



Upcoming Events

- **FOX VALLEY MARATHON**
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
DONATE TO LAZARUS HOUSE
TO RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED
REGISTRATION, DETAILS ON
OUR WEBSITE
- **TRI CITIES CROP WALK**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
WWW.TRICITIESCROPWALK.ORG
- **SCARECROW FESTIVAL**
OCTOBER 7-9
VISIT OUR SCARECROW
- **ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE**
MAIN STREET ST. CHARLES
NOVEMBER 26
- **THANKSGIVING FEAST**
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
11:30-2 PM
TRI CITY SALVATION ARMY
1710 S. 7TH AVENUE

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are entering a new – but God willing temporary – chapter in provision of services at Lazarus House. These past 10 years we have had the privilege of administering five emergency and rental assistance programs. At times one or two would be at capacity, but we had the ability to consider a household in crisis for one of our other grants. This week we are nearing capacity of all of these programs. What does this look like?

The first of these grants, which we began approximately 10 years ago, is the State of Illinois Department of Human Services Homelessness Prevention grant. We operated this program for southern Kane County. One year ago this changed to be just our immediate service area (which does not include North Aurora, Aurora or Montgomery). The State of Illinois has found it necessary to drastically cut funding to this program due to the economic crisis of which we are all painfully aware. This entire current fiscal year, which began July 1st, we expect to have about \$4,350 in funds to be used to stabilize households facing homelessness due to a one-time crisis. Although none of this funding has yet been paid to Lazarus House, we expect the first of three installments to be made in the next couple of months.

In addition, since the fall of 2009 we have been administering the Homeless Prevention / Rapid Re-housing grant funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), part of the ARRA (American Recovery and Re-Investment Act) package passed in Washington. The purpose of this funding was to stabilize or re-house households who saw a drop in income during

the economic downturn, but who had previously been self sufficient. Since that time Lazarus House has been honored to assist 72 households remain or become stably housed as a result of this funding. Currently 24 households are receiving temporary-but-ongoing assistance from this grant. However, it is apparent the funds will be exhausted months prior to June of 2012, the grant ending date. Other agencies across the county who administered this grant, but received their allocation through the State of Illinois rather than Kane County (as was the case for Lazarus House), were expected to end the grant in June 2011, which they have. As a result of all of this, it has been determined that Lazarus House will cease taking any new applicants for this program.

We have been sharing with you over this past year that our original on-going subsidy program, referred to as the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Rental Subsidy Grant, is in its final round of funding. One year ago 38 households – mainly seniors and disabled and all residing within our service area – were assisted monthly. We have been working diligently to see that these folks do not fall off the proverbial cliff in June 2012 when this funding goes away. Currently only 10 households remain. The balance have either asked family to once again assist them with housing or have found other subsidized options, many of which required them to relocate to other communities that were not their home town.

What remains? We do administer the IHDA Rental Housing Support Program for Kane County and are at full capacity of 18 households for Central Kane County.

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“Save the Dates” 2011-2012

- December 25, 2011
Christmas Brunch
- June 4, 2012
Golf Outing
- July 4, 2012
Great Western Freedom
Four Race/Walk

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Luke 16:19-31

Message from the Executive Director (Continued)

We continue taking applications for this program but the reality is that it could be many years before most people on the waitlist will be able to access one of these precious units. Also, we administer a grant for very select individuals considered "Chronically Homeless" called the Samaritan Grant. Currently we have nine individuals enrolled who meet the very strict eligibility criteria established by HUD. Again – this grant is at capacity with no openings anticipated in the foreseeable future.

Lazarus House has averaged 227 calls per month this past year from folks in our community seeking this stabilizing assistance. Until now, there were a few options to offer. We remain painfully aware that our partners in service (churches, Salvation Army, townships, ministerial groups, subsidized housing, utility assistance programs, etc...) are all experiencing exhaustion of their resources as well.

We place before God these circumstances in gratitude for allowing us the privilege of providing for His people in all the ways that we do. Lazarus House is His house and those we serve are His people. He loves each and every one of us more, and in ways, than we can possibly comprehend. So we look forward, anticipating what our Lord has in His plans for the future. We will look in every nook and cranny for new funding opportunities that may come in the future. And we will remain thankful that we have this safe and inviting shelter called Lazarus House that can be offered as a home to those with no other choice. Thank you for all that you do in service to Him through Lazarus House. We are not out of options.

Serving Him with you,

Liz Eakins

We can always use donations of needs-list items to run our shelter. Lately, we've been low on all kinds of things from coffee to laundry soap and large diapers. To see a current list of our most desperately needed items, visit our website: www.lazarushouseonline.com. We thank you for any help you can provide.



A Success Story !!



"Sally" came to Lazarus House for the second time in 2010. She had been in a domestic violence shelter before coming to Lazarus House. "Sally" shared that she had been homeless for a very big portion of her life. She had not had a place of her own for many, many years. "Sally" got connected with an available program due to a collaborative grant, Community Homeless Integration Project, and was able to receive therapy and other assistance from that along with case management and resources at Lazarus House. "Sally" expressed an interest in trying to get her own place someday, so she was given an application for the Rental Housing Support Program. "Sally" got her name on the waiting list. "Sally" had a very small income, but budgeted and saved money. She was able to work her way into our transitional housing, and moved on when her name reached the top of the list for the Rental Housing Support Program. "Sally" is now happily moved into her own apartment.

Center For Transitional Living Housing More Men With Children

We are seeing a new trend in the Center for Transitional Living: men with joint or full custody of their children. These fathers were all working very hard in the emergency shelter in order to move up to the CTL so they could have a more private place to keep their children with them. Our emergency shelter, as great as it is, primarily is an open, shared space. Now that these men are in CTL, it is much easier for them to have their children for regularly scheduled visitation times or a permanent stay.

One main objective of the CTL is to extend opportunities for individuals and families to create a better life. In addition to the opportunities for case management, budgeting training, employment workshops, and life skills training, these dads also have the opportunity of parenting classes and special events for parents with children. The goal is to take full advantage of all the opportunities so that they complete the 2 year CTL program with the tools and skills necessary.





Outreach Program Makes a Difference

“Mary” was a recently divorced mom with several children. Prior to her marriage, “Mary” held a very responsible position, but she had been an at-home mom for a number of years, so she now was faced with finding employment as well as a new living space that was large enough to accommodate her family. Additionally, she had to move into her new home and she had no way to do that. Fortunately, someone suggested that “Mary” call Lazarus House.

Through our Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing grant, we were able to help “Mary” pay some modest moving expenses. We also were able to pay her security deposit and first month’s rent in her new home and are assisting her with a subsidy for a few months until the children resume school in the fall and she is able to re-enter the work force.

Life for “Mary” and her children is different now, but it is still good, because they have a new home and hope for the future. We are so pleased to be able to assist our neighbors in need whether it’s through our emergency shelter, transitional housing program, or outreach program. Helping our neighbors secure safe shelter is job #1 at Lazarus House. We are here to help.



Thanks To So Many!!



Once again this year, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) from Geneva High School coordinated a garage sale to benefit Lazarus House. Many thanks to Becky Furnish and the students who worked so diligently to support the mission of Lazarus House.



Four hundred runners and walkers registered for the Great Western Freedom Four Run/Walk this July 4th. Our congratulations and thanks to all of you, and to U.S. Cellular for its “Olympic” sponsorship and to our tireless race coordinators, Marci and Mark.



This August marks the last annual “Ellen’s Excellent Sale.” Ellen goes off to college next year and we wish to thank Ellen and the Wildman family for eight years of working so diligently to support Lazarus House with this outstanding fundraiser. We wish Ellen the best in her future and look forward to working with a family who has stepped up to put their own mark on a garage sale for Lazarus House next year.



For the third year, Broadway Bound, a group of wonderful performers, sound and light coordinators, all directed and produced by Mark Michelson Jr., enchanted us with a wonderful evening of entertainment! All the proceeds from this performance benefited Lazarus House. Thanks to all these young people who stepped forward to support those in need in their community.



August means the annual St. Charles Country Club Golf Outing and Dinner Auction Benefit. We wish to thank the organizers, donors, and participants of this event for their generous support of Lazarus House and the people of this community that we serve.

Starting Line at the Great Western Freedom 4



Ellen At Her Last Excellent Sale



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At Lazarus House we are blessed 365 days a year to meet and work with our community heroes. Our heroes come from many varied backgrounds, faiths, professions, and stages of life. We have young children, teenagers (imagine that?), adults and seniors who look at this stage of their lives as not a time to rest and relax (although well deserved) but as a time to step up and do more. Meet some of our heroes: the children who prepare sack lunches at school each month to bring to Lazarus House for our guests, children whose caring hearts lead them to plan and organize a drive to collect items from our needs list, teenage girls who give up "shopping time" to come to Lazarus House to provide childcare for the children so that their parents can attend important life skill classes, the lady who comes each week to lend a hand in the kitchen and each Christmas to lend countless hours assisting with Christmas giving and the retired lady who comes twice each week to assist our staff and offer our guests encouragement, friendship and a piece of pie!



Our Community Heroes

WORKING TOGETHER TO OFFER HOPE AND A FUTURE