

# 2024 Holiday Newsletter



## Upcoming Events

Check our website for more details

### WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER AT THE WINE EXCHANGE

Saturday, November 16th, 4-7pm  
1 N. Illinois St., St. Charles

### ST. CHARLES HOLIDAY ELECTRIC PARADE

Saturday, November 29th 5pm  
Come cheer for our float!

### GENEVA GIVING TREE

Geneva East Book Club decorates  
a tree for Lazarus House during  
the Geneva History Museum  
'Giving Tree' fundraiser

## Core Values of Lazarus House

Core values are the guiding principles from which an organization operates. They help give definition and meaning to who you are. For us, at Lazarus House, it was important to find three core values that could be applied to and guide our decision making with a range of individuals – donors, volunteers, shelter guests, community clients and our team of employees. Thus began a one year, somewhat daunting task, for our leadership team. Investigating and developing new core values that speak to what we believe and honoring our mission statement were at the center of our discussions.

We're excited to introduce our newly developed core values:

**Community**—We prioritize coming together to care for one another as neighbors.

**Support**—We create a positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels encouraged and empowered.

**Dignity**—We strive to honor the unique worth and value in each individual.

We're very excited because now anyone entering Lazarus House knows what guides our every thought, decision and action.

Julie Purcell, Executive Director  
Wendy Gruber, Associate Director

**COMMUNITY**  
based  
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of all

# The JOY of Holiday Giving

What began as a grassroots initiative to assist a few unhoused individuals in 1997 has blossomed into an array of programs and services aimed at addressing homelessness in central Kane County. All thanks to YOU, the generous community.



\$96 provides  
1 Day of  
service for  
one guest



\$672 provides  
1 Week of  
service for 1  
child or adult



\$1,260 provides  
one month of  
service for a  
Homeless  
Prevention client



\$6,206 keeps  
the doors of  
Lazarus House  
open for 1 day

## Many ways to help your neighbors

**Memorial Gifts**—Let the memory of a loved one make an impact in your community by donating in their memory.

**Holiday Gift Tag Program**—Help us honor the unique worth and value of each guest during the holidays! Become matched with a Lazarus House guest and help make their holiday gift wishes come true. Purchase items from the guests' wishlist, totaling up to \$75. Contact Megan, our Volunteer Coordinator, at [volunteer@lazarushouse.net](mailto:volunteer@lazarushouse.net) for more information.

**Gift Cards**—assist us in purchasing basic need items for our guests such as prescriptions, clothing, work shoes, and transportation. Donate an Amazon, Uber, Visa, MasterCard, Target, Meijer, or Walmart gift card.

**Shelter Supplies**—Lazarus House is always in need of consumables like: disposable silverware, plates/bowls/cups, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. Refer to our weekly Urgent Needs list on our website.

### Did You Know...

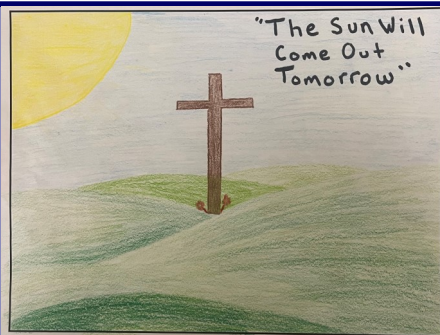


... that Lazarus House accepts stock donations?  
For more information, contact Tracy at  
[TracyN@lazarushouse.net](mailto:TracyN@lazarushouse.net)



...that you can cut your taxes by donating  
directly to Lazarus House from your  
retirement account or Donor Advised Fund?

*We are extremely grateful for your generosity in supporting Lazarus House!*



## Annual Lazarus House Guest Calendar

For 16 years, Joe McMahan has utilized his comic wit to create a fundraising calendar for Lazarus House. Though Joe has retired his witty illustration skills, he is still supporting our effort by sponsoring our **Guest Created Calendar** for the second year in a row. Each year, Lazarus House guests submit drawings to create a very special calendar as a way to give back.

**So get yours before we run out!**

<—preview of this years artwork! —>



Stop by 214 Walnut Street, call 630-587-2144, or contact Ann Marie Dunn at [AnnMarieD@lazarushouse.net](mailto:AnnMarieD@lazarushouse.net) to request a calendar! (\$20 donation per calendar is recommended but not required)

Community based support honoring the dignity of all.



'tis the season  
to  
GIVE

Thank you for your support!

We are excited to announce that our 2024 HOLIDAY APPEAL has officially launched!

Lazarus House sincerely appreciates the unwavering support of the community over the past 27 years, which has been vital in helping us provide hope and a brighter future for our guests. Your generosity and commitment to our mission truly makes a difference.

Our warmest thanks for your support.

We need your help because everyone deserves a safe space.

Because of donors like you, we were able to provide 175 guests a soft place to lay their heads. Additionally, we gave 18,178 nights of service, as well as 54,534 meals to men, women and children this year alone. We couldn't have done this without support from YOU.

We ask that you please consider supporting Lazarus House this giving season.

Wishing you a joyful season filled with peace and gratitude.



**Yes! I would like to support Lazarus House.**

I would like to make a **Monthly** donation of: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$75 \$25 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a **One-time** donation of: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$75 \$25 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check payable to Lazarus House (Mail to: 214 Walnut St. St. Charles, IL 60174)

Charge my donation indicated above to my credit card: Visa MC Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  Opt out of electronic newsletter

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If your gift is in memory or honor of someone, please fill enclosed form\*

Donate online at [www.lazarushouse.net](http://www.lazarushouse.net) or use QR code



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214 Walnut Street  
St. Charles, IL 60174

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# The Power of Community

Entering this season of giving, we are reflecting upon the last 27 years: the incredible guests we have supported and the amazing organizations & people who have blessed this house since 1997. This would not be possible without YOU!



Thank You Business Friends of Lazarus House



To learn more about how your business can become a 'Business Friend' please scan the QR code