

Franciscan Ministries, Inc.
Executive Director's Report | 3rd Quarter 2020

Centennial Barn - Brandi Colvin, the new director and former event coordinator, is handling all aspects of the barn sales and event management. Taking advantage of fewer events, Brandi is working with me on updating our policies and pricing, in light of changes related to the pandemic. Bartenders and support staff, who work only as temporary/part-time staff, have been unavailable to work events. This has created challenges and we have operated with short staff when events are held.

Community Garden- The Garden has been very active all year except for group work days. These were cancelled as a precaution. A local contractor donated services and built a shelter area for the Garden.

Haircuts from the Heart – The salon reopened mid-May and closed June 30 due to a COVID-19 case. The salon remained closed through July. The mobile service has not reopened as our partners not ready to host the service. The part-time stylist remains on furlough.

Tamar's Center- Tamar's continues limited operations that include providing food and supplies and working with individuals to connect to other services. We received a lovely thank you and \$4000 check from Our Daily Bread in appreciation for help when they had to close due to a COVID situation. Clients were served from Tamar's. Director, Estelle McNair, has returned after being out for surgery. I am pleased to report she is well and back working full-time.

Tau House- Tau House rooms have been reconfigured with COVID safety in-mind. A Xavier University group held a retreat there in September. During their stay, part of the dining room ceiling fell in. It occurred overnight and no one was injured. Groups coming in October and November have been reassigned to St. Columban. The parish is repairing Tau House.

Development Activity – Though without a director, development work has continued, handled by Marci Peebles and me. This includes grant work, the Bidding for a Cause online auction, and Front Porch Happy Hours. Grant reports to the Delta Gateway Foundation and Greater Cincinnati Foundation have been submitted. New grant proposals have been submitted to Hamilton County for CARES Act funding for Tamar's - \$25,975, the CRS Rice Bowl Local Fund for the Garden - \$3,500, and PNC Charitable Trust for 2021 Tamar's funds \$20,000. We have received notice of success for the County CARES Act funding and await word on the others.

Our Lady of the Woods- The building sale closed in July 28. We prevailed in our tax reassessment and expect a rebate as taxes are paid in advance. Final settlement was reached on the five-year Direct Energy contract at 50% of requested settlement, saving \$3,000.