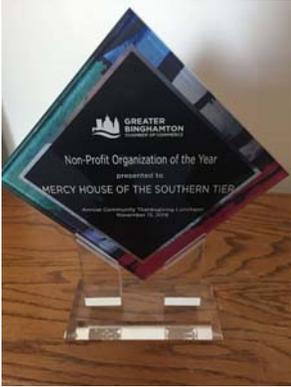


# MERCY HOUSE OF THE SOUTHERN TIER



## From Our Founder



### Season's Greetings to all!

Mercy House was very honored to receive the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce 2018 Non-Profit Organization of the year award last month. This award is about all of us. The dream of Mercy House was accomplished because of the support of this community.

When this journey began, we knew that there was a need in this community for a home for the terminally ill.

However, we didn't realize how great a need. Since the inception of Mercy House two and a half years ago, we have cared for 275 Residents and their families.

The core values of Mercy House are compassion and love which are lived out in many ways each and every day. The Mercy House family is witness to many miracles: hearts have been healed, families reconciled, lives imbued with peace, and Residents passing with dignity.

I would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to the many dedicated volunteers, staff, Board of Directors, and many benefactors that have created a place of caring, peace, kindness and unconditional love.

God Bless you and your loved ones,  
*Rev. Clarence F. Rumble*



### Our mission:

*Mercy House will provide a home with an extended family for people with a terminal illness so they can live the final chapter of their journey with dignity and experience the unconditional love of God.*

### Our Board of Directors

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# Volunteer Spotlight

*“Selfless giving unto others represents one’s true wealth” Jon M. Huntsman, businessman/philanthropist*



This quote sums up what many of our Volunteers do on a regular basis. However, this Spotlight on Volunteers is recognizing those who give up part of their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration; their Easter Sunday Brunch; their neighborhood’s Labor Day picnic; their traditional Thanksgiving Dinner and let’s not forget – Christmas Day! Each holiday we serve our

Residents and their families and friends, a delicious meal complete with all of the fixins’ . . . . . and then some! Holiday after holiday, at least 20 Volunteers spend part of their holiday at Mercy House. On the average, we celebrate with and serve 50 friends on these special occasions. Not only are our “Holiday Volunteers” hard at work in the Kitchen --- many are preparing days before behind the scenes making cookies, brownies, pies, pasta salads, casseroles, veggie and fruit trays ---- you get the picture! ***Thank you to our “Holiday Volunteers” for helping us fulfill our Mission so our Residents and their family and friends feel like they are ‘home for the holidays’!***

## Bereavement Drop in Group

Mercy House offers a monthly Bereavement Drop-In Group for family members of residents who have passed. The group meets on the last Thursday of each month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the downstairs Conference Room. Our next Bereavement Drop-In Group is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2019. You do not need to call in ahead of time in order to attend but if you have any questions related to the Drop-In Group, please feel free to contact Sister Joanna at **607-321-1857**. This is open to you and anyone in your family who may feel they would benefit from a support group.

## Our 2018 Mercy House Ornament



Who wouldn’t want this beautiful ornament on their holiday tree this year? You can purchase this 2018 Mercy House Ornament for \$25 at the following locations: Mercy House Reception Desk, Nick’s Hair Salon, Conti’s Jewelers, Holiday House, Church of the Holy Family and Park Manor Wine and Spirits. Our 2017 ornament sold out last year, so don’t delay. All proceeds benefit Mercy House.

## Praying for our Residents who have passed

(Since August 2018)

Evelyn Dean  
Cyril Keltos  
Dorothy Kennedy  
Irma Magnante  
Walter Rickard  
William Snyder  
Cheryl Burns  
George “Lucky” DeForest  
Janice DiFulvio  
Ralph Hogan  
Alberta Palmatier  
Linda Scott  
Judy Stark  
Robert Taylor  
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Kenneth Cowan  
Robert Davis  
Mark Hanafin  
Carol Hoke  
Paul Iversen  
Glady King  
Dolores Felicetti  
Della Mace  
Bruce Gaylord  
Marjory Turecek  
Joseph Laszewski  
Katherine Finnegan  
Patricia Nash  
Joseph Valentino



## Thank you all for your support of our 2018 Gala of Taste Fundraiser—it was an awesome success.



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## Making a difference, one Resident and Family at a time.

“Dear Father Clarence, Staff and Volunteers, Words cannot express how appreciative my family is with the care and support that you provided to, not only my mother, but our entire family. You gave us love and peace at a time that we needed it most. My mother was very restless at the hospital but so calm when she arrived at Mercy House, it was where she needed to be to let go and return to our Heavenly Father.”

“During the final weeks that our good friend was at Mercy House, I was continually impressed by the quality of care he received. The staff and volunteers showed compassion and patience in meeting all of his needs. And, just as important, they explored and responded to his interests and sustained his spirits until the end. It was so reassuring to

visit our friend in such a beautiful, caring setting. He clearly enjoyed interacting with the staff and volunteers and being “spoiled” (by his own description)!”

“My family and I extend our deepest and heart-felt appreciation for everything that you did during my father’s stay at Mercy House. We are so grateful for the care, concern, and attention that was provided during his four month stay at Mercy House. It was a difficult time for our family, but knowing that he was well-cared for, safe and comfortable until his final moments, was the most important thing for all of us. We were blessed that you provided for not only our father, but for the rest of the family, including my own children who came frequently to visit. May you be blessed as you continue your care for people in their final journey.”

## More Pictures from our 2018 Gala of Taste



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