "I don't have a convertible but the top comes off my Jeep Wrangler real quick." Her sister and the Director loaded the guest up in the Jeep and took her for ice cream and to the beach in Bay City to watch the sailboats. She was so happy to do something normal one last time.

When the addition was being built, a guest who was a former construction worker sat outside every day and watched the house going up. He stated he was the "supervisor".

One of our guests liked to grill so we adapted a wheelchair so he could sit in front of the grill and cook. We will always remember the smile on his face.

We had a guest who hadn't been able to be outside because he was an amputee. We were able to put him in a special chair and he would sit under the oak tree outside every day.

Want to become a Volunteer?

Volunteer Caregivers work under the direction of staff Care Coordinators and the Director of the Toni & Trish House. They are primarily responsible for ensuring that our terminally ill guests and their families receive compassionate and dignified care appropriate to their needs. Services provided by volunteers do not replace, but rather EXTEND, the ability of the family to provide care.



Please consider training to become a volunteer at the House. You'll be glad you did. Just call the House and speak with Jo Ellen or Michele Vennix (Mission Coordinator) about volunteering. You can also find more information on the Toni & Trish House website and Facebook page.



Donating Items

We are always accepting donations. Below is a list of our day to day needs:

- Bottled water*
- Keurig cups – all kinds*
- Canned tomatoes*
- Bleach*
- Color safe bleach*
- Cell phone chargers*
- Copy paper*
- Individual creamers*
- Individual snacks of any kind (chips, cookies, Cheez-its, Rice Krispy treats, etc...)*
- Meijer gift cards*
- Visa gift cards*
- Stamps*

Q: *How do I donate to the Toni & Trish House??*

A: You can donate directly from our website, www.toniandtrishhouse.org. Just click the “Donate Today” button on our home page. You can also donate from our Facebook page by clicking the “Donate” button on our page. And you can always drop off or mail a check to:

The Toni & Trish House
P.O. Box 125
4699 Eleven Mile Rd.
Auburn, MI 48611



Our Board Members



Mary Shaughnessy,
Michele Vennix, Matt Mieske,
Joan Varner, Sally Czabala,
John Waskevich, Joe Atchinson,
Amy Kaczmarek, Jessica Wright,
Dave Luczak, Rita Maier &
John McKelvey (Emeritus)



final thoughts...

What if the journey at the end of life is not a lonely path into eternity, but rather, an incredible reunion with those we have loved and lost?

David Kessler
Grief.com



Additional Resources

Hospice Agencies

Collaborating with Toni and Trish House

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| Covenant HealthCare: | (989) 751-3864 |
| First State Hospice Care: | (989) 771-2100 |
| Grace Hospice: | (989) 686-9866 |
| Southern Care Hospice: | (989) 790-7533 |
| Heartland Hospice: | (800) 275-4516 |
| McLaren Hospice: | (810) 965-4569 |
| The Care Team Health Services: | (833) 483-2273 |
| Michigan Medicine U of M: | (989) 790-7533 |
| Cardinal Hospice: | (989) 401-8033 |
| Compassus: | (989) 893-0500 |
| MidMichigan Hospice | (989) 633-1400 |

Stephanie Zeleniuk

Stephanie is the Lead Care Coordinator who works the first shift at the Toni and Trish House and has been employed at the House for six years. As the Lead Care Coordinator she oversees all the other Care Coordinators in collaboration with the Executive Director. Stephanie provides compassionate care to all the guests at the House, and we are fortunate to have this valued employee.



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