



## Charitable Corporation Connections Mid-December 2020

Your CPCC board wishes you blessings throughout the holiday season and lots of hope for the future.

Lovingly,

Cheryl, Susan, L J, Jill, Liz, Janet, and Shari

*“What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future.”*

*~ Agnes M. Pahro*

### Marguerite Fund

The Marguerite Fund showered each recipient with an extra \$500 check this month. Generous donations to the Christmas Shower fund from chapters and individuals enable this effort. Thank you! We have the funds to provide temporary assistance to Colorado women who are experiencing difficult times. Take a moment to think about someone you know who could benefit from this project. Do you know someone in your chapter, in your church, or in your neighborhood? Have questions? [Click here](#)



Five of our CH residents stayed home for Thanksgiving to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Boo and Tanya prepared a lovely meal, complete with decorations, and the CPCC board contributed pies and sides requested by the residents. Cheryl and Gwen (Cheryl's mom) served wine and sparkling cider and remained socially distanced yet enjoyed the wonderful dinner.

Our residents made a whole raft of these hapless edible turkeys under the direction of Chapter House's new assistant manager, Tanya Adams.

Everyone had a great time and all found reasons to laugh!

**Chapter House Review Committee Final Report:**

The Chapter House Review Committee, appointed in January 2020 by the CPCC board chair has finished its research and submitted its report. The special committee

- included members from outside the CPCC board
- was dedicated to an in-depth analysis of finances, governing documents, economic factors, impacts of the age and accumulated deferred maintenance of the property, and any other factors it deemed relevant, and
- was tasked with looking into feasible options for the future of the property and project.

Last week, the CPCC Board gave our residents and their families access to the complete report. You can find the complete report by clicking [here](#).

The CH Review Committee conclusions:

- Seek membership approval to sell the Chapter House property as soon as possible without dissolving the Chapter House project.
- Using proceeds from the sale, expand the project's purpose to allow all Colorado residents to apply for assistance from the project.
- Continue to assist Chapter House residents who relocate after the sale of the property.



### What are YOU going to do?

**The CPCC board presents options.  
The CPCC membership decides.  
You are the CPCC membership.  
The next few points really matter!  
Please read on!**

The membership (not the CPCC Board of Directors) makes the decision on whether to

- sell the real property and continue the project in an evolved form (e.g., an assistance fund for grants for individuals living in residential care centers with financial need), or
- dissolve the entire Chapter House project – its intent, its spirit, its heritage.

The current CPCC board promised full transparency to Colorado P.E.O.s. Continuing in the vein of full transparency, we need our sisters to know that the CPCC board intended to call a special meeting in January 2021 to ask the CPCC membership whether to sell the CH property.

- The CPCC board submitted a special meeting plan to International Chapter and asked for International Chapter's support/guidance.
- **International Chapter decided** the CPCC must delay putting a question to the membership about sale of real property. According to International Chapter's interpretation of the CPCC bylaws, **the only way to sell the property is by dissolving the Chapter House project** (which also dissolves Share the Care and the Endowment Fund). The dissolution clause in our bylaws can only be voted on at Annual Meetings. The next Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 2021.

The board has a duty to protect and preserve our philanthropy

- Therefore, because of International Chapter's restriction on real property sale, several expenditures for the safety of those at CH were immediately implemented. Click [here](#) for the complete list. CPCC bylaws require a membership vote for improvements costing more than \$100,000. The board determined that, except for the remodels, these expenses are repairs, not improvements. Therefore, membership approval for these expenses is not required by CPCC bylaws.

**For those of you who believe the board should not be spending money on repairs while simultaneously considering a potential vote to sell the**

## property, please consider the following:

1. Unless and until the members of the Corporation (in other words, each of YOUR chapters) vote to sell the property and/or dissolve the Chapter House project, the board is charged to maintain and operate the residence for the best interests and safety of the residents. There is no guarantee the membership will vote in favor of either option -- selling the property or dissolving the Chapter House project.
2. Unless and until the membership votes for several bylaw changes that definitively separate the property from the project, the only way International Chapter will allow us to sell the property is by dissolving the entire Chapter House project (which also dissolves Share the Care and the Endowment Fund). There is no guarantee the membership will vote in favor of bylaw changes that will be presented in June 2021.
3. The current dissolution clause in the CPCC bylaws for the Chapter House project (which also includes Share the Care and Endowment) requires *two consecutive* 3/4 majority votes at annual meetings. This means that without bylaw changes, the earliest date possible for sale of the property is June 2022. There is no guarantee of two consecutive 3/4 majority votes.
4. The CPCC board continues to think to the future. First, we need to definitively separate our philanthropy (CPCC) from our projects (CH, MF, STC, Endowment) to assure that our assets are protected. Only then we can move forward. We have great hopes that our membership will understand and support proposed changes that will preserve our monetary assets and expand our benevolent projects.

## A TOAST TO OUR SISTERS FROM OUR SISTERS



## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SISTERS

A newly remodeled, updated 820 sq. ft. one-bedroom apartment with a wonderful view is available at Chapter House. Rent is \$2800/month and includes meals and utilities. Do you know someone who would love to live here? Click [here](#) for more information.



Now that you know what a fun bucket the CPCC board can be, we know you want to be part of the process! Submit your application for a board position! Training for hard work is provided; willingness to work hard is required.

[Click here for the current application.](#)  
[Click here for current additional information.](#)

**CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:**  
Please forward this CPCC newsletter to  
your chapter members. The CPCC  
needs informed voters.



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Stay safe and remember to wash your hands!

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