

## **St. Peter Claver Ministry to Tabor House.**

Parish members prepare dinner for the fourteen residents approximately every two weeks. There are also opportunities to share dinner with the men of Tabor House. Dinners will be served on **February 24, March 18, March 31** and **April 28**.

Tabor House is a small non-profit agency, which provides a loving housing environment, education and social service support to approximately fourteen men living with HIV/AIDS, who would otherwise be homeless. Tabor House is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and is located near Trinity College.

### **Description:**

Tabor House provides housing to any man with HIV/AIDS based on the availability of beds. In addition to providing a safe, healthy home for residents, the Sisters of Saint Joseph also provide the necessary support for residents to lead the highest quality of life possible. These supportive services include, domestic violence counseling, mental health support, substance abuse counseling, independent living and vocational skills training and educational and recreational enhancement services.

### **History:**

Tabor House was started in 1991 by Sister Laura Herold, who died in December 2007. The need for housing for people with HIV/AIDS was stunning and the success of the house was immediate. In 1997 Tabor House acquired a second residence. Both houses are at full capacity 99% of the time due to the increased need for housing for people with HIV/AIDS.

### **How Can I Help??**

There are two ways in which you can help:

- 1.) Cook or prepare either a salad, entree or dessert for 14 residents to be served on a Wednesday evening. Food can be left in the parish hall kitchen or it can be picked up at your house. Dinners are served approximately every two weeks usually on a Wednesday or Thursday. If food is stored in one of your dishes, it is always returned to you.
- 2.) Bring prepared food to Tabor House and share dinner with residents. One or two people accompany a leader (leave from church parking lot) to Tabor House which is located at 67 Brownell Street in Hartford on a specified Wednesday. The group arrives at 5:30 PM and usually leaves by 6:30 or 7:00 PM. The group listens to the residents and showers them with loving kindness!

You can specify whether you are interested in only preparing food or only serving dinner or both.

### **How often will I be called upon to help out??**

Your name will be added to a list of active members. You will be called or emailed to find out if it is convenient for you to cook or serve on a given date. Probably you will be called a couple times during the year.

Please let us know if you want to become an active member and how you would like to help.

Again, thank you for your interest in this valuable ministry!

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