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Upcoming Events

Watch Our Website For Details

20TH BIRTHDAY PARTY & COMMUNITY APPRECIATION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
1-4 PM

FOX VALLEY MARATHON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
DONATE TO LAZARUS HOUSE TO RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION.
RACES ARE SELLING OUT.
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 6-8
VISIT OUR SCARECROW

THANKSGIVING FEAST
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
TRI CITY SALVATION ARMY

ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
MAIN STREET, ST. CHARLES

2018

LAZARUS HOUSE GALA & AUCTION EVENT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20,
ST. CHARLES COUNTRY CLUB



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Message from the Executive Director

Our mission is to offer guests, connected to our communities, who are homeless or in need **hope for the future** by providing hospitality, food, safe shelter, and education – **tools for life**. We strive to make certain that all who enter feel the love of Jesus.

Dear Friends,

She is sharp, articulate, engaging and energetic. She possesses wisdom and self-reflection far beyond her years. “Sue” appreciates the structure and accountability of Lazarus House. However, like all young adults, at times she struggles to accept our rules and guidelines. She knows that many of her peer activities of the past have little or no place in her plan moving forward. “Sue” is developing a vision for her **future** which is focused and accomplished. She is thrilled to be starting her college career this fall, having navigated the enrollment and financial aid process with her Lazarus House Case Manager by her side.

“Jim” – also 19 – is timid, uncertain and elusive. It is going to take some time to earn his trust. He has a history of being raised “in the system” (foster care) and now finds himself attempting to navigate the world solo. We stand ready to partner with and guide him in developing a plan for his young, bright **future**.

These two young lives are representative of the young adults who have come to the doors of Lazarus House. Our service model focuses on meeting their immediate needs and assessing their daily living skills (Do they know how to wash their clothes?... How to access a dentist?... Where to go for information on returning to school?...). By providing “**tools for life**,” our desire is for these young persons to develop “**hope for the future**...”

At the other end of the spectrum we have “Harry”. He is 72. A set of circumstances caused both his Social Security and Medicare to lapse, thus bringing him to our door. He is a delightful guest, who appreciates the blessing of the wonderful

home cooked meals Lazarus House (and YOU!) provide. The challenge we faced was assisting “Harry” with plowing through the red tape which successfully resulted in his benefits re-activating. Now...the search is on to secure his **future** in senior housing which will find him comfortable and safe for many years to come.

Not unlike “Harry”, “John” is 69 and *also* is having a very difficult time reconciling his very complex Social Security and other related retirement benefits. The temporary ceasing of one of these resulted in his being in a place he never expected he would be; a homeless shelter. We will work with him in untangling this complicated situation and - like “Harry” – we will move swiftly to find him safe and secure senior housing which he can afford and which will offer stability long in to the **future**.

For 20 years we been the beacon of hope for those coming through our doors. Through all of life’s stages; from infants born to moms in shelter through the elderly, and all of life’s challenges; those with frail health, with intellectual disabilities, the mentally ill, the abused, the addicted and the forgotten... our mission remains the same: providing “**tools for life**” and offering “**hope for the future**.” May all who enter feel the love of Jesus!

Won’t you please join us at our Birthday Party/Open House on September 9th (1 to 4 p.m.) as we celebrate this community-wide act of love called Lazarus House? This IS all because of YOU!

Serving Him with you,

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE:
<https://www.LazarusHouse.net>

20th Birthday Party & Community Appreciation

Saturday, September 9 1 - 4 pm
214 Walnut Street, St. Charles



Please join the Lazarus House Board Members and Staff on Saturday, September 9th from 1-4pm to celebrate! Come see & learn what you are doing as a community to help our neighbors whose lives are in crisis. We are excited to be celebrating our 20th Birthday and invite you to come enjoy live music and all the festivities. **This event is free, so come and just have fun!**

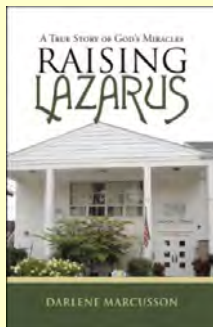
From day one all those years ago, Lazarus House is here because of You! We thank you for being such caring friends who have stepped forward to help, encourage and support fellow neighbors in trying times.

The Emergency Shelter, Center for Transitional Living, Women and Children's Day Center and Community Resource Center will all be open for visiting.

Please join us to see that in working together, we strengthen our community by reaching out to help each other. Enjoy live music, tasty food, and some family friendly birthday activities.



Rocket Fizz Soda Pop & Candy Shop located at 301 W. Main Street will be celebrating with us to honor our birthday with a Spirit Day. Walk around the corner to purchase sweets & pop, fill out a form and Rocket Fizz will donate 15% of your purchase back to Lazarus House!



**Lazarus Founder,
 Darlene Marcusson,
 is now an author!**

"Something's coming, be ready."

RAISING LAZARUS is a true story of what that "something" was. It's filled with surprises and delights and proves that nothing is too hard for God. Be one of the first to get Darlene's book about the genesis of Lazarus House and her

journey to its creation. Order online at

<http://bookstore.westbowpress.com/Products/SKU-001110634/Raising-Lazarus.aspx> or buy your copy at our Open House September 9th.

Darlene will be on hand for a book signing!

Overnight Volunteers Needed

Lazarus House is asking for your help! We are in need of individuals, 18 years and older, who will assist us with overnight help. For the safety of all our guests, it is imperative that we have a volunteer here to back up our overnight staffer. The overnight staff person is on-duty and awake throughout the night to ensure that guests will have assistance should an emergency arise, but will call on the assistance of the volunteer if needed.

The overnight volunteer should plan to arrive by 9:30pm and will retire for the evening at 11pm. You will sleep in the glamorous confines of our "Executive Suite" (which is really the Executive Director's office, now with a comfy roll-in bed). You will be awakened only in an emergency. The volunteer will arise at 6am to assist with setting up for breakfast before leaving for the day. Please consider offering your help to ensure the safety of all our guests!



"Unmasking the Face of Homelessness" 2018

You are cordially invited to attend our 3rd annual "Unmasking the Face of Homelessness" on January 20, 2018 at the exclusive St. Charles Country Club

Mingle during the cocktail hour, bid on silent auction items, purchase a mystery bottle of wine, enjoy a delicious dinner with background music, and take part in the exciting live auction. All funds will benefit Lazarus House! We welcome volunteers to help on our committee and are currently seeking sponsorships and donations. Please contact Darlene at darlener@lazarushouseonline.com or call 630-587-2144. Formal invitations will be mailed early December.





In June, we held our 7th annual "Golfing for Good" outing and dinner auction at Mill Creek Golf Club. Thank you to the St. Charles Kiwanis for partnering with us to

make this event such a success. We would like to offer our special thanks to all the sponsors, donors, golfers, dinner guests and volunteers who participated. Together we raised over \$22,000 which will be split equally between Lazarus House and the St. Charles Kiwanis Foundation.



Our thanks and gratitude to the wonderful students of STAR (Students Taking an Active Role) from Geneva High School who planned and coordinated their 11th annual garage sale to benefit Lazarus House. Our sincere thanks to Becky Furnish and the many families who worked so diligently to support the mission of Lazarus House. Our thanks to all those who donated items, helped set up, came and shopped at this great sale! We applaud and appreciate all of your support! Look for their garage sale June 2018 - check our website and future newsletters for the exact dates.



258 runners, 78 walkers, dozens of Kids for the Dash, and over 100 volunteers, vendors, & spectators all enjoyed the Great Western Freedom 4 this July 4th. Our congratulations and thanks to all of you for raising funds for Lazarus House. Special thanks to our race team, Marcy, Mark, Lynette, Craig, & Melinda for all your diligent work. A huge round of applause goes to our generous premier sponsor Shaklee Nutrition-Kate Derrico! And to the rest of our sponsors: FONA International Inc., Paul Gregory Media, Corkill Insurance, ER2 Image Group, Advanced Disposal, Colonial Café & Ice Cream, Hosanna! Lutheran Church & Preschool, BMO Harris Bank,

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Very special thanks to the many groups, organizations, businesses and individuals who have come to share their time, talents, energy and generosity to help continue the work of Lazarus House. These volunteers have: pulled weeds, planted flowers, painted, cleaned, organized, repaired, remodeled anywhere and anything we've needed, raised funds, collected needs items, and provided materials, supplies and services. This allows Lazarus House to continue to be a functional and comfortable temporary home for many in our community. Thank You!



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St. Charles Country Club All Club Classic Charity Event

Our sincere thanks to the St. Charles Country Club and its membership for hosting their annual Golf and Tennis Outing and Dinner Auction Benefit held on August 7th. We are extremely grateful for this wonderful support. Through 14 years of hosting this charity golf event, the Club has raised over 1.3 million dollars to benefit Lazarus House and Tri-City Health Partnership. Thank you to all of the event organizers, donors, and participants for their generous support of Lazarus House and the people we serve.

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