

BALANCE ADOPT A HOME PROGRAM

One of the many programs Balance runs is its Adult Family Homes (AFHs). Balance owns nine AFHs in Grafton, Saukville and Port Washington. These 3 and 4 bedroom homes provide 24/7 care and support in a safe, secure, medically attentive and enjoyable living arrangement for 28 adults ranging between the ages 21 - 72. Balance has wonderful opportunities for individuals and organizations to become an important part of our mission and the life of those we support. Balance partners are the lifeblood of our programs and our ultimate success is made possible through their commitment and support.

The Adopt A Home Program is designed to provide an opportunity to adopt one or more of our nine AFHs. This unique partnership helps Balance to ensure and provide a meaningful life that is safe, well maintained, secure and pleasurable for our residents. The Adopt A Home Program provides an opportunity to directly impact and enhance the quality of life of our residents. Physical environments are important in providing all of us with a sense of well-being and comfort. Our residents often need extra help and support for the houses they call home.

We are committed to maintaining our adult family homes in a manner consistent with the quality standards of their neighborhoods. Our homes are warm, inviting and clean and we use volunteers and staff to repair all we can. However, as a nonprofit there are limits to what we can accomplish. The homes continue to age and require updates for health, safety and accessibility. A significant difference in the funding of homes exists between Balance and for-profit organizations. A for-profit status allows negotiation of an implicit margin in reimbursement rates providing a higher level of funding. Balance's non-profit status is barely reimbursed for our current costs and the reimbursement system requires us to fundraise for repairs and upkeep of homes.

There are two components of the Adopt A Home Program – volunteer effort providing physical assistance in maintaining the home and financial effort to provide funds for those things that require expert help. Individuals and organizations can participate in one or both components for an individual home.

Volunteer Adopt A Home

- Organizations would be able to adopt one or more homes to provide volunteer help to help maintain both the interior and exterior of the home.
- Exterior work would include spring and fall yard and landscape clean up and possibly exterior cleaning and painting. Interior work would be painting as needed.
- There would be only one organization per home for Volunteer Adopt A Home.
- Recognition would be provided for the organization that adopts each home.

Financial Adopt A Home

- Each home will have a fund set up for the maintenance items that require skills such as carpentry, electrical, roofing, etc. expertise.
- Money donated to the specific home will be entered as a restricted donation. Any expenses for that home will be deducted from that account and a report on income into the fund and details on the expenses can be provided at any time.
- Financial Adopt A Home funds can be contributed to by multiple individuals or organizations.
- Recognitions will be provided for all donors to the home fund.