

QUARTERLY ESTHER HOUSE REENTRY, INC. NEWSLETTER (#3) JUNE 2018

About 30 people joined us to **"Bless This House"** on April 5th. What an incredibly beautiful day we had with three of our clergy (Father Leo, Pastor Steve, and Reverend Nan) praying over each room inside the house, the office and garage, our yard, and for our neighbors and neighborhood. We have great pictures of this event on our website in the "New News" category – be sure to have a look.



WOW! It's been an incredibly busy three months since our last quarterly newsletter. God has truly blessed us by turning our house into a home thanks to the wonderful volunteers He sent our way. There's hardly a square inch, inside or out, that has not been touched with love. We are truly thankful to each and every volunteer who

has made a mark on this home.

Satan has been keeping very busy. He was in full-blown attack mode during this time. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church hosted a meeting where we invited the neighbors to hear about our ministry. Three of our Clergy welcomed them. It didn't go as well as we had hoped for. We continue to pray for all and believe that God is working on their hearts. We look forward to being model neighbors.

We encountered too many issues to mention, but suffice it to say . . . that did NOT stop **our Lord. HE is the Victor!!!** Esther House received its Certificate of Occupancy on June 5th after passing all of its inspections.

Our Leadership Team celebrated these past seven months of



preparation by having a sleep-over at the house. We each chose one of the Esther Women's beds – SUPER COMFORTABLE (thank you Our Mother's Attic and Love, Inc.). The bedrooms have



been beautifully decorated (thank you Faith Presbyterian Church) and the main hallway bathroom was decorated with love (thank you Rebekah Circle from Community UMC).

Pictured above is the **GRACE** bedroom which will be shared by three women. We also have the **FAITH** bedroom that two women will share and the **LOVE** bedroom for the nightly House Moms.



Thank You Thank You Thank You!!!

Thanks to Calvary Chapel Villages for the funding and to Billy for the installation, we were able to increase our privacy in the backyard for both our women and the neighbors.

Our cabinets, shelves, closets and freezers were empty. Over these last 7 months . . . **we asked** . . . **He called** . . . **you answered**. In addition to those already mentioned above, we have been blessed by so many people, groups and churches (I hope I don't forget any and it's in alphabetical order . . . so no favorites – HA!):

Acquisition and Distribution Diva, Alhambra Ladies, Beyond the Wall Food Pantry, Boomer Loomers, Calvary Chapel Women's Group, Canal Street Bible Group, Christian Chorus, Circle of Friends, Community UMC Mother's Day, Episcopal Church Women's Group, Eve Circle, First Baptist Church of Wahoo, Friendship Sunday School Class, Largo Neighborhood Ladies, Lavish Locks, New Covenant UMC Women's Ministry, Premier Design, Rebekah Circle, Residents Encounter Christ of Central Florida, R.I.T.E. Academy, St. Timothy's Food Pantry, UM Women's Unit, Voyager Sunday School Class, Wahoo Kids, Well-Preserved Ladies, Women of Faith, Women Journeying Through the Bible, Women's Monday Small Group, Women Warriors of Wahoo, and countless individuals as they donated food, provisions, clothing, books and money.

Final Prep

We continue to be busy with last minute preparations and hands-on training while God is choosing His first occupants. We have also utilized this time by touring facilities, establishing relationships with providers and vetting potential clients whose release dates were before we were ready to receive them.

Our volunteers have been phenomenal – some working with us tirelessly while others are getting ready to fill their shifts.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Esther House. Please keep us in your prayers.

Blessings and love . . .

Judi Courter, Executive Director

