

NEWS LETTER

Upcoming dates

- July 2 & 3: Closed (holiday)
- July 29: Closed (staff retreat)
- August 3-6: Day Camp
- September 7: Closed (holiday)
- September 24: *Join us at the Pinnacle Center for our 20 YEAR GALA CELEBRATION!*



Help continue to build friendships in Christ for families & individuals living with mild to moderate disabilities!



Foster Friendships Today!



Simply mail a check or use the QR code 404 Centerstone Court, Zeeland, MI 49464



On Saturday, May 16, The Knights of Columbus held their annual golf outing at the Three Fires Golf Course in Holland. For many years, Compassionate Heart Ministries has been selected as one of the beneficiaries of the outing. Great raffles, delicious breakfast treats donated by DeBoer Bakkerij, incredible sponsors & golf teams! The Knights know how to host a great outing!

In addition to the golf outing, the Knights host Fish Fries during the season of Lent. People are given the opportunity to leave tips for different organizations. As a tip recipient, we were blessed with \$1100.00! Stay tuned for the golf outing fundraising results!

It is people and groups (like the Knights)... who come around Compassionate Heart because they love our mission! It just fills my cup! And, when they come to deliver that check- many of our friends want to be in that picture! What a tremendous blessing!

Thank you, Knights of Columbus! Thank YOU! Your support, generosity, and compassionate outpouring of love to our friends is the example that Jesus asks of us all- to be His Hands and Feet!

 Have a great summer!



Word from the Director

In the late 60's, early 70's, I was in the Sailorettes Baton Corp. I LOVED twirling the baton! When we marched/performed at any parade, everyone cheered! We looked sharp! The red sequins on our uniforms glittered as we marched down the street. Our lines were straight and we never dared to drop that baton! One reason. Our instructor. Lynn expected excellence. We practiced repeatedly, till we could perform our routine with perfection! It was hard work, but it also was fun. In fact, in 1973, Lynn introduced the Sailorettes to the world of competition and we were the State Champs! I was 11 years old!

Lynn would become one of the many people in my life that would teach me commitment to excellence, dedication to developing a skill, and the grit/determination required to be successful. I cherish those lessons from her and every person that God has put in my path.

Believe it or not, I still have that baton (and trophy)! I can't twirl too much anymore-my fingers just aren't as nimble. I like to believe, however, that the life lessons and work values that she taught me so many, many years ago, have stayed with me all this time.

Over the last two years, God has been saying, "Donna, it is time to pass the baton to the next leader of Compassionate Heart Ministries." It has been the honor and privilege of my life to be called to start, organize, and lead this ministry and organization. *Never* in my life did I think that God would use me in this way. I am grateful for every person that He has put on my path- and that includes YOU!

God bless you for the faithful support that you have been to me, to my family, and to all the families of Compassionate Heart! My hope and prayer is that you will continue to support this ministry; it truly is of God. Because of His Faithfulness, CHM has blessed and served hundreds of families and individuals living with mild to moderate cognitive/physical disabilities and autism.

My plan is to retire at the end of the year. Until that time, we still have work to do! I am excited for all the fun things planned. AND! Of course! The GALA! **Please join me for our very special 20 year event and Celebrate 20 Years of God's Goodness to CHM on September 24!** After 20 years, I can say, with all my heart, that I have experienced the Goodness of God!

"Taste and see that the Lord is Good! Psalm 34:8

Serving together,

♥ Donna





Thank you!

We raised \$18,896.84 with 448 people participating!!
Thank YOU to ALL who joined to make the 5K and fun run a great event!

2026 Compassionate Heart Legacy Scholarship Recipients

- ♥ Anna Sluiter, pursuing doctorate of Physical Therapy, WMU
- ♥ Miya DeBlecourt, pursuing business management/nursing, Calvin University
- ♥ Kate Van Appledorn, pursuing Special Education, Elem. Ed/minor in Spanish, Calvin Uni.
- ♥ Alexis Gronow, pursuing Psychology and Dance, Hope College

Friends of the Heart Gala

20 YEARS OF GOD'S GOODNESS

09. 24. 2026

The Pinnacle Center

3330 HIGHLAND DR, HUDSONVILLE, MI 49426

DOORS & RAFFLES OPEN AT 5:30

DINNER & PROGRAM AT 6:30

COCKTAIL ATTIRE - GREEN ENCOURAGED!

**FOR TWO DECADES, COMPASSIONATE HEART HAS BEEN
CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF PEOPLE
LIKE YOU. JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF
MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL TO
"MAKE FRIENDS. HAVE FUN. LOVE JESUS." !**

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