

Message from the Executive Director

A happy 13th!

Teenagers! They are a real joy, and yet they can be a real challenge. That pretty much describes Lazarus House as we enter our 13th year. These past 13 years have been filled with incredible joy and lots and lots of challenges. In our early years we had very little, but our needs were smaller, as we served fewer people and had fewer services.

As we “grew up,” our needs increased along with our capability to provide more services. As we enter our adolescence, we are faced with the constant responsibility of: **Housing** about 60 men, women and children each night, providing not only safe shelter and nourishing food, but also support services aimed at helping each person reach their full potential and return to successful independent living.

Caring for a staff of 39 people (full and part time) who are at Lazarus House because they care about the ministry, and who also need to make a living so they can stay housed.

Providing monthly rental subsidies to landlords for 62 households, thereby preventing those households from becoming homeless.

Keeping the lights on at three facilities (our Emergency Shelter and Transitional Living facility, the Women and Children’s Day Center, and the Community Resource Center) and also being sure those facilities are kept in good repair and staffed.

The Emergency Shelter must be staffed 24/7, year round, and the Women and Children’s Day Center must be staffed 16/7, year round.

Being fiscally responsible and accountable. Record keeping, grant writing and accurate reporting consume a great deal of staff time.

Now that we are somewhat “grown up,” there can be the tendency to think that we’re all taken care of. But the reality is that we need much more than we did when we were in our infancy. Think about how much more a teenager eats than a baby, and think about how much more things like clothing, dental work and car insurance cost for a teenager, and you have some idea of why having a “teenage Lazarus House” is very costly. We are grateful for each of our 13 years and, as long as we faithfully serve Him and His people, we believe that God will continue to bless us into the future just as He has in the past.

Happy birthday, Lazarus House! We thank God for these past 13 years and look forward with joy to the next 13 and all the ways we can work together to strengthen our community and help our neighbors in need.

JOIN OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY

We would love for you to come and help us celebrate our 13th birthday. Please join the celebration on Saturday, June 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Walnut Street in St. Charles between 2nd and 3rd Streets where we will be hosting a Block Party / Open House / Street Dance featuring live music by Train Company. Also on hand will be K-Love Radio 94.3 FM with contests and giveaways, Grin & Wear It Face Painting, A Magical Balloon Man, a 4-in-1 Sports Combo Jumpy Gym, Shelter Tours, Our Wacky Dessert Walk, Lil’ Weiner Contest, Games and Prizes for all ages and a 50-50 Raffle. Admission is free but donations of spare change are appreciated as it is our goal that day to raise \$1,300 in honor of our 13th birthday. So, remember, every penny counts! For more information, please contact Julie at 630-587-2144.



Upcoming Events



- **LAZARUS HOUSE 13TH OPEN HOUSE & BIRTHDAY PARTY**
SATURDAY, JUNE 19
11 AM — 2 PM
WALNUT STREET BETWEEN 2ND & 3RD STREETS
- **SWEDISH DAYS PARADE**
SUNDAY, JUNE 27
STEP-OFF AT 1 PM
DOWNTOWN GENEVA
- **GREAT WESTERN FREEDOM 4 BENEFIT RUN**
SUNDAY, JULY 4
8 AM
LEROY OAKS FOREST PRESERVE
- **ELLEN’S EXCELLENT SALE**
FRIDAY, JULY 30, 8AM - 4PM
SAT., JULY 31, 8AM-2PM
1110 UNION ST., GENEVA
- **LAZARUS HOUSE MOONLIGHT SERENADE**
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27
7 - 11 PM.
EAGLE BROOK COUNTRY CLUB, 2288 FARGO BLVD
GENEVA



Luke 16:19-31

Thank you for being a part of our Continuum of Care!



Lazarus House is blessed to provide a whole continuum of care to the needy of our community. Whether it be:

- becoming a guest at our Emergency Shelter after being uprooted from their home
- residing in our Center for Transitional Living (CTL) while participating in extensive case management to rebuild their lives
- receiving rental subsidies so it is possible to maintain relative independence while struggling financially,

people living on the edge can find practical help and loving support from the Lazarus House community.

We are so thankful for our loyal supporters who help us every step of the way. You amaze us with: potluck dishes that arrive at mealtime, ready to serve; needs list items that magically appear at our doors; your gifts of time and energy for things like helping with after-school homework so our children can do well in school; and your donations of household items so the persons who are finally getting established in their own apartment can get off to a good start. You are so important and we are forever grateful. Together, we are making a real difference.



Take a look at these examples:

A grandmother: A grandmother was abandoned by her husband of many years. The husband had been the sole breadwinner. Trying to get on with her life, she obtained a full-time job. However, she was only able to earn minimum wage, due to her lack of experience in the job market. This income was no where near enough for her to live independently and afford rent, utilities, food, transportation, etc.

Her daughter told her about Lazarus House and she called to find out more. After discussing her situation, her needs, and her goals, she qualified and for a rental subsidy program Lazarus House has through the Illinois Housing Development Authority. She is able to reside close to her grandchildren, while learning to budget and live on a very modest income.

A two-parent family: A couple with two young children sought help. The dad had always struggled to support his family with low-paying self-employment, while the mom attempted to raise their young family. They found themselves challenged in their attempts to meet all the demands life was placing on them, including the financial ones. Lazarus House's IHDA rental subsidy grant helps them pay their monthly rent and Outreach staff has helped them budget so that they are now able to meet all of their monthly obligations. Dad has worked hard at supporting his family, but unfortunately the recent economic situation of our country has greatly diminished his ability to accomplish this. Mom has been able to secure part-time employment during those hours that her husband is home with the children. As a result of their hard work and the monthly rent subsidy received, they are stably housed and continue to learn to monthly budget their income and expenses in a responsible manner. They have made great progress in paying past debt and have learned to handle bank accounts and credit cards in very appropriate ways. In addition, Lazarus House outreach staff has linked this family to other resources that support their efforts in becoming a healthy and stable family.



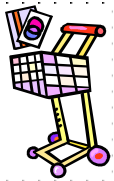
7th Annual "Ellen's Excellent Sale"



Start collecting those "what do I do with these" items and all you wise shoppers mark your calendars for **Friday, July 30, 8am to 4 pm and Saturday July 31, 8am to 2pm**. Ellen and friends will again organize her annual mega yard/street sale with plenty of useful household items, home décor accessories, toys, books, furniture and more! For your shopping enjoyment, there will be face painting and other delights.

Gently used donations are gratefully welcomed, and please no clothing, shoes or computers! Donations may be dropped off at 1110 Union St. Geneva, on Monday, July 19, 12-8pm, Wednesday, July 21, 12-8pm, Friday, July 23, 12-5pm, Monday, July 26, 12-8pm and Tuesday, July 27, 12-8pm.

Be sure to join other wise shoppers at 1110 Union St. Geneva on Friday and Saturday July 30 and 31. All proceeds are donated to Lazarus House.



Summer Restocking

Thanks to all you wonderful and generous donors, we made it through the winter having enough of our essential supply needs. Like the squirrels coming out in the spring looking to rebuild their supply of essential needs, we too find our supplies low and needing to be rebuilt. If you can help, here is a list of a few of our most urgently needed items:

Paper towels Toilet paper
Drink mixes w/sugar

Laundry soap Sugar

13,30 & 33 Gallon Garbage bags

Thank you for your help in restocking our supplies!

4th Annual Great Western Freedom 4 Run

On your Mark, get Set, Go!!!!!! Magical words to runners and race fans and a great way to kick off the July 4th holiday. Come join the fun as runners line up at the starting line at 8am Sunday, July 4 at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, 37W370 Dean St. St. Charles, for a 4-mile competitive run on a USATF-certified, CARA-certified and Fox River Trail Runners circuit course.

Advanced registration fee is \$20. Fee on race day is \$25. Interested runners can sign up online at www.signmeup.com or find a registration form on our website, www.lazarushouseonline.com.

The first 150 pre-registered runners are guaranteed a T-shirt. There will be goodie bags. Prizes will be awarded. All proceeds will benefit Lazarus House.

Help us help you: new choice for newsletter delivery



We're always trying to make improvements at Lazarus House, and we want those improvements to help you, our friends! Toward that end, we would like to announce that you will soon be able to receive our newsletter electronically. Go to our website, www.lazarushouseonline.com and click on the box that says "Join my mailing list". Please fill in all the fields, including your physical mailing address so we can remove you from the hard copy mailing. Once the system is fully functional, you will receive quarterly electronic mailings, saving Lazarus House postage and printing costs. Additionally, you may receive more frequent electronic updates from Lazarus House.

Should you want to continue to receive a hard copy of our newsletter, that is fine. We will continue hard copies for our supporters who do not sign up for the electronic version.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



Invitation
inside

Join us for a Moonlight Serenade

How long has it been since you've treated yourself to a spin on the dance floor to a classic love song on a moonlit summer evening? Wait no longer! On **Friday, August 27**, Batavia's own Grammy nominated songstress, Margaret Carlson, accompanied by the Scott Stevenson Trio will delight attendees at our annual fundraiser, *Moonlight Serenade*, which will be held from 7 – 11 p.m. at the Eagle Brook Country Club in Geneva.

Carlson, a versatile song stylist, sings everything from the Great American songbook to jazz standards. And, Stevenson, also a local treasure, creates just the right feel in his renderings of songs we love to dance to, from ballads to be-bop.

To liven up the evening even more, over 20 leaders in the Fox Valley will act as "Celebrity Servers" and don self-styled costumes to vie for who can raise the most money in tips for Lazarus House as they serve heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Bring some cash to help your favorite server win.

The evening will also include a live auction, raffles, and fun surprises! Attire is dressy casual. So, dust off your dancing shoes and start practicing your fancy footwork! And, we'll see you under the moonlight.

Lazarus House 214 Walnut Street, St. Charles, IL 60174 **Main phone:** (630) 587-2144 **Outreach:** (630) 587-5872 **Fax:** (630) 587-2540
Website: www.LazarusHouseOnline.com



Lazarus House
214 Walnut Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

Non Profit
Permit #206
U.S. Postage
Paid
St. Charles, IL