



## Helping Hands—Volunteer Connection ~ Spring 2022

### ***A PASTORAL NOTE***

### ***National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, 2022***

**To ALL our amazing volunteers:** You play a vital role in Baruch's mission. We could not do this without you. You make a BIG difference in the lives of people as they age. *Thank YOU* for serving.

**Pastor Joan**



### ***VOLUNTEER WORDS***

Listen! Do you hear them? These are angel wings; in our residences we call them Baruch Volunteers. As Aesop wrote "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." You, our volunteers, give from the heart! "Dedicated hearts like yours are not so easy to find; it takes a special person to be so generous and kind."

In today's busy world many opportunities exist and desire our time and energy. We are thankful you have chosen the Baruch family with whom to volunteer. BUT, more volunteers would be a treasured asset. Do you have a friend or neighbor who would like to volunteer? Maybe they would ask, "Why should I volunteer?" Answers to that question have been:

--teaches me something new about people

--to share my talents

--to meet other people

--because it is fun

--because I have the time

--to show others that someone cares

--because I have been given so much in life and believe it's important to give as well

--it makes my heart happy.

No man or woman is an island so when one person thrives, they can help lift up those around them.

Our arms are open to new volunteers all the time. Come *thrive* with us!

## Information Tidbits

In the last newsletter I discussed the founding of Baruch and some of the principles upon which the ministry is based. As I reflect on that time, and the years following, honoring God and serving people as they age have been the foundation of Baruch Senior Ministries. Twenty-five years ago this fall, blocks were laid. From its inception the ministry has grown from one home in Coopersville to 27 homes throughout Michigan, from one part time leased employee to over 900 employees, to serving thousands of residents and family members. One feature of our anniversary celebration later this year will be a timeline of significant events during the past 25 years: the purchase of homes, construction of others, and expansion of services. We will remember other impactful events: the start of our Spiritual Care program, increasing numbers of chaplains, development of our own human resources, advancement and finance teams, the Michigan Supreme Court's ruling in our favor regarding property tax relief, and many others that have benefitted our ministry. Through many changes built on the same foundation God has blessed this ministry. Silver anniversary events will be detailed in the next months!

**Tom Nobel, Founder & CEO**

### Thrive Quote

“The way to thrive is to help others thrive; the way to flourish is to help others flourish; the way to fulfill yourself is to spend yourself.” – Cornelius Plantinga



### A Springtime Prayer

As flowers bloom in beauty and butterflies take wing, as the sun shines joy upon the earth and all of nature sings, as miracles surround us and life springs forth anew...May the Risen Christ bring reborn joy and lasting peace to you.

### Little Chuckles

- ◆ You know you are getting older when “Happy Hour” is a nap.
- ◆ A key ring is a handy little gadget that allows you to lose all your keys at once.
- ◆ Keep smiling! The luscious plum forgot to—and became a wrinkled prune.



*THRIVE* Word for Spring –  
**Shine!**