



# *The Lighthouse Beacon*

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**2,750 Homeless served** since January 2007

**70% Williamson County**

**25% Neighboring Counties**

**5% were transients**

**Over 600 Children and 400 Veterans**

## **Your "HOME MISSION" Results**

JUST TO SHARE A FEW...

A family of four came to the shelter after the father lost his job and they couldn't pay rent. The father secured a job at a local factory and the mother secured a job at a local restaurant. They were able to rent a home in Marion. We referred the family to Crosswalk who paid the first month's rent. We assisted them with furnishings and food for their new home.

Case Manager Jane James helped a disabled man, receiving Social Security disability benefits, apply for subsidized housing through a new housing development in Herrin. He was accepted and has moved into his apartment. We assisted with furnishings and food for his new home.

We worked with the VA social worker to place a 58-year-old chronically homeless veteran in transitional housing. He has applied for social security disability benefits and is awaiting a decision.

A disabled mother with two children was staying with a relative. The relative locked her out and she had no place to go. She receives disability benefits. She found housing in the local area and we assisted with furniture, food, and household items.

A 52-year-old veteran from Williamson County re-entered the shelter after his attempt to live with his brother failed. We worked with another agency to place him in transitional housing in Jackson County.

A disabled father with a young daughter secured TANF benefits and moved into public housing.

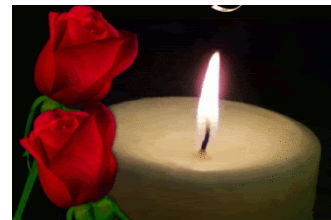
An employed single mother of two came needing immediate help with shelter. Safe Families Baptist organization helped with intermediate care for the children while the mom worked and found an affordable apartment.

*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brethren, you did for me'. Matthew 25:40*

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY !!!**

## REMEMBER THE LIGHTHOUSE

“Remember The Lighthouse” reflects memorial bequests made for a loved one. You may also choose to honor someone who has touched your life by their legacy or simply a special occasion you would like to share.



### MEMORIAL BEQUEST

*Judy Rodgers*                      *JoLinda Reimer*  
*Robert Thompson*                *Jacqueline Duncan*

**IN MEMORY of:** *Jeff Edwards* from His wife Liz Edwards, Eric and Susan Fosse, Lewis and Mary Jo Fosse, Neil and Karen Saffelder, Kevin Reimer, Ted Bergfeld, Derek Holmes, Jeremy Dohm, Phyllis Boatright, Tom and Debbie Dibble, The Todd Goodman Family, Mike and Emily Murphy, Wanda and William Cain, Faye and Gary Chamness, Don and Nancy Cranston, and Timberline Fisheries Corporation.

*Gladys Marbry* from Bruce and Margaret Wright

*Lyle Dee Ozment* from Wanda Mandrell and Family

*Mary Atchison* from son, Cecil Atchison

*Bill Zdankiewicz* from Cecil and Sharon Atchison

*Dave Tullis* from his wife Shirley and family

*Lon Hammond* from his children and grandchildren

*Gene Simpson* from Michael and Patricia Green

*Fred Whitlatch* from Richard and Brenda McVicar

**IN HONOR of:** A new beginning for *John and Brenda Brewster* from Brocton Lockwood, Thomas and Rosemary Crosby, Robert and Tara Deaton, John and Judy Crawford, Dr. Brian and Millicent McElheny, Mike and Rhonda Kelley, Michael and Nancy Carr, Seymour and Marjorie Bryson, Sue Ridgeway, Myers/Avripas Professional Building, Mary Kay Moore, Tom Corpora and Brad Bleyer.

*Fred and Liz Hees* 12th Anniversary from Michael and Michelle Parker Clark.

*Ivan Zwick's* 1st Place, gold medal, representing the USA in the World's Masters IPF Bench Press Competition in Prague from his wife, Wanda.

*Michael Tullis's* birthday, SIU graduation and his service in the Naval CEC from his mother, Barb.

*Jack Edwards*, on his birthday from his daughter, Rhonda Andersen



Thanks to all the churches and individuals who give monthly to fund our mission ministry. The involvement of the community is essential to our ongoing success. With our 501(c)3 status, all donations are tax deductible.



Youth from Little Grassy Methodist Summer Camp volunteered for two days at the shelter doing mission projects. They cooked, served lunch and helped re-organize the children's play area and library.



West Frankfort Christian Church camp volunteers helped re-arrange the pole barn. Furniture and household donations are received from the community and residents move on a regular basis so, the storage area is almost always in need of attention.



Absher/Arnold Motors golf scramble fundraiser was held June 23 at Kokopelli golf course with proceeds benefiting The Lighthouse. Thanks Absher/Arnold, golfers, sponsors and all who participated to make it a successful event.



The Lighthouse Shelter 2nd annual 5K run/walk, coordinated by Dr. Steve Blandford, was held on August 24. Thanks to all our participants, volunteers, sponsors, snack donors, Pit Road Racing for our banners and Marion Pepsi for our drinks.



**NEED A MISSION PROJECT ?**

The Lighthouse Shelter Thrift Shoppe needs **volunteers**. If you or someone you know need a mission project and would like to volunteer, we have openings.

Volunteers work a three hour shift weekly. We are open Tuesday thru Friday. All the merchandise is donated. Our sales clerks are volunteers and all proceeds provide another area of revenue for ongoing expenses of the shelter.

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