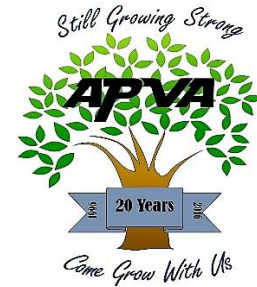


APVA Member Spotlight

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Pat Spiegel - Volunteer Coordinator, Mercy Haven Inc.



In the late 1990's I was the Controller at Mercy Haven for four years. I left for another position but continued to volunteer at Mercy Haven because I was very enthusiastic about the mission of the Agency. I worked on the Annual Cocktail Party fundraisers, Golf Outings and Anniversary Galas over the years. When I retired in April of 2015, the Executive Director expressed an interest in expanding the Volunteer program at Mercy Haven and I accepted a part-time position as Volunteer Coordinator. Despite having volunteered in various places for many years, my business experience was in the accounting and finance areas and I have learned a great deal over the last year and a half. I enjoy connecting with potential volunteers, finding positions which suit them as well as the Agency. We have been able to develop new roles for volunteers as well as adding some new people to our long standing committees.

APVA has been very helpful to me as a newcomer to this field. The workshops are informative and the speakers always bring a new perspective to the world of volunteering. Much of what I have learned has been very useful to my growth in this position. I am grateful for the insights and information APVA has provided.

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About Mercy Haven:

Established in 1985, Mercy Haven, Inc. is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. We envision communities where diversity and inclusion are valued and individuals reach their full potential. We are committed to be a place where experience and creative solutions come together to open the door of possibility for those most in need. For over 30 years Mercy Haven has grown to be a multi-faceted community resource and has served over 2,500 people. We have brought services to both Nassau and Suffolk Counties and are committed members of the communities we serve. From a humble beginning in Bay Shore, as a provider of housing for persons living with mental illness, our housing programs now include the elderly, limited income families as well as persons with special needs. Our support programs include legal services, education and employment skills training, community outreach, staff on-call 24/7, and a sophisticated property management department.



Mercy Haven's mission is to acknowledge the dignity and potential of people who are homeless, living with mental illness or living in poverty by providing housing, advocacy, education and life skills development.

Mercy Haven Inc. Volunteer - Ms. Linda Tos



Linda Tos has been a volunteer for Mercy Haven for over five years. She has served on the Annual Cocktail Party Committee, the 30th Anniversary Committee and at the annual Golf Outings. Linda is very generous with her time and talent. She has enlisted her family and friends to solicit prizes and create beautiful baskets for the fundraising raffles at these events. Linda works tirelessly at the events themselves, and is willing to do whatever is asked of her.

She is very supportive of and enthusiastic about the mission of Mercy Haven and we are fortunate to be able to count on her whenever and wherever her help is needed.