



# *The Lighthouse Beacon*

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**3,350 Homeless served** since January 2007

**( 25% Children and 20%Veterans )**

**70% from Williamson County**

**25% from neighboring Counties**

**5% were transients**

A mother with three children came to the shelter because of domestic violence. She was employed and was able to rent an apartment near work for her family. The shelter provided furniture and household items.

An ex-offender came to the shelter when released from incarceration. He secured a job as a maintenance worker at a local business. He saved his earnings and moved into his own apartment.

A middle-aged woman lost her job and subsequently lost her apartment. She had no family. She obtained employment and housing in Jackson County. We provided her with furniture and household items and shelter volunteers moved her.

A disabled woman lost her housing due to poor money management. We provided her with financial counseling and she moved into private housing in Marion.

A 56-year-old man was brought to the shelter by a social service agency. His wife had left him and refused to pay the rent. He was evicted with no place to go. He has physical and mental disabilities. We helped him apply for disability benefits and he was approved. We assisted in helping him file for public housing. He was approved and has moved into his new apartment. We assisted him with furniture and household goods.

A 58-year-old veteran with previous substance abuse issues worked with the Veterans Administration who provided medical treatment and a voucher for housing in Herrin. He secured employment through a senior program. We assisted him with furniture, food and household goods.

A middle age man in a wheelchair came to the shelter needing to get his SSI reinstated. Our case manager helped him accomplish this goal and he moved into a house with two other individuals with limited incomes to share rent and expenses.

***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.



IN HONOR of:

*Michael Tullis's* promotion to Lt. Junior Grade in the Navel CEC.

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.

*William E. Burns* from Mike and Michelle Clark

*Barbara Fullerton* from John and Judy Grisley

*Travis (son of Brenda Quinn)* from John and Judy Grisley

*Peggy Ford* from Vance and Nana Koenegstein

*Jeff LeGrand & Gladys Ryder* from Ivan and Wanda Zwick

*Bill Havins* brother- in- law of Ivan and Wanda Zwick

*Eric Kunstman & Carol Kelly* from Ivan and Wanda Zwick

*Edward "Shorty" Alsip* from Ivan and Wanda Zwick

*Paul Chaplain* from John and Melody Turner, Rick and LaDonna Brocket, Phyllis Kauaker, Linda Neal and Family, Jackie Chaplain, Sara Thomas family, Emily Lodyga family, Ivan and Wanda Zwick, Erica Bateman, Gertrude Gould, RayAnn Rector, Brenda and Harvey Cody and Ervin and Carrie Thomas

*Debra Piper* from Ivan and Wanda Zwick

*John and Emma Lazorchak* from Joe and Marge Mossman

*Ted and Pauline Mossman* from Joe and Marge Mossman



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.





The Girl Scouts from the East Williamson Service Unit brought Halloween costumes for the shelter children.



Three 13 year old Junior High School boys asked for paper goods and gift card donations for the Lighthouse in lieu of birthday gifts.



Home Schoolers chalked the walk with Bible verses and uplifting words at the Lighthouse entrance.



Our fourth 5K Run/Walk was a fun day. Thanks to all who participated. Shelter board member, Dr. Steve Blandford coordinated the event.



Mid Country Bank volunteers organized the pole barn which houses bedding, household essentials, hygiene items and food for the residents moving into their own housing.



NCOE Spanish Class toured the shelter and brought donations of toys and paper goods.



Marion Kiwanis Club members donated socks for the children to board member, Ivan Zwick.



## SHARING MY *blessings*

Kirlin's Hallmark, in Carbondale, donated hats and gloves they collected from their customers who purchased them for the Lighthouse residents. Pictured (L to R) is intern, Tiffany Mims and case managers Megan VanPelt and Debbie Wright.



AT&T representative, Jim Mauer presented an "Investing in Illinois Reward" plaque and check to shelter board members, Ivan and Wanda Zwick. This award resulted from a nomination letter submitted by Representative, John Bradley.



US Bank employees, Marsha Linnabary and Angela McNail presented Wanda Zwick with a monetary donation for essential day to day expenses at the shelter.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Wanda Zwick, President**

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**Return Service Requested**