

# 2016-17 UAAA Annual Report - IHN Alpha House Ministry

Report Author = Angela Barber, UAAA Alpha House Coordinator

The work that the members of UAAA do for Alpha House supports our congregation's Core Values of (1) Social Justice, Environmental Action and (2) Community. Alpha House is a shelter for homeless families in Washtenaw County that is run by the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). IHN was formed in 1994 by six local congregations -- UAAA was one of these founding member -- to provide shelter for homeless families in Washtenaw County.

Four times each year, UAAA is responsible for a Host week, and need to recruit volunteers to fill ~145 positions. For example, for the "bring Dinner" positions, the volunteer makes or purchases food that they deliver to Alpha House (these volunteers are not reimbursed). Other volunteers come to serve dinner, and to play with the children after dinner, etc. It is not unusual for one volunteer to sign-up for multiple positions during a Host Week. They are a wonderful group of people!

The members of the Alpha House Committee who staff the recruiting table in the Social Hall include: Jon Boyd, Dee Dishon, Sandy Eyl, Pat Herbst, Angela Menegay, Sally Preston, Tricia Smith, Cheryl Valentine and Vey Valentine. The Committee is also responsible to purchase items for Alpha House for each of our Host Weeks at a cost of about \$300 per Week. Funds for this grocery shopping come from the Alpha House account that's funded by donations from the recruitment table.

Since the last annual report, our Alpha House Host Weeks have been: August 22 to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016; Thanksgiving week 2016; February 6 to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017; and April 17 to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Our future Host Weeks are June 26 to July 2, 2017 and Thanksgiving week 2017.

The following lists the people from UAAA who have volunteered to support Alpha House from August 2016 to April 2017: Aida Gadelkarim; Allison Caine; Amie Anderson; Amy Grant; Amy Hortop; Angela Barber; Angela Menegay; Anita Bosky ; Ann Brennan ; Barb Gales ; Benjamin Childs; Bet Weston; Betsy Price; Betsy Reitbauer; Brandi Sinco; Brian Matzke; Bridget Laundra; Bruce Shields; Carli Hildebrandt; Carol Cramer; Carolyn Roberts; Carrie Hatcher-Kay; Cassi Hartley; Cathie Breidenbach; Cathy and Mike Muha; Catie Wytchak; Chantelle Shields; Cheryl Barget; Cheryl Valentine; Christina Wall ; Connie McGuire; Constance Bridge; Dana Jackman; David Eyl ; Deana Shields; Dee Dishon ; Delphine Benard; Diana & Tom Bauld; Diane Fead; Don Luke; Dorothy Cavanaugh; Doug Park; Ed Rutherford; Edward & Carolyn Norton; Eileen Wright; Elinore Sommerfeld; Fran Dew; Fran Lyman; Gina Boldman ; Gloria Jones; Greg Meier; Gwen Guthrie; Hal Breidenbach; Halla Motawi; Harris H; Ilene Beninson; Ilene Deninson; Jackie Koch; Jamie Anderson; Jamie Griffith; Jamie Krake; Jamie Woodring; Janet Duncan; Jay Cavanaugh; Jeff Della Rovere; Jen Coffman; Jim Lee; Jim Schaefer; Jo Anne Diehl; Joe Griffith; John & Rosemarie Russell; John Guthrie; Jon Dickinson; Jon Boyd ; Karein Goertz; Kate Burkhardt; Kate Hutchens; Kate Warner; Katen Park; Kathy Friedrichs; Kathy Shay; Kirsten Clark; Kirsten Mogbo; Kristin Evon ; Kyla Boyse; Lara Brown ; Larry Graban; Laurie Schiller; Leslie Abcouwer; Lia Kahan; Lora Girata; Lorelle Otis; Lorelle Thomas ; Lori Reece; Lorna Gibson; Lucy Graff; Marcia Cameron; Margaret Flannery; Margaret Kazarinoff; Marianne Montalva; Mark Dickinson; Mary Locey; Mary Sapienza; Marylynn Stevens; Matt Hortop; Melanie Dever; Melissa Villanueva; Michelle Diepenhorst; Monica Cochran; Nikolas Sweet; Pat Herbst; Paul Albanese; Paula Matzke; Pauline Loewenhardt; Peter Cipparone; Rebecca Chamberlain; Roan Martin-Hagolen; Rob Beane; Robert Treadway; Robin Fowler; Rochelle

Murphree; Roen Montalva; Sally Preston; Sandy Simon; Sara Mathews; Sara Rudy; Sharon St. Mary; Sherry McCargar; Spencer Wilkerson ; Steve Coffman; Steve Nason; Susan David; Susan Simon; Suzanne Davidson; Terri Palacios; Terri Wilkerson; Terry Butcher; Terry Kress; Theresa Braunschneider; Thomas Longworth; Tim Farmer; Tim Richards; Tom Guthrie; Tom Longworth; Vey Valentine; Victoria Moessner; Virginia Luke; Wendy Dorman ; Yvette Boyse-Peacor.

\*This list doesn't include all the children who came with their parents for the "Play with Kids" activity or the "Serve and Clean" activity, or the people who made donations to the UUAA Alpha House Fund. I apologize if any names are missing or misspelled.