



Executive Director Message

A New Year!

In 2021, we focused our efforts on reducing expenses, increasing occupancy and expanding our partner referral sources. Because of the initiatives we put into place last year, Molly's House is in a solid financial position. The challenges of COVID continue to affect many nonprofits, from impacting services to staffing to fundraising. I'm pleased to say that we have been able to weather these challenges because of our devoted donors and the diverse sources that send guests to us.

On the administrative side, we resurrected our finance committee early last year. The support this team provides me is invaluable. Led by Chuck Cleaver, these six individuals enthusiastically share their decades of experience with Molly's House. Their expertise is making a difference today and is guiding decisions about our future. Thank you!

While we need to continue expanding our referral sources, we are always focused on the best use of the house and ensuring Martin County is our top priority. Last year, some partners restricted services, so we knew we'd have additional rooms available. That led to a new opportunity with Cleveland Clinic's traveling nurses. Staffing issues at the hospital brought more traveling nurses to our area. Molly's House offers them a place to stay within walking distance of the hospital, while supporting our community's major healthcare provider.

Our priorities are to continually improve our guests' experience and the house's efficiency. Projects in the works or planned for 2022 include installing new impact windows, investigating solar power, and renovating the laundry room for greater accessibility by guests in wheelchairs. We are very grateful to Tempur Sealy International, Inc., for replacing all of our beds, repeating the generous donation they made when we opened 25 years ago.

Thank you for supporting Molly's House. Best wishes for a wonderful year ahead.

Katie Watts, Executive Director

2021 Occupancy

	2021	2020
Total Stays	230	155
Total Rooms Occupied Nights	2,710	1,378
Average Nights per Stay	11.75 nights	9 nights

2021 Referral Sources

Top Three	New Sources
Paley	Dobbs Clubfoot
CCMH	Oceanside Physical Therapy
Treasure Coast Hospice	Dr. Elliott

Celebrating Christmas at Molly's House

Ten families awoke Christmas morning at Molly's House. The halls echoed with children's laughter and the sound of tearing wrapping paper. The scene was a happy one, and it demonstrated the resilience of children and families dealing with medical crises.

They know they must be adaptable because their situation can quickly change. We were honored to host them during this festive time. And Santa was able to find everyone!



Katie and a couple of helpers set up the Disney miniature village, which was very popular with guests of all ages.



2021 Volunteer of the Year: **Jean Caligiuri** A new community & a new purpose

After a 50-year career, Jean Caligiuri found herself in Stuart in 2020. She'd sold her home on Long Island, left her children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, friends and coworkers. "I was overwhelmed, to say the least," said Jean. To her, Stuart was where she visited her parents and soaked up the sun. It wasn't home.

Retirement and relocation left her wondering where she fit in her new community. She got her answer after a chance meeting. "I found Molly's House," explained Jean. "I realized volunteering would be the next phase of my life."

As soon as Jean met with Molly's House Director of Operations Mimi Wild, she completed a volunteer application and began a new journey. That journey tapped into experience she'd gained in her career and earlier volunteer work.

Armed with a bachelor's degree in health administration and a master's degree in mental health counseling, Jean began her career with a nonprofit rehabilitation agency for people with disabilities. Extensive responsibilities had her on call 24/7.

While she volunteered for fundraising events connected to her job, she also devoted time as an athletic coach for a competitive disabled sports team. She coached on a regional, national and international level. Her experience led to an invitation to test for an International Olympic Committee/Paralympic Officials License in powerlifting. In November 2016, after training at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center, Jean received her license.

I found my purpose - giving back to the community. I hope my life and work experiences contribute to Molly's House mission and goals. Volunteering is the heart and soul of any community. It offers an opportunity to experience, observe, listen and share information needed for the future of any organization.

- Jean Caligiuri

MEETING CHANGING GUESTS' NEEDS

I was introduced to Molly's House many years ago by one of my sister's neighbors, and I've been connected to this important community organization ever since. Today, as I prepare to finish my term as president of the board of directors, I'm proud of how far we've come and am excited to see where we go from here.

Molly's vision included welcoming patients in addition to patients' families. Like her, patients may need to be near the hospital, but not hospitalized, while undergoing treatments. The demand for patient accommodations has grown as more medical care has shifted to outpatient services. To ensure these guests are comfortable and safe, we've renovated bathrooms, kitchens and other common areas. We'll continue to adapt as our guests' needs change.

At the same time, we are running a house. Much like our own homes, our monthly budget has to accommodate increased costs — from food to electricity to internet access (critical to keep guests connected to families). We're asking Molly's House supporters to help us with these ongoing expenses by making us part of their monthly budget. Regular gifts make budgeting and managing cash flow easier for us and for our donors, no matter the giving level.

I made the move to monthly giving. I set it up once, and now I don't have to think about it. Monthly giving offers consistent, year-round support for our house, our services and our guests. Please help us sustain this valuable one-of-a-kind resource that serves Martin and St. Lucie counties. Gifts can be made using the enclosed envelope or by visiting mollyshouse.org/donate.



Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy".

Betsy Herold, President, Board of Directors

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