



Spring 2020

Upcoming Events

Check Our Website For Details

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
MAIN STREET—6TH ST. TO 4TH AVE.
2 PM
COME CHEER ON OUR FLOAT!

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

THURSDAY—SATURDAY IN JUNE
DATES TBD
HOLD ONTO YOUR UNWANTED/USED TREASURES! GENVEA HIGH SCHOOL'S STAR GROUP WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS TO SELL IN THE GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT LAZARUS HOUSE. DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING IN MAY.

GREAT WESTERN FREEDOM 4 RUN, WALK AND KIDS DASH

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH
LEROY OAKS FOREST PRESERVE
SEE BACK FLAP FOR DETAILS

214 Walnut Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

Homeless Prevention Services

We are excited to announce that the Outreach Department at Lazarus House has a new name: Homeless Prevention Services. This name change occurred to better describe the services provided. We administer four different state and federal grants ranging from one-time emergency assistance to long-term subsidies. Through these four funding sources, we are able to reintegrate our shelter guests back into the community as well as stably house members in the community.



The Homeless Prevention grant, funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services, provides rental assistance (arears or security deposit), mortgage and utility assistance. Last year, we assisted 5 households in moving into their own unit using these funds.

There are 16 participating households in our Permanent Supportive Housing grant. Funded through HUD, clients participate in weekly budgeting and case management. These households also have access to a Lazarus House pantry providing some food staples and toiletries.



Our Rental Housing Support Program serves low-income individuals. There are currently 18 households participating in the Tri-City area with a total of 40 households countywide.

Our Emergency Solutions-Rapid Rehousing grant provides short, medium, and long-term assistance to qualifying individuals. We recently heard from an individual who participated in this program in 2018. She has remained in her unit, signing 2 leases, since early 2019, paying market rate rent independently.

Each grant has different eligibility requirements and services provided. For more information about Homeless Prevention Services, please call (630) 587-5872. We are happy to speak with you. Housing is not a privilege; it is a basic human need. We believe that everyone deserves a home. We are making that happen, one neighbor at a time.

630-587-2144
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There Are Heroes Among Us!

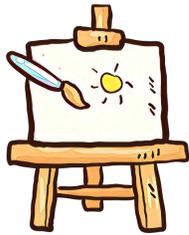
Last month we hosted our annual gala, “Unmasking the Face of Homelessness—The Hero Behind the Mask.” The Board of Directors and staff want to THANK everyone involved. It is because of you, our Heroes, that Lazarus House continues to fulfill our mission!

Surprise! We had a special guest appearance by Darlene Marcusson, Lazarus House’s founder, who received a standing ovation! We unveiled a powerful video about Lazarus House with some of our volunteers, Board, past guests and donors as our featured Heroes! Thank you to our guests, sponsors, donors, and volunteers! The gala committee also deserves a round of applause! Thank you Dan Campbell, Debbie Grinnell, Sue McDowell, Anna Meltzer, Shuki Moran, Mallory Speck, Paulina Szczepanek, Bob Tardella, and Debbie Treutler for your dedication and commitment!

Please visit our website to view our gallery of photos and our sponsor list! www.lazarushouse.net/Gala



Fun Fellowship Hall



We are in the process of turning our large Fellowship Hall into a FUN zone for our guests. We just had a group paint all the walls and soon we will be setting up different areas for guests to use. We will have a crafty creative corner for art and music with easels, paints, instruments and a piano. We will have an area with a TV to watch movies, play Wii video games and exercise along with Yoga and Zumba DVDs. For those who wish to focus on wellness, we will have yoga mats and two stationery bikes. There will be a sports minded area with ping pong and Pop a Shot basketball hoops. For our kiddos, we will have a mini table with room to color and play games. Our intention is for this to be a space where guests can “get away” for a bit, be creative, let off some energy, engage with others and maybe try something new and different. The plan is to have it staffed with volunteers at various times. Sound fun? Contact Tasha at volunteer@lazarushouse.net.

Lazarus House won the **Civic Image Award** at the St. Charles Charlemagne Ceremony! This award is given for humanitarian efforts, and/or civic or personal projects, which have brought outstanding, positive recognition to St. Charles, therefore enhancing the image of the community. This was in recognition of our renovation to the 214 Walnut Street building.



Darlene Riebe & Leanne Deister-Goodwin with award.

Meet Our Volunteers Dave and Eileen Womac



They first heard the call to volunteer from their faith community at St. John Neumann. Each Monday evening, the Womacs join our main shelter to help keep house. They are here when our guests need an ear at the end of a long day. They are present when our staff needs a hand. What we find most intriguing is that they volunteer as a couple...now THAT'S a date night! The couple jokes "We get to tease each other and serve at the same time!" The two believe that the biggest impact volunteers can make on guests, is to simply show up and get to know them; "Dignity is found in the ministry of presence." The Womacs say it's been a privilege to watch real people in the community work to improve their situations. They hope Lazarus House continues to deliver long term success for our neighbors and that the community continues to show up for support. Both plan to become a witness to the hope they've seen in this home, serving outside their time here as "Lazarus House ambassadors." Join us in this big welcome home to Dave and Eileen. You are light and we appreciate you!

Volunteer with Us!

Attend one of our monthly volunteer orientations to learn about the many ways of sharing your time and talent! Email Tasha at Volunteer@lazarushouse.net to learn more.



Love & Grace From Leanne

Last week, we were fortunate to be a part of a training conducted by Ryan Dowd, Executive Director of Hesed House. He outlined various examples of how homelessness is not just about poverty. I have said, and we've all heard people in our lives say, "We are all just one paycheck from homelessness." As he wonderfully exposes in the training, no, no we are not. We could be one paycheck away from running out of money, of course. That seems right. The idea of one paycheck away from homelessness is fiction because we have connections. We have family members, friends, and/or coworkers who would have compassion on our financial situation and take us in for a season until we could get back on our feet. Few of us are threatened by true homelessness. Have you ever thought about it like that? To all of our supporters and friends, I'd like to say thank you again for allowing us to bridge that very specific gap that shows up as mental, emotional and tangible disconnection for our neighbors in need. We are driving connection so that they can get back on their feet and create new connections. What a role we all play in that kind of empowerment and encouragement in Kane County.

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★ 4th of July ★

LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve

Pre-register at
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COMPETITIVE 4-MILE RUN
SCENIC 2-MILE WALK
KIDS DASH

Ready, Set, Save the Date!!



Saturday, July 4th
8:00 am start

T-shirts and Goody Bags given to the first 300 registrants. Sign up now, info available on Events page at Lazarushouse.net



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