Historic Portage Manor

Est 1906
A Safe Haven;

A portage or passage into better times...
What is Portage Manor?

We are a 144 licensed residential health care facility that is owned by St. Joseph County Commissioners and operated under IC 12-30-7 by a Board of Managers appointed by the Commissioners.

We have served this community's poor, self-limited, sick or infirm since the doors opened in February of 1907. Although our practices of care have certainly improved through the years; our mission remains the same!

We are one out of ten County Homes left in the State of Indiana. We are the largest in the State, most well-kept, and the only County Home in the State that is licensed! We are unique, special, and relevant!
Competent and Community Based Care!

A local solution to a local problem

• We provide 24 hours nursing care to disabled and elderly citizens of St. Joseph County at an affordable price! We partner with our community mental health center, and coordinate services that are desperately needed to combat illnesses and limitations for those we serve.
We have a lot of dear people who reside with us; all who each have a unique story to tell.

1) A young women, highly educated, husband and family unsure how to help... In 8 months she was stable on medications and therapies and able to return home to her husband and 4 small children.

2) An elder who served 20 years in prison and needs supportive living after unsuccessfully transitioning into "the outside"; remains in our care.

3) A beloved brother who is talented to play concert piano, but plagued with schizophrenia finds as safe home with us.

4) A retired teacher who had no children and no living siblings; suffered a stroke and needs supportive care. We are able to provide her a safe home amongst friends.
Who pays for those in our care?

**REVENUE**

- We operate by collecting room and board from those in our care. The State of Indiana pays $54.51 per day for each soul who qualifies for the state program; you must be eligible for Medicaid and have a qualifying disability to be on the State's funding program.
- We accept indigent citizens. We will admit those who are our level of care and work to get them on Medicaid and on the program.

**EXPENDITURES**

- We operate within our own Fund and take nothing from the County's General Fund.
- Our operating cost, which includes: Payroll, group insurance, FICA, and PERF for all employees, all food, housekeeping, and supportive needs for residents, as well as all building up keep and maintenance cost are 100% paid by our revenue generated by room and board fees.
A Diverse Group of People who Call Portage Manor Home....

Summer Picnics, Fishing, Fall Festival, Christmas Celebration, Daily Activities, and weekly shopping trips............

Life slows down and we make friends..
Staff, volunteers & our great Community offer support & Friendship

….We get by with a little help from our friends...
A community that values approximately 113 acres of land that is home to...

- Historical Portage Cemetery (approx. 1,500 men, women, and children found a final resting place. The cemetery is still used today for indigent citizens in need)
- Miller's Vets "Garden of Peace" Cemetery founded in 2010 by Judge Miller.
- Chet-Wagnor Little League (100 year contract on file with the commissioners)
- Challenger Field for disabled baseball players (land has been allocated, but not developed yet)
- Seventy acres of leased farm land that helps support the cost of care given at the home.
- Beautiful wooded grounds, historic ravine, and county owned property right in the city for over one hundred and eleven years!!!
Years of Dedication!

To create and maintain a safe, quality home for all!
A place of support & hope!

..to ensure all get a chance at a meaningful life
How do we make a difference in St. Joseph County?

• Ensure disabled adults get the medical and psychiatric help and support they need.

• Save the tax payers money and encourage a good social system by decreasing the use of emergency rooms, jail, State Hospitals, St. Joseph County criminal judicial system, and help people off the streets by providing a home, monitoring medications, and, ensuring basic needs are met.

• Work with each person to achieve their goals including helping them access the needed support and programs available at the home and/or in the community.
How do we meet these challenges and demands of caring?

By much prayer and lots of greats....

• great leadership,
• great kindness,
• great perseverance,
• great strength,
• and by building great relationships
In Conclusion we ask that each Council Member and Commissioner take time this year to come visit with us and be proud of the home and care YOU'VE given by supporting the less fortunate citizens of this County!

I'd love the opportunity for questions, comments or concerns...
Thank you for your time this evening!

Respectfully,
The Board of Managers of Portage Manor:
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Patty Godsey, Vice President
Mike Kruk, Member, Jan Winn, Member, Tom McClanahan, Member,
Lynn Rhody, Member, Susie O'Neill, Member, Dan Berry, Member,
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