



Bishop Anderson House

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We can't wait for our "House Party" this year, hosted by Pagoda Red gallery!

Fabulous nibbles and nosh station, beer,
wine and specialty beverages

Thursday, October 10, 5:00 to 7:00 pm,
Pagoda Red, 1740 W. Webster Ave

Tickets \$50 per person — purchase soon,
only 75 tickets available!

Come take a peek at the spectacular furnishings, antiques and modern art work at Pagoda Red, Bucktown's premier gallery for all things Chinese. Thanks to a fabulous donor, each and every dollar from the House Party will go directly to sponsor wellness and well-being events for the hardworking staff members at the CORE Center, Stroger Hospital, and Rush University Medical Center. Hear inspiring stories from folks who are on the front lines of medical care in Chicago and be a part of supporting ways to keep them healthy. Purchase tickets at: www.bishopandersonhouse.org.



Dianna's Teddy Bear Ministry

There is nothing like a cuddly Teddy Bear to ease anxiety and break the ice in a hospital room. The simple act of sharing a soft bear makes conversation flow, and thanks to many congregations and individual donors, Bishop Anderson House has been sharing Teddy Bears in hospitals for over 35 years.

One important face of this ministry was the late Dianna Chu, who served as chaplain to women and children at the former Cook County Hospital. Dianna was renowned for her rolling cart full of Teddy Bears, but even more so for her sincere compassion for women suffering deep pain and loss. Dianna provided the shoulder to cry upon for women whose babies were stillborn, held the hand of the handcuffed prisoner giving birth and made sure each child in the pediatric ward had a bear to take home.

Dianna's family is continuing her legacy of compassion and care to women and children by formally establishing Dianna's Teddy Bear Ministry and providing funding for a part-time chaplain to serve at Stroger Hospital. We are grateful to Dr. Judith MacGregor for her vision and commitment to seeing Dianna's passion lived out in our work.



Capital Campaign Bears Fruit

\$1.2 million in pledges. \$338,871.00 received to date. How do you like them apples?

Bishop Anderson House is touching more people and transforming more lives today because of the huge success of our Campaign for the Next 70 Years. Donors have already given approximately 25% of the pledged amount, for which we are very grateful. The span of the pledge period goes until 2021, with gifts allocated both towards endowment and sustaining current programming.

Thanks to these donations, the reach of online Spiritual Care Visitor Training has gone as far as Galena and Peoria in 2019. The Community Based Clinical Pastoral Education that we offer in conjunction with Rush is again filled to capacity—this year more students applied than we are able to serve. Our chaplaincy at Stroger continues to thrive, and we are excited about our continuing partnership with the CORE Center.

As we celebrated the close of the campaign in May, Dr. Toyin Adeyemi reminded us of the importance of gratitude in our lives—please accept our thanks on behalf of all who benefit from your gifts.



Peoria Next Stop on the Spiritual Care Visitor Training Express

Spiritual Care Visitor Training begins with a one-day workshop at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Peoria on October 5, 2019 from 9 to 4 p.m. Each participant then "attends" a set of 7 online modules to take at his or her own pace. The online modules are recorded, live presentations by seasoned practitioners. An integral part of the program is completing 2 hours per week providing spiritual care in a self-selected site (a congregation, nursing home, or hospital are a few options). Participants are required to be supervised by their faith community leader or a professional in the field. To facilitate further learning and growth, a monthly online-chat will be offered for participants to process the modules and to ask questions that may arise from spiritual care visits.

Students are recommended to the course by clergy or professional chaplains. The cost for the session is \$375, consisting of a \$50 non-refundable application fee, and \$325 tuition. More details: <https://www.bishopandersonhouse.org/overview-of-training/> or contact Tommy Rogers at 312.563.4824; Thomas_Rogers@rush.edu.



The Rev. Rose Cicero Joins our Staff

She dipped her toe in the waters of pastoral care by taking Spiritual Care Visitor Training, and then went even deeper by taking a unit of our Community Based Clinical Education. Now Deacon Rose Cicero is diving in to her call to serve by joining our Bishop Anderson House staff as part-time chaplain.

Rose's primary duties at Stroger Hospital will be serving women and children, and being a representative of Dianna's Teddy Bear Ministry. She says "I feel a strong call to serve at Stroger Hospital and am looking forward to joining the Bishop Anderson House staff in providing spiritual and emotional care to patients. I have a deep desire to bring support, healing and comfort to those most in need."

Recently ordained as Deacon in the Episcopal Church, Rose will also be serving at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Clarendon Hills. She joins us after a long career as an educator at Morton West High School, and has been a Court Appointed Special Advocate for CASA of Cook County for over 20 years. Welcome, Rose, we are excited for the good work you will do on behalf of Bishop Anderson House.

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Ann's Penny Wise Tips

Nothing warms my heart like maximizing your donation spending power. Here are my top 5 ways to get great ROI on your investment in Bishop Anderson House:

- Free money—always take advantage of your Employer Match program. You could double your donation by simply filling out a form with HR—your \$25 is suddenly \$50 bucks!
- Who doesn't shop on Amazon?! Make Bishop Anderson House Foundation your beneficiary on Amazon Smile for pain free giving.
- Speaking of billion\$\$—be sure to leverage Facebook donations as well. Just a simple post asking friends to celebrate your birthday with a donation button for Bishop Anderson Foundation (OUR LEGAL NAME) can bring in valuable donations AND raise awareness.
- Will Power—have you included Bishop Anderson House in your estate planning?
- IRA MRD QCD = less \$\$ to the IRS. Consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution of your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA.

If you have any questions about these hot tips please send me an email at aryba@bishopandersonhouse.org...I'm always a fan of OPM (Other People's Money)