



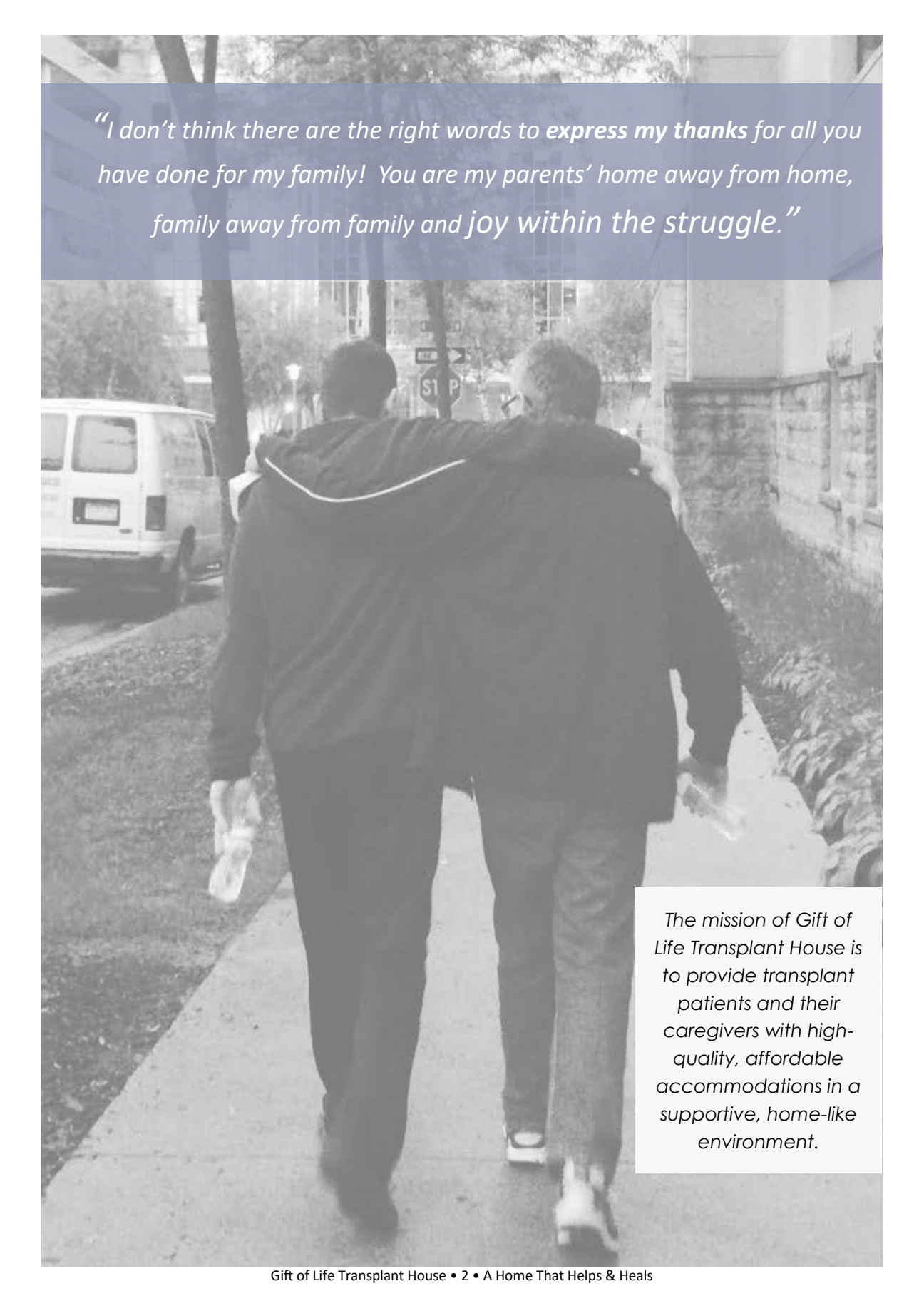
Gift of Life  
TRANSPLANT HOUSE

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## 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

"HE IS NO FOOL WHO GIVES WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP  
to gain that which he cannot lose."

- Jim Elliot -

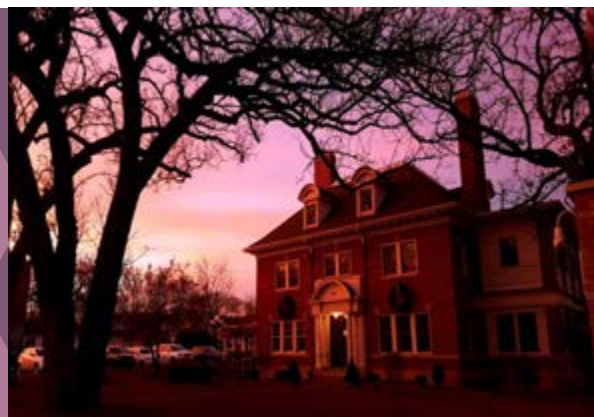


*“I don’t think there are the right words to **express my thanks** for all you have done for my family! You are my parents’ home away from home, family away from family and joy within the struggle.”*

The mission of Gift of Life Transplant House is to provide transplant patients and their caregivers with high-quality, affordable accommodations in a supportive, home-like environment.

# DEAR FRIENDS:

*We are pleased to provide you with the 2016 - 2017 Annual Report of the activities of the Gift of Life Transplant House.*



As we say goodbye to the last two years and continue on our journey into 2018, we at Gift of Life Transplant House are very grateful. As we look back on 2016 and 2017, there were both the high and lows, and I would like to briefly share those with you.

2016 and 2017 marked our 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> years of service respectively to our community, our guests, and our caregivers. We voted best chef and ate our way through the incredible food at our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Iron Chef Challenge, ran our tails off at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Timmay 5K in April, sunk (or missed) a lot of putts at our 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament, and danced the night away at the annual Gala of the Decades; the 1980s and 1950s.

From a board of directors and staff level, we had two excellent years. Our incredible staff worked their way through what were two incredibly busy years, and, as always, did an unbelievable job. In the spring of 2016, the board of directors met for an entire day to discuss the future of the house and began the strategic planning process. While this seemed to be a daunting task at the time, I can happily say that the board and staff came up with a well thought out and comprehensive plan in order to continue the success and growth of Gift of Life Transplant House.

A very proud and personal moment for me came in 2016 with the dedication of the 705 home to our founder and his wife, Edward and Jayne Pompeian. Coincidentally, these two wonderful and gracious people happen to be my parents. I cannot think of more deserving people than the two of them, and I would like to thank them both for their years of service, dedication, and for all of the love that they have shown to the house and to those who call Gift of Life their second home. Without the two of you, the dream would not have become a reality.

2017 brought about some changes as well. Long time friend and board member of the Gift of Life Rod Anderson unexpectedly passed away in early 2017. Rod was a personal friend and mentor, and loved everything Gift of Life. He was the definition of what it

means to be compassionate, and gave so much of his life to helping others. Although Rod is not with us here physically, I know he is watching over Gift of Life and playing a role in its ongoing success.

We also saw the retirement of our former executive director, Ginger Holmes and welcomed our new executive director, Mary Wilder. I cannot thank Ginger enough for everything she did for the organization over the years. Her passion and love for Gift of Life never went unnoticed, and she was always there to greet everyone with a warm smile. Although it was hard to see her leave, you can still find Ginger at the house continuing in the mission. As for Mary, we welcome you to the Gift of Life family and look forward to your leadership.

Lastly, and most importantly, the success we experienced at Gift of Life in 2016 and 2017 could not have been possible without the constant support and love from our volunteers, staff, and benefactors. The impact that each and every one of you has on Gift of Life will continue to have a lasting impression on our patients and caregivers, and will help guarantee the continued success of our mission for years to come. This is truly a blessing, and words cannot express our love, gratitude and joy for all that you do.

**Thank you again for your dedication and support of Gift of Life Transplant House, and for all that you have done, are doing, and will do in the future.**

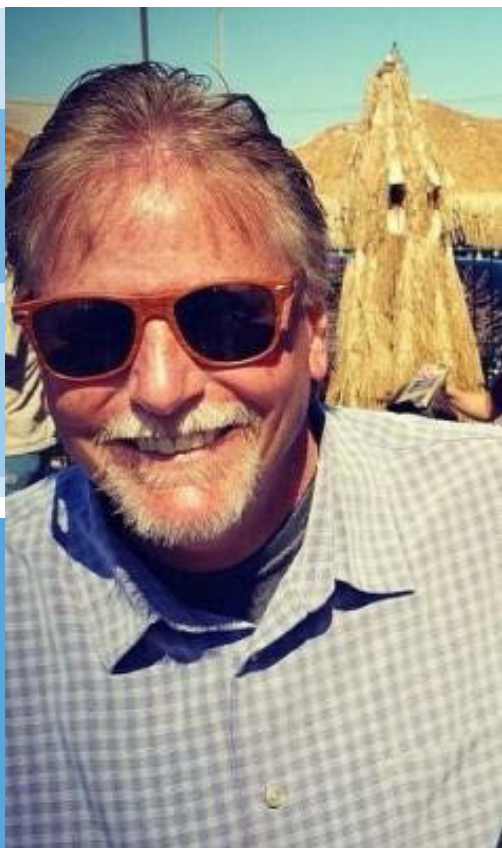
**With our deepest gratitude,  
Nick Pompeian**

*President, Board of Directors 2017*



# A ROOM WAITING

*In loving memory of Mike Gengler.*



**A** *Room Waiting.*  
That's the entry on Mike Gengler's Caring Bridge site for October 30, 2013 – "Good News! Mike has a room waiting at Gift of Life Transplant House" and that's how we came to know Mike and Brenda Gengler. Owners of Gulden's Restaurant in Maplewood, MN, Mike was diagnosed with colon cancer in September 2010 and shortly after he was told the cancer was in remission, doctors discovered that Mike had a second cancer – **multiple myeloma.**

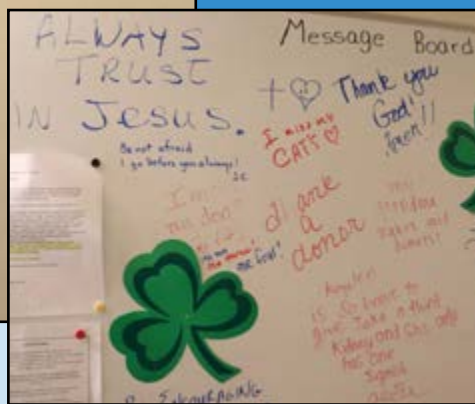
His Caring Bridge site chronicles his 100 day Stem Cell Transplant journey to treat the myeloma, his embarrassment over the slippers Brenda had brought for him to wear and the many, many friends he made while staying at the house. The transplant was only partially successful, which meant that Mike participated in multiple trials which involved chemo and other treatments.

Last month friends of Mike and Brenda's called Gift of Life Transplant House to say that Mike's battle with cancer was nearing an end, but even during this time, Mike was determined that family and friends remember Gift of Life Transplant House. His Caring Bridge site says, "There are lots of inquiries coming in about how people can help. Here's

*"He and the entire family have a deep affection and respect for the staff of this house and what they do for those who are cared for there."*

*what Mike wanted me to tell you. First and most important to him, if you have the financial means to do something, send a donation to the Gift of Life Transplant House in Rochester, MN ([www.gift-of-life.org](http://www.gift-of-life.org)) He and the entire family have a deep affection and respect for the staff of this house and what they do for those who are cared for there."* Mike decided to spend his remaining months making crafts that could be sold at his funeral and he requested that Gift of Life Transplant House provide brochures and donation envelopes so that family and friends could easily make donations to the house. On March 8, 2018 Mike lost his battle with cancer, but his courage, integrity, wit and friendship have been an inspiration. And we are quite sure that as Mike took his last breath, he heard the words – **"Come on in – we have a room waiting".**

# THE POWER OF A WHITE BOARD



One of our caregivers recently suggested we install white boards in each house. She thought it would be a great way to collaborate with other guests and going grocery shopping or running errands.

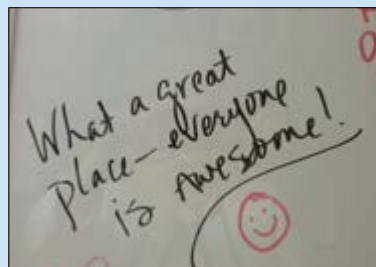
We thought it was a great suggestion and posted the request on Facebook. Within two hours, we were notified that the white boards were on their way!

But something remarkable happened once the large white boards were hung. It started with someone drawing a heart and then someone else drew a flower! And then the messages began—notes of encouragement, Bible verses, updates about guests, thank yous to the staff...And not once has there been a grocery list or request that someone pick up an item for someone else.

The power of those white boards is the power of encouragement and gratitude and those two attitudes are abundant at Gift of Life Transplant House. Recently, Ron told me that he was completely opposed to coming to Gift of Life Transplant House. He already felt isolated because of his illness and he didn't want to be away from home and feel even

more isolated. He was convinced there was no one who would understand what he was going through. But Mary, his wife, persuaded him. That first night at dinner, Ron was astonished to be sitting across the dinner table from two men who had *exactly* the same illness and would be experiencing transplants! They talked far into the night, Ron said, and he was so grateful he had come to Gift of Life Transplant House.

The notes we see from guests on our white boards remind us that the mission of Gift of Life Transplant House is continuing—providing transplant patients and their caregivers with high quality, affordable accommodations in a supportive, home-like environment.



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## TO GIFT OF LIFE TRANSPLANT HOUSE

Our most *heartfelt thank you* to our benefactors and supporters who help us make the vision and mission of Gift of Life Transplant House a reality.

We couldn't do this work without you, and for that, we are forever grateful. Due to space limitations, the benefactor list reflects those who have donated \$250 or more during the years of 2016 and 2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Wilder, Executive Director.



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# Gift of Life Transplant House

## 2016 and 2017 *in Review*



86.2%

Occupancy Rate



\$20,175

provided from the Susan Powers  
Helping Hand Fund to guests needing  
financial housing assistance



2,300

evening meals served by  
volunteer organizations



95%

Of your donations  
support our mission



8,500

4,000 guests served in 2016  
4,500 guests served in 2017



4,625

hours donated by  
volunteers

### TRANSPLANTS PERFORMED BY MAYO CLINIC IN 2017

**495** BONE MARROW Transplants

**14** PANCREAS Transplants

**13** LUNG Transplants

**216** KIDNEY Transplants

**34** HEART Transplants

**128** LIVER Transplants

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Year Ended 2017

2017

Programs	973,078
Donations	503,447
Fundraising Events	<u>79,427</u>
<b>Total 2017 Revenues</b>	<b>1,555,952</b>
Program	1,198,601
Management/General	230,349
Fundraising	<u>117,844</u>
<b>Total 2017 Expenses</b>	<b>1,546,794</b>
<b>2017 Revenues</b>	<b>1,558,152</b>
<b>2017 Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,546,794</u></b>
<b>2017 Net Income</b>	<b>9,158</b>

2016

Programs	978,970
Donations**	2,418,921
Fundraising Events	<u>83,240</u>
<b>Total 2016 Revenues</b>	<b>3,481,131</b>
Program	1,197,592
Management/General	252,725
Fundraising	<u>114,387</u>
<b>Total 2016 Expenses</b>	<b>1,564,704</b>
<b>2016 Revenues</b>	<b>3,481,131</b>
<b>2016 Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,564,704</u></b>
<b>2016 Net Income</b>	<b>1,916,427</b>

\*\*A generous restricted gift of \$2,000,000 was given to the Gift of Life Transplant House.

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**Thank you** to our staff and board members for making Gift of Life Transplant House the "home away from home" it is.



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## WORDS ABOUT OUR STAFF, FROM OUR GUESTS

"Words cannot describe how wonderful the staff was."  
"They [staff] are just like family."  
"Great group of people, they do a wonderful job."  
"On every occasion, they exceeded all expectations."  
"They went beyond our expectations."



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