



The Lighthouse Beacon

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Love Thy Neighbor

A young couple with two children had been sleeping in their car. The father found employment soon after they entered the shelter and was able to secure housing for his family.

A young resident was so motivated to find work, he rode a bicycle to West Frankfort and transferred to a bus to get to Mt. Vernon to apply for a job at Continental Tire. The first time he did this he arrived, only to find they had cancelled the interview. He repeated this a second time and this time he got the job.

We were successful in finding appropriate housing for a young female with a Traumatic Brain Injury.

A young mother re-located to this area due to her mother's failing health. Her mother passed away and as a result, she and her daughter become homeless. She found employment and housing while living at the shelter.

A mother and her three children, came to us because of domestic violence. She secured employment at a local nursing home and moved into her new home. She and her three children have joined a local church.

An older female, who already had an income, left an abusive situation and found housing.

A male resident having already had a difficult home life as a minor found himself homeless as a young adult. His mother was ill and could not maintain a home for him. We helped him enroll in Job Corps. He did very well there and was a leader of his unit. Upon his return, he secured a job and has moved into his own apartment. He is attending church near his apartment.

We have been working with a young man who aged out of the foster care system and has been homeless for the past three years. He has a mental health disability. We referred him to Centerstone for mental health treatment and assisted him in obtaining a State of Illinois ID card. We also assisted him in filing for SS benefits, which he qualified for and has been awarded. He was accepted for supportive housing and moved in the end of last month. He has joined a local church as well.

We provide food, furniture and household items for each of our residents moving into their own homes, when it is available to us. If you have furniture or household items to donate they are very much appreciated by the residents. If you would like to volunteer at The Lighthouse Shelter call Evelyn at 922-6355 or at The Lighthouse Thrift Shoppe, call Wanda at 993-8180.

**Together we have been God's hands to
over 3,000 men, women and children**

70% from Williamson County 25% - Neighboring counties

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.

BEQUESTS: *Ralph Bradley*

IN MEMORY of: *Ann Stein* from Cecil and Sharon Atchison
and Ivan and Wanda Zwick

Hazel Shoemaker from John and Judy Grisley

Juanita Andrew from John and Judy Grisley

John" Jack," Coulson from John and Judy Grisley

James DeWitt from Diana Howerton

Evelyn Goldsmith from Ivan and Wanda Zwick

Horace Berry from Steven & Deborah Johnson & Randa Faul family

Joe Pearson from Ivan and Wanda Zwick

Peggy Ford from her daughter Nana Koenegstein

Pamela (Powell) Kinney from Carolyn Middleton & Wanda Zwick

Jim Hendry from wife, Earline Hendry

Thomas Rhodes from Maxine Borowiak

Casey and Noah Saffelder from their parents, Neil & Karen

Ivan Sergeev from Ivan & Wanda Zwick and Wanda Mandrell

Ralph Bradley from Ron & Kathy Bradley, Ivan & Wanda Zwick, The
City of Marion and New Hope Church of God

Shawn Phelps from Marilyn and Allen Jones at Commercial Janitorial
Services

IN HONOR of: *Paul and Linda Marlo* from Ron and Sally Campbell

Robert Goldsmith from John and Rosemary Reginaldi

Ron and Sally Campbell from Paul and Linda Marlo



Thanks to all our clubs, area business as well as the churches and individuals who give monthly to fund the Lighthouse mission. The involvement of the community is essential to our ongoing success.



This beautiful handcrafted Victorian Doll House

has been donated for a shelter fundraiser .

It will be displayed in the window at Marion City Hall, on Marion's Tower Square.

Call **(618) 534-4195** for ticket information. It will be awarded in time for Christmas giving.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN *VARIOUS AREAS* of the SHELTER



The Oasis of Southern Illinois, West Frankfort, shared music and fellowship with the residents. Pastor is Bill Raby.



The children from The Journey of Southern Illinois, Kids Camp donated fleece blankets they made at camp.



Girl Scout Junior Troop #8869, earned a bronze award for cooking dinner and making blankets for the residents. Pictured with their leader, Kim Mayers and Elizabeth Shore.

The 5K COLOR FUN RUN was a family event



The Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church near Springfield, IL. made a day mission trip to the Lighthouse Shelter. The youth class helped with chores outside and inside the shelter and pole barns. These young ladies pictured helped bag color for the run.



The 5K color run/walk started at the Williamson County Fairground with a crowd of around 450 participants and entertainers, including the Goreville cheerleaders, Artstarts, SI preteen Victoria Shore, Miss So Illinois Crystal Davis, Miss Skyline Peighton Young, Club VIP DJ Services, Crab Orchard High School and Girl Scout troop # 8869.

Dedicated to Serving the Homeless



Jane James, who has been case manager for the past five and a half years, is retiring the end of October.



(left to right)
Megan VanPelt who just graduated from SIUC with a masters degree in social work will assume the case management position. She will be joining existing case manager, Debbie Wright.



Wanda Zwick, President
Evelyn Fuqua, Vice President
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Patrick Barger, CPA, Treasurer

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