

House Happenings



Summer 2025



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past three years since opening our doors, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared. From welcoming our very first resident

to holding our first memorial service, hosting events like Graceful Gathering and Walk for Grace, and building meaningful relationships with families, volunteers, and supporters, each moment has been a reminder of why Grace House exists. Together, we've created a home filled with love, dignity, and peace at the end of life. Thank you

to our community for walking alongside us, lifting us up, and helping ensure that no one dies alone. Here's to the memories we've made, and the hearts we've touched.

With gratitude,

Holly Klein
Executive Director
Grace House Akron

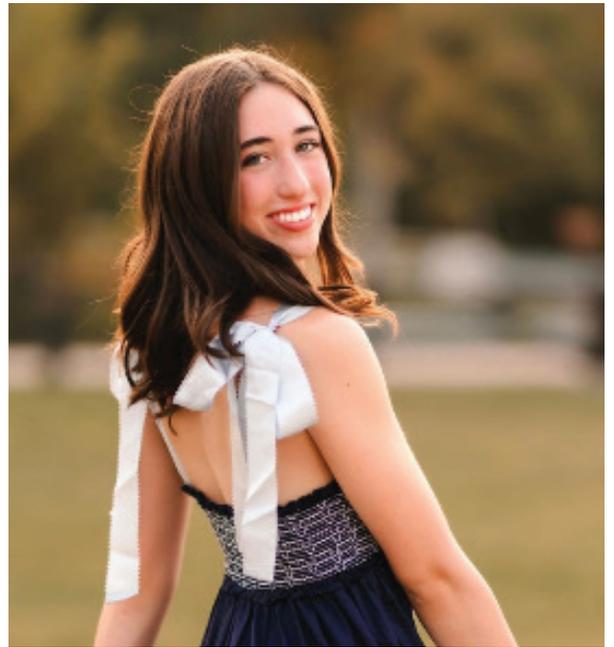
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Sam Andrews



Meet Sam! For nearly two years, he has had the privilege of sharing Grace House's story and supporting the mission through grant writing. He was first introduced to Grace House as a senior at Hudson High School through an internship in Fall 2023, and quickly fell in love with the mission, the staff, and the powerful stories of our residents. Sam says, "Serving here has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences of my life. I've gained valuable work experience, mentorship, and personal growth beyond anything I expected. Writing grants on-site makes the work deeply personal, as I get to witness the real change created by our generous supporters, and grateful to be trusted with such important work." He is incredibly proud to play even a small role in our mission. Sam attends The University of North Carolina Charlotte and studying data analysis. Sam enjoys spending quality time with his friends and family in addition to volunteering, reading and traveling.

Mia Smith



Meet Mia! A senior at Hudson High School, interned at Grace House during her second semester of school this past year. She made social media posts, worked on the newsletter, and occasionally spent time with some of the residents.

Mia's time at Grace House helped evolve her view of the world around her- She recognized that homelessness existed in Akron but didn't realize its full extent. She says, "My perception of homelessness has shifted, and I think I will carry that knowledge and feeling of empathy toward the homeless community with me. What Grace House does is incredibly important, and I'm grateful to have been a part of it, even for only a short time."

Mia plans to attend The Ohio State University and study biology on a pre-medicine track, with a minor in gender studies. Mia enjoys various activities such as reading, skiing, hiking, traveling, and, most of all, ballet.

Celebrating the Heart of Grace House:

Our Volunteers

At Grace House, our volunteers are the heart of our mission. Over the past two years, we've had the joy of honoring them during our annual Volunteer Appreciation Day. The day was filled with laughter, shared stories, and a heartfelt thank you. Whether sitting vigil with a resident, tending to our garden, preparing meals, or lending a hand at events, each of our volunteers brings light and love into our home. We are endlessly grateful for the time, compassion, and care they give. This celebration is a small token of our appreciation for all they do. Thank you to First Serve for stepping up to serve our volunteers and helping us show them the appreciation they deserve.



CELEBRATE

As we mark the third anniversary of Grace House Akron, we reflect with deep gratitude on how far we've come- and how much more we are called to do. This timeline is more than just history; it is a testament to a mission rooted in dignity, compassion, and unwavering belief that every life deserves to end with peace, regardless of income, housing status, or access to care.

From the very beginning, our Executive Director, Holly Klein, envisioned a home where individuals facing the end of life would not be alone or forgotten and be forced to choose between dignity and affordability. She recognized this painful gap in care- one where Akron's homeless and working poor often die in isolation.

Oct 2021
Groundbreaking

JUL 2022
First staff and volunteer orientations

Sep 2022
Grace House welcomed their first resident

Oct 2022
Second Graceful Gathering Event

Oct 2022
Grace House begins serving as a clinical site for University of Akron nursing students



Grace House exists because of YOU - As a reminder, we receive no government funding, every act of care we provide is made possible through your generosity.

Please consider becoming a monthly donor to help us continue providing compassionate end-of-life services to those who would otherwise face their final days alone.

BRATE

Grace House was created to close the gap, we've built a foundation of love, advocacy and comfort to those who have been overlooked. Every milestone on this timeline reflects the commitment of our team, volunteers, donors, and community partners who believe in our mission and helped make it a reality.

We celebrate this anniversary with heartfelt thanks- but also with clear eyes and renewed purpose. The need remains great, and the work is far from over. As you journey through the timeline, we invite you to walk with us and support us—as no one deserves to die alone.

Jun 2023 First Walk for Grace Event	Jul 2023 Awarded Dominion Energy Community Impact Award	Mar 2024 First Memorial Event	Jul 2024 First Volunteer Appreciation Event	Jan 2025 Grace House has housed 100 residents
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Donate here:
<http://bit.ly/3GStVsz> or use the QR code. Your ongoing support means everything to us.



Our hearts are still smiling after a beautiful day at the Akron Zoo for this year's Walk for Grace! We had a record of 245 supporters and raised over \$26,000. Whether you joined us among the animals and sunshine or bid from home during our silent auction, thank you for showing up with such generosity and spirit. Your support helped make this event a success, and most importantly, it allows us to continue walking alongside our residents during life's final chapter. **Save the date for next year's event, June 13, 2026.**



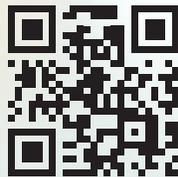
Support Grace House with Everyday Essentials

Looking for a simple, meaningful way to support Grace House? Our Amazon Wishlist is a great place to start! We keep it updated with essential items that help us care for our residents and keep our home running smoothly — from comfort items and cleaning supplies to snacks and toiletries.

In addition to our wish list, here are some other options

- Gift cards to grocery stores (like Giant Eagle or Acme), Target, or Walmart
- Uber or Lyft gift cards to help with transportation for our residents
- Pet supply store gift cards, especially for food and treats for our beloved pet companions

Every donation, big or small, helps us provide comfort, dignity, and care at the end of life.



**Scan QR code or visit
our Amazon Wishlist here:
<https://amzn.to/4maByJJ>**



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Put on your dancing shoes and join us
for an unforgettable evening at our next big event —
Graceful Gathering: A Night to Remember!

GRACEFUL GATHERING *Adult Prom Night*

October 23, 2025
5:30 – 9:00 PM

The Tangier at Our Lady of the Cedars
507 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Fairlawn, OH 44333

This adult prom-inspired night will be filled with delicious food, drinks, exciting silent auction items, and plenty of dancing! We'll also crown our very own Prom King and Queen, so don't miss your chance to sparkle.

Formal attire is encouraged but not required; just bring your best smile and your love for a good time. Graceful Gatherings is more than just an event; all proceeds go toward supporting the mission of Grace House Akron and the residents we serve.

We can't wait to see you there for a night to remember!



Purchase tickets here:
bit.ly/46lcK7z
or scan this QR code.