



The Lighthouse Beacon

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A variety of circumstances cause homelessness. Here are a few examples...

A **62 year old man** who was a **former offender**, has a new lease on life. He found part-time employment, affordable housing, filed for his social security and received his salvation and joined a local church. He was a stellar worker at the shelter.

A local man **lost his employment of 10 years**, his home, was estranged from his son and was mentally deranged because of his circumstances. He found housing, become re-united with his son and joined a local church where one of his old friends is a member.

A **young mother** with two children, who had lost her home, secured a job at a local medical facility and moved into public housing.

A **disabled woman** who had lived with her mother until her mother's death, was able to receive her disability and move into a nursing home. **And the list goes on.**

Over 3,150 men, women and children have called The Lighthouse home since our opening in 2007.

70% from Williamson County 25% - Neighboring counties

Only 5% are Transients

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

The Lighthouse has a newly enlarged chapel

Thanks to volunteers, Cindy and Dennis Mohr, Sarah Bond, Jane James, Ken Hurt, Paul Jacob, Ron James, Larry Bemederfer, Marvin Kunstman, Steve Larsson and two current residents.



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.



IN HONOR of:

Ivan Zwick's retirement from Iona Duvall

IN MEMORY of:

Our Parents from Guy and Yolanda Peterson

Fred Becker from John and Judy Grisley

Fran Lentz from John and Judy Grisley

Laurel D. Mandrell from his wife, Wanda Mandrell

Winifred Mitchell from Monte and Bonnie Franklin, Thomas and Gloria Oates, Disciples Sunday School Class, Aldersgate Methodist Church, Cecil and Sharon Atchison, Brad and Rainee Mitchell, Scarlett Miller, Don and Kendra Delap, Stephen and Jo Rana Smith, Robert Main D.D.S, Edwin and Sue Tresnak, and Michael Reel.



Barb Richey, April Leber and Sharon Briggs from **Davita Dialysis** in Marion, presented The Lighthouse with a donation that was accepted by TLS case manager, Debbie Wright.



Mid Country Bank employees Jennifer Olson, Afton English and Randy Forby presented TLS directors, Ivan and Wanda Zwick a donation check at SIU's last home basketball game.



Carterville UMC held a chicken and dumpling fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds matched by Women's Life Ins. Member Evelyn Fuqua presented the check to LHS directors, Linda Turner, Ivan Zwick, Dr. Steve Blandford and Wanda Zwick.



Herrin Tiger Football Alumni Association members presented the Lighthouse with a donation from their annual golf scramble (L-R Back row) is director John Riley, Tom Butler, Gary Hernbeck and Rex Piper. (L-R front row) TLS volunteer Dorothy Turner , HTFA director Mike Childers, TLS directors Ivan and Wanda Zwick, MMA director JR Russell , Chuck Koerner and HTFA President Mike Maeser. The 2015 scramble will be in August at Pine Lakes in Herrin.

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.



Johnston City Girl Scout Troop 8896 cooked and served an evening meal. A different Troop cooks each month.



Carterville United Methodist Church organized a "Beautiful Day" for the shelter residents for Valentines Day. They served chicken and dumplings for lunch and John A. Logan Massage Therapist students gave the residents and staff back massages and Mary Kay representatives did hand and feet massage therapy.



Prairie Heart Group, Carbondale, volunteers, Lee Furry, Debbie Miller, Stephanie King, Brandy Dagner, Betty Allison, Terri Lee, Connie Simmerman and Kim Hankins, provided lunch for the residents.



Handmade baskets and wreaths were donated by a community member.



John A Logan provided Easter baskets for the children, which is an annual event.



The Garage Church provided lunch and treats for the children on Easter Sunday.



Two Girl Scouts surprised the children with baskets, as well.



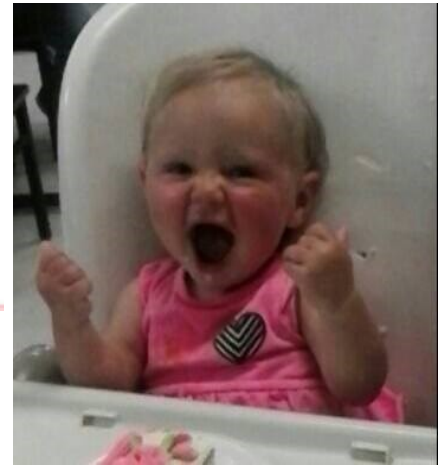
The children enjoyed finding all the goodies in their baskets.



Amanda Crain family and friends fixed Easter dinner for the residents.



Little October was excited with her beautiful 1st birthday cake, baked by volunteer, Robin Lindsey.



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