

Annual Report

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Lazarus House at a Glance



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.

Core Values of Lazarus House

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.

Community based **support** honoring the **dignity** of all.



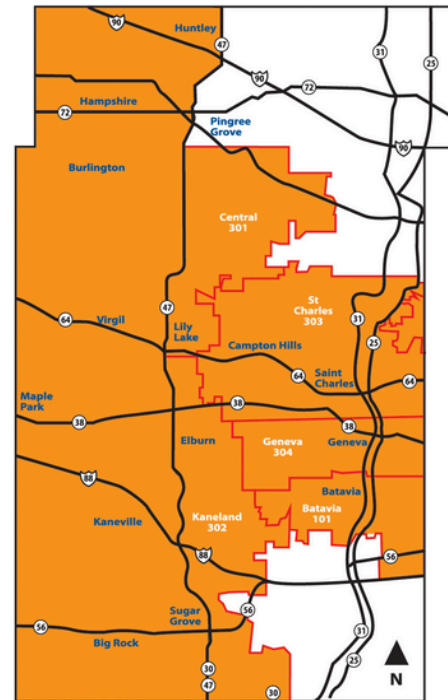
Lazarus House Story

Lazarus House was founded in 1997 as a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit emergency shelter, and has since expanded services, and the area served, in response to rising community needs. Lazarus House provides hospitality, safe shelter, food, and support services to men, women and children experiencing homelessness in Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles and western rural Kane County.

With tremendous community support, Lazarus House grew to include comprehensive programs in one location to support those experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness:

- Emergency Shelter, including a Women and Children's Day Center
- The Center for Transitional Living
- Homeless Prevention Services

Lazarus House also serves the food insecure within the community through its Food Only Program providing food at the door for struggling households and is a de facto 24/7 crisis hotline for those needing help connecting to services.



Lazarus House serves those connected to the above service area by address, employment, school district, or immediate family.

Programs & Their Impact

Emergency Shelter (ES) offers 24/7 shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness. Guests have access to shower and laundry facilities, personal hygiene items, referrals to medical, dental and mental healthcare providers, on-site case management and a variety of classes and groups to support positive futures.

175
individuals served:
37 children
55 women
81 men
1 non-binary
1 transgender

The Center for Transitional Living (CTL) is a 2-year program that includes the Emergency Shelter amenities plus more in-depth case management that addresses each resident's unique barriers to independent housing.

18,178
nights of shelter
provided



Food-Only provides food at the door for individuals and families in the community that are food-insecure.

Over
54,534
meals served

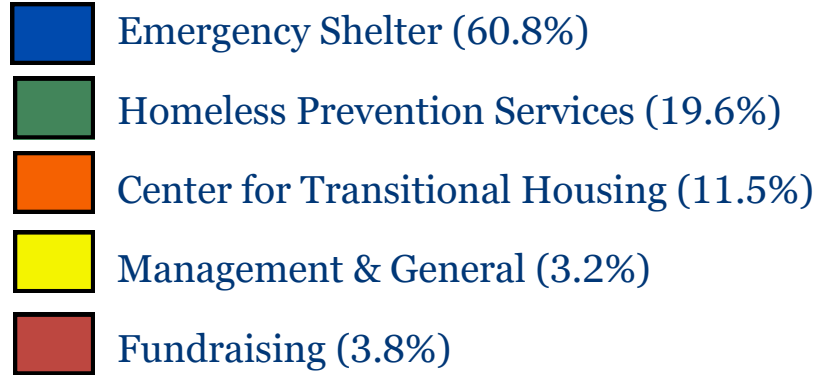
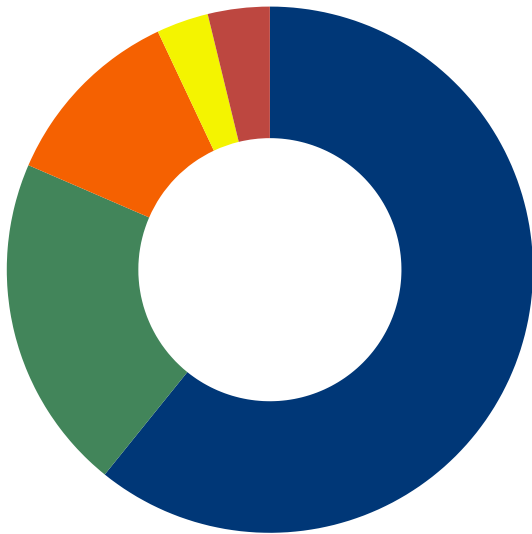


Homeless Prevention Services (HPS) offers assistance to people at risk of losing their housing through various grant and Lazarus House funded financial assistance. Through these services, Lazarus House facilitates one-time or on-going financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utility payments. Case management is also available through some grants. Shelter guests receive support to re-integrate to independent living with kindness and dignity.

112 individuals from
55 households
received one-time or
ongoing assistance;
helping them avoid
homelessness

Financial Summary

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Current Assets	\$2,617,268
Property & Equipment	\$3,352,001
Other Assets	\$ 529,200
Total	\$6,498,469

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current & Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 120,532
Net Assets	\$6,377,937
Total	\$6,498,469



Your Impact: A Beacon of Hope

Quotes from our Guests

“The location in St. Charles was the biggest relief. I did not feel out of my element and made great connections at church, recovery groups and other places in my community.”

“From the first day to today, I have felt welcomed and accepted. Everyone here cares about the residents, their success, and their well-being. The generosity of spirit and giving has left an everlasting impression. Thank you for all your care and desire to see everyone succeed.”



“There’s so much good that comes from this amazing shelter. There’s no place like Lazarus House in the world. I am so blessed to have found this place.”

“I accomplished a higher sense of responsibility and accountability as a result of weekly case management. My actions and money spent were under close scrutiny which helped me be more aware.”

“Words cannot express how grateful I am from the bottom of my heart. I do not think I would be alive if it was not for the open arms I received at Lazarus House. The staff and everyone there are my true ‘angels’. I cannot thank you enough, God Bless You All!”

What's Happened?



What has been happening in and around Lazarus House throughout FY 2024:

Shared Housing: We held a ‘soft-opening’ of our 2 Shared Housing apartments at 15 S. 3rd Street. These apartments, able to house 6 individuals, are ‘homes’ for shelter guests to move to when leaving our shelter or transitional living. Lazarus House, as ‘landlord’, is only charging what is necessary for the upkeep and maintenance of the building. We hope that by providing these options to our guests, they will be able to get ahead and not have to move out of their community just to find stable housing.

Shelter Ceiling Repairs: The ‘Sanctuary’ is a space that holds 19 beds for our women and children in the Emergency Shelter. An old and outdated, in-ceiling AC unit, was producing moisture, causing the ceiling to start disintegrating and falling. This created a safety issue for our guests and out of an abundance of caution, we proceeded with replacing the AC unit with a more efficient unit and the repairs required to return that space to a safe and comfortable sleeping area. We had applied for grants to complete this project but unfortunately, we were not selected. We went ahead and used capital funds to complete this project as quickly as possible as to not limit our ability to serve the community or our guests.

Bridge Program: Newly created in 2024, this Homeless Prevention Services program assists shelter guests in moving into affordable apartments. Many individuals and families have poor credit, evictions, criminal backgrounds or lower income jobs that do not meet the 30% “rule” to afford housing, and landlords will not take a chance on renting to them. With the Lazarus House name behind them, landlords are more open to the possibility. This is a “step-down” program, where former shelter guests have Lazarus House supporting them financially to initially get into independent housing. Over time, Lazarus House decreases the portion of rental payments, and the residents increase their portion until they are financially secure enough to maintain their housing. This helps the tenant build credit history and become securely housed once again in the community.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Thanks to Our Volunteers!

Lazarus House could not serve our guests without the many volunteers who give their time and talent. Here's just a sample of ways our volunteers are currently helping their neighbors:

Cooking & delivering meals

Preparing bagged lunches

Hosting cookouts

Serving festive holiday meals

Halloween Costume Angels

Preparing our quarterly newsletters

New guest welcome bags

Providing move-out baskets

Providing school supplies

Sleeping at LH overnight

Legal, financial & tax assistance

Walking Buddies with guests

Leading classes

Providing Christmas gifts & stockings

Giving haircuts

Translating

Babysitting

Decorating

Urgent Needs

Beyond the walls of Lazarus House, volunteers support our mission by participating in four local parades, yard cleanup, running errands, sharing with friends and family about Lazarus House, manning booths at local events, serving on event committees or joining our Board of Directors.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

You are a great blessing to our guests, staff and community!

Leadership

Board of Directors

Officers

President: Bob McDowell

Vice President: Scott Corirossi

Treasurer: Ray Stachowiak

Secretary: Diane DeWitte

Members

Lynette Anderson ~ Anthony Armato

Bob Boles ~ Carolyn Chiovino

Steve Figi ~ Stormy Grinnell

Carolyn Hanna ~ Dan Izzo

Kate McCracken ~ John Michalak

Linda Mielnicki-Light ~ Barb Potter

Heather Sidman

Leadership

Directors

Executive: Julie Purcell

Associate: Wendy Gruber

Managers

Financial & Administrative: Tracy Nicholson

Homeless Prevention: Kajsa Nichols-Smith

Operations: Amy Dimiceli

