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Letter from the Chairman

~ by John Francis

As many of you know, one of Sarah House's Strategic Goals in 2023 is to raise enough money to be able to hire an Executive Director. As a result of our recent online special event, we are closer to our goal. Thanks to all of you who bid on items.

That said, we are still about \$30,000 away from our goal. To keep moving the ball down the field toward this goal, we intend to have a Special Event in October (date TBD) at Fueled Collective again this year. We have tentatively scheduled Jonathan Cottor, MBA, MPH as our keynote speaker. Jonathan founded Ryan House about 20 years ago. He is now the founder/CEO of The National Center for Pediatric Palliative Care Homes. You won't want to miss hearing this bright, talented, and caring man talk to issues that are germane to the Sarah House Mission.

We have three new Board members: Zach Bohannon (Senior Field Representative, U.S. House of Representatives); Wendy Chouteau (Nurse Practitioner, Your Wellness Center); and Crystal Decker (Senior Public Relations Specialist, VITAS Healthcare). We have four Board slots open if you or someone you know would like to apply to join our Board; our near-term need is for Board members who can help us raise money. Simply go to our web site and complete/submit an application.

John Francis, Board Chair

Kim Marcum-Mercier and Jonathan Cottor Speak at the National Lifespan Respite Conference

~ by Kim Marcum-Mercier

Kim Marcum-Mercier, Sarah House Founder, and Jonathan Cottor, Founder of [Ryan House](#) and Founder/CEO of the [National Center for Pediatric Palliative Care Homes](#) were speakers for the 2022 Lifespan Conference, held from September 13-15th in Madison, Wisconsin. The conference was hosted by the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin ([RCAW](#)) and the [ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center](#).

The theme for the conference, “**Reimagine Respite**”, was intended to be timely and inspirational. Kim and Jonathan participated as conference speakers in a break-out session; presenting **“Recharge caregivers by filling a gap in unmet overnight respite through scaling Children's Hospice Homes.”**

The conference allowed attendees to dream big, explore new ideas, and create different ways to achieve respite. It also inspired attendees to build on what they've already learned and discover new ways to meet the respite care needs of the nation's more than 50 million family caregivers.



We had our Virtual Fundraiser in May!

~ by Ariel Schmid

Sarah House held its annual virtual spring fundraiser for the third year in a row. We had a beautiful array of items to bid on, ranging from self-care to restaurant outings, camping experiences, bourbon and more. 27 out of the possible 31 items sold.

The committee did a fantastic job organizing the event, creating beautiful baskets, messaging during the event, and coordinating swift delivery of the items once the auction closed. The event brought in over \$3,500, another step closer to our goal of \$75,000 to hire an executive director.

Home Away from Home

~ by Ariel Schmid

Our first in-person special event fundraiser at Fueled Collective last August was such a terrific success that we are doing it again this year! The event was well attended with a fantastic array of baskets for auction and a gorgeous pendant and date night combo from [Paolo A Modern Jeweler](#) for the silent auction portion. [Fueled Collective](#) is a beautiful venue with a warm atmosphere and we enjoyed gathering with new and old friends to reignite the push to bring Sarah House to life. The event raised us over \$10,000 towards our next strategic goals and brought in new friends and a broader awareness of this very much needed initiative. We plan on hosting it at Fueled Collective again this year in October. Keep your eyes peeled for information and invites!

Welcome To Our New Board Members

~ by Ariel Schmid

This year we are excited to announce three new board members, two of which we gained after they attended our fall Home Away from Home event. Please help us in welcoming Zach Bohannon, Senior Field Representative for the U.S. House of Representatives and childhood friend of Sarah Zepernick, Wendy Chouteau, Nurse Practitioner at Your Wellness Center and long-time friend of Sarah House, and Crystal Decker, Senior Public Relations Specialist at VITAS Healthcare, a fantastic upbeat PR and fundraising queen. We are so honored to have you join our mission in such an intimate way and look forward to what we can achieve together.



We need Volunteers!

Do you like planning events? Making ideas come to life? We need your help to make our next fundraiser a success! If you would like to be a part of our team, or know the perfect person to help, please let us know by emailing Megan Conley at admin@sarahhousecincy.org.



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