

Dear Friends: Happy New Year!

As we reflect on 2007, it has been another remarkable year of serving. The House has been full and our guests have come from near and far (one guest came in from India to be by his brothers' bedside!) and our guests continue to be so appreciative of their stay at our home-away-from-home providing them with a place to stay with comfort and solace.

It has also been another amazing year of generosity by our community. So many of you as individuals or as groups have donated your time and talents and gifts, the cupboards are stocked to warm our guests' hearts and the new windows have warmed the guests in their bedrooms. And I have to share this wonderful number with you all,... we logged in over 2,550 Friendly Face volunteer hours in 2007, wow!

So, looking forward for 2008, our Friendly Face volunteer hours have changed slightly, the new shift times are:

First Shift --Monday-Saturday: 11 am-2:30pm and
Second Shift --Monday-Friday: 2:30-6:00pm

(please note, if you want to volunteer but these shift times do not work for you, let us know, we are flexible and may be able to make some adjustments for you)

We still need to add some more volunteers to help us operate the House, so anyone interested in becoming involved and supporting the Pay-It-Forward House is invited to attend a **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Session**. The session will be held at the House at 719 Somonauk St. and include a tour and explanation of our mission and the various volunteer opportunities. The session will be held on SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th, at 10:30am and will last one hour. To register or for more information, please contact Joyce Mathey at 815/895-3803, or JAM151@aol.com

We are grateful for your continued support! We wish you the best for 2008.

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