



Octagon House Foundation, Inc.

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Here's What We've Been Up To!

We've been busy raising money for the Foundation, as is usual for groups like us. Right now, it seems like that's all we've been doing! Our volunteers consistently turn out to help us with these ventures into adding to the coffers for the future of the Octagon House, and we truly appreciate all their time and efforts. You can see what activities we've been up to since our last report.

We would also like to welcome 5 new members to the Foundation! We appreciate all the membership renewals and donations that have been received, as well as all the delicious desserts that have added to the success of all our fund raising efforts.

Fund Raisers Have Brought In \$6,172

That looks like a tremendous amount of money for us, but considering the expenses involved with each project, we were able to add \$4,449 to our checking account. Please look at the section in this newsletter telling about our upcoming projects and see where you can fit in to help us raise more!



2017 Spaghetti Dinner

Volunteers are busy putting finishing touches on the salads for the evening (left) before the crowds came (right). The community support for this event was wonderful! We served over 250 meals!!



Yard Sale

Many thanks to everyone who donated items to sell at the yard sale in June! Those of us who worked the event had a great time. Hot dogs were a big hit!!



Barbecue Dinner

In August, Ken Hall prepared his special barbecue turkey, which was well received by the community. We served 195 eat in or take out meals.



Special Thanks to...

Rita Blevins, who donated a Troy-Bilt riding lawn mower to the Foundation to be used to mow the yard at the Octagon House. It's made that job so much easier! Sort of makes you want to volunteer to mow, doesn't it?

Congratulations!

Bill Mink, of Meadowview, won the quilt raffle on Mother's Day this year. He bought his winning ticket at Casey's Diner. Another quilt raffle is planned for next year.

What's Happening Soon?

In case you haven't figured out the schedule yet, your Board has tried to hold a fund raising event every other month this year. Plans are to maintain that schedule as long as possible. With that in mind, here are a few events that are being discussed for the next 4-6 months, but we'll need your help to make all of them happen!

October

What better way to spend your Halloween than at an event at the spooky old Octagon House on Thomas Bridge Road? Would you like to help plan an evening of entertainment for the whole family? Maybe a movie (pick a scary one!), popcorn, and other goodies? Schedule it for the weekend before Halloween, and lots of ghouls and guys will come! Contact Nancy Smith (nancyneitch@embarqmail.com or 276-783-3723) to volunteer and plan the event.

November

Discussion is going on to have a ham, potato salad, green beans, roll, and a drink dinner one night in November. Be watching for an opportunity to sign up to help! Time and price TBA.

December

From December 1st through the 3rd this year, we will again be a presence at the Christmas Market. Held the weekend after Thanksgiving, this is an excellent time for us to display our special Octagon House wares. (Please contact Rita Blevins at 783-2160 if you would like to help during this weekend event.) This year Kathy Baumgarner has designed the second Octagon House ornament in her series for us, which will be available then. Other items we have include the print in two sizes created by Melba Boyd.



\$10 each
(last year's shown)



Large: 16" X 20" - \$40
Small: 11" X 17" - \$20



\$10



Short-sleeve T-shirt - \$15
Long-sleeve T-shirt - \$18

All of our Octagon House family can take advantage of items for sale and show your support of The House. If you would like to purchase any of these, please email Nancy Smith at nancyneitch@embarqmail.com or call her at 276-783-3723 with the list of items you need.

Spring

Archaeological Dig at The House
Date TBA

Planners needed now!!



Online Donations Accepted

PayPal donations can be made through the web site:
www.smythoctagonhouse.org

We also have set up a Gofundme page:
gofundme.com/octagonhouse

It's easier than ever to make donations now!

Check us out on Facebook at
<https://facebook.com/OctagonHouseFoundation/>



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WE STILL NEED YOU...
to volunteer with us!

The Octagon House Foundation needs your help.

Every month we have been asking for volunteers to help with our various projects. Your Board needs your help now in coming up with ideas for fund raisers, and your help to make some of them happen. Fresh ideas are always welcome! But we also need people who can plan and bring those ideas to fruition. If you would like to help in any way (and you don't have to be a Board member!), please contact Nancy Smith at nancyneitch@embarqmail.com 276-783-3723 **soon!**

Your time and monetary donations are always needed and gratefully appreciated.