



Message from the Executive Director

Assistance that makes a difference

Happy fall! The leaves will soon be turning and the weather growing cooler. Utility bills will climb as furnaces go into high gear, and many of our neighbors will find themselves financially strapped.

Indeed it is a blessing that Lazarus House is able to be so much more than an emergency shelter and transitional living facility. Our Outreach program can help people stay housed. Here's an explanation from Liz Eakins, our Outreach Manager of how our programs work:

We are so pleased to now be able to offer our IHDA ongoing rental subsidy program to our entire service area (St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia and western rural Kane). If the household (whether it consists of one person or sev-

eral people) qualifies, we can pay up to 75% of their monthly rent. The household will need a stable source of income to cover their portion of the rent as well as utilities. This assis-



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tance can make all the difference for those whose income, despite best efforts, is insufficient.

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Another program we can offer is one time rental/mortgage/utility assistance for those who are having a TEMPORARY financial crisis (temporary unem-

ployment, illness, etc.) that will be resolved in the near future. This grant from the Illinois Dept. of Human Services, can be used for households living in southern Kane County (St. Charles south to the county line).

Lazarus House is so pleased to be able to offer this assistance to the community to help prevent homelessness. If you know of someone who may qualify for this assistance, please have them call our Outreach services at (630) 587-5872. If you or someone you know has questions about any other social service needs in Kane County, please call our general number at (630) 587-2144.

We are here to help the community, and consider it a privilege to do so.

Serving Him with you,



Upcoming Events



- **RUN FOR HOPE**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
(630) 584-6434
- **TRI CITIES CROP WALK**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
1:15 P.M.
630-584-8492
- **THANKSGIVING FEAST**
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
11:30 A.M.—2 P.M.
- **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
11:30 A.M.—2 P.M.

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Luke 16:19-31

We need your help...

Our house is full. At this writing, we have 66 people sleeping at the shelter. (That's 18 kids and 48 adults and that doesn't include the people who come in for meals or other assistance.) This means A LOT of showers, laundry and customized care like helping guests access medical care and other benefits. The needs are strong. Please help us meet them. Every dollar makes a difference. We'll use your gifts as carefully as we can. Maybe your money will help pay the light bill, run the air conditioner in the blistering heat, purchase a prescription or pay a bus fare. If you're abundantly blessed, please consider a donation to Lazarus House to help rebuild the life of someone less fortunate. Gifts are tax deductible and may be mailed to: Lazarus House, 214 Walnut St., St. Charles, IL 60174

A gift of generosity and hope: Many thanks to the St. Charles Country Club for the benefit event on August 13 which raised \$40,000 for Lazarus House. This money makes an enormous difference, especially in the summer when donations are low and the needs are great. Pictured right: Executive Director Darlene Marcusson accepts the gift on behalf of Lazarus House.

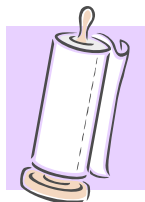


Lazarus House Needs List

Can you help provide us with a few items from our current needs list? This is a short list of things that our house needs every day of the week. A more detailed list of need items is available on our website at

www.LazarusHouseOnline.com

- Paper Towels
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- 30-gallon Garbage Bags
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Aluminum Foil
- Bottled Water
- Gallon & Quart Ziploc Bags
- Napkins
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Cereal
- Kleenex



Items may be dropped off to Lazarus House
Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.,

Stay overnight with us!

Nope, we're not talking pillow fights, ghost stories by flashlight or even "Truth or Dare" games.

We **do** mean comfortable sleepwear, your favorite pillow and midnight

snacks. Yes, we're looking for a few good men and women to join our "In A Pinch" list of overnight volunteers. This means if we have an overnight shift opening, we can give you a call to see if you can help us out from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. (don't worry, you get a place to sleep. Our overnight staff are always awake and on duty the whole night.) If you are interested, please call us at (630) 587-2144.



TEN YEARS IN THE MAKING

Many thanks to everyone who stopped by Lazarus House on June 23rd during our Open House to help us celebrate our 10th year anniversary. What a day of fond memories and fellowship! On the afternoon of the event, we were blessed to receive two very special visitors: Katie Sunleaf and Ellen Wildman.

Katie was our first donor in 1997, giving us her 10th birthday money, and Ellen carries on the fine tradition.



Twice Blessed: Katie Sunleaf (left) and Ellen Wildman (right) met for the first time during our 10th Anniversary Open House.

Ellen's Excellent Sale:

A successful 4th year, a blessing and gift for Lazarus House



After three years in the driveway, Ellen's Excellent Sale has busted out of its black tar boundaries and spilled into the streets of Geneva. Ellen Wildman and her family have been hosting Ellen's Excellent Sale to benefit Lazarus House since 2004, when Ellen was a 10 year-old girl with a big idea to help others less fortunate. She dreamt big and her sale became a big hit with the community, as well as a big blessing for us! In the first three years, the sale made more than \$9,000. Ellen's bright idea has just turned four, and just like any four-year-old, the sale has really gotten too big for its britches. The amount of items donated to the Wildman's became overwhelming – far more than a garage and driveway could handle. According to Amy Wildman, Ellen's mother, "We got a tremendous response from people who read about the sale in the Lazarus House newsletter. People we had never met called to donate items (including valuable antiques)." One good turn deserves another, and that's what happened when the city of Geneva gave permission for the street in front of Ellen's house to be blocked off and the space used to fashion a truly excellent sale, block party and real celebration of people helping people. "Having fun and serving together is what Ellen's Excellent Sale is all about," said Ellen. "It really gives me a sense of community."



The Gang's All Here: The team that worked to make Ellen's Excellent Sale a success (left). Block Party: The streets were blocked off and the tents went up this year at Ellen's Excellent Sale (above), which raised over \$6,500.

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THE INVITATION OF THE SEASON

Get ready, get set, — get thinking about the holidays! Before the leaves and snowflakes start falling, make sure to get our annual Thanksgiving Feast and annual Christmas Brunch on your calendar! We want to make sure that you— our extended family — are invited to gather with us for great food and fellowship. Both meals are potluck style and we all pitch in to make the day memorable. Please join our family for one or both of these gatherings -- it won't be the same without you! If you would like to join us and/or contribute food or supplies for our feasts, please call us at (630)587-2144. Your presence will be a gift to us!

Thanksgiving Community Feast

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 22
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(we will eat at noon)
Salvation Army
1710 S. Seventh Ave.,
St. Charles



Christmas Brunch

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(we will eat at noon)
Free Methodist Church
214 Walnut St.,
St. Charles

